

E-Reporting with FACTTM – Shellfish Dealer Pilot Permit

Name: _____

DNRid: _____

The above-named individual is an authorized (COMAR 08.02.01.10) participant in a Maryland Department of Natural Resources Shellfish Dealer Electronic Reporting Pilot study evaluating Chesapeake Bay commercial fisheries harvest reporting systems.

Conditions:

1. Participants shall be able to provide verification of their participation in the program.
2. Participants
 - a) Participants shall provide daily reports of shellfish buy ticket data as required, per the program's User Manual and Best Reporting Practices, via electronic means in lieu of paper buy tickets for the duration of their participation in the pilot study.
 - b) Participants shall provide daily buy tickets required by the Department in the appropriate FACTSTM form.
 - c) The participant is required to submit a Shellfish Tax Report and/or an Oyster Export Certificate as required under provision of Natural Resources Article, §4-1020 and COMAR 08.02.04.16 and 08.02.02.04.
3. In the event there is an inability to report electronically through the FACTSTM system due to device failure, the participant is required to submit such other reports as required under provisions of Natural Resources Article, §4-206.
4. The Department will not use the reporting devices to track a participant's location during the study.
5. The Department may, at its discretion, terminate participation of any permittee at any time. (COMAR 08.02.01.10 and Natural Resources Article, §4-215)
6. This permit shall be signed by the participant and designated representative of the Department of Natural Resources.
7. The Department, Oyster Recovery Partnership, Versar Inc., and Electric Edge Systems Group Inc. are held harmless from participant's use of the electronic reporting platforms or acts occurring during that use.
8. Participants docking and landing on private property grant access to staff of the Department, Oyster Recovery Partnership, Versar Inc., and Electric Edge Systems Group Inc. for the sole purpose to conduct harvest verification.

Please contact Stephanie Richards at 410-260-8314 with any questions regarding this pilot.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the above provisions and accept the terms of this permit. I also acknowledge that, with the exception of the terms of this permit, I understand that all other State fishery laws and regulations still apply to my commercial fishing and dealing activities.