

E-Reporting with FACTS™ Charter Quick Start Guide

Need help? Call or text our 24-hour toll-free helpline [1-877-979-1820](tel:1-877-979-1820)

Reporting Options:

Mobile Website (use on smartphone): maryland.fishery.facts.com/mobile

Portal Website (use on desktop or laptop computer): maryland.fisheryfacts.com

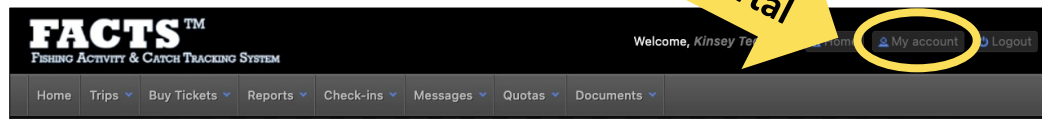
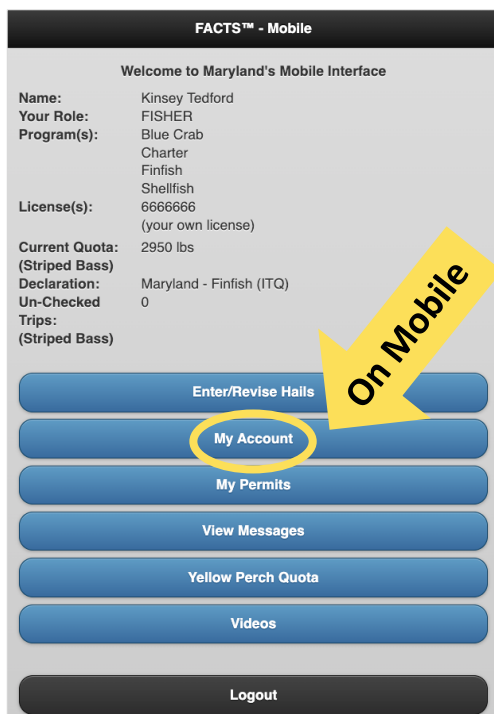
Call Center: Call [1-855-390-2722](tel:1-855-390-2722) for a representative to enter your hauls and harvest.

This quick start guide shows the basics on how to set preferences, submit a daily fishing trip, and report harvest using FACTS™ for the MD charter fishery. Refer to the complete user guide for more details.

Best Reporting Practices:

- Submit a trip start haul **before** you leave the dock.
- Submit a trip end haul 30 minutes **before** you return to the dock.
- Accurately report **all** harvest, including fish released and bait kept for live lining.
- Trip start hauls should be revised if your angler count, anticipated landing time, or landing location changes. If there is a change in crew count and/or angler count, revisions should be sent **right away**. All other changes should be made at least **30 minutes** prior to a new landing time and/or location.

Save Time! Use the **My Account** menu to customize your account, making the reporting process faster with saved preferences that pre-fill your trip hauls.



Your saved preferences can be selected in a drop-down menu

- Store addresses of your frequent **landing locations**
- Choose **vessels** you regularly use
- Save your favorite **NOAA codes**
- Choose your frequently used **gears types**
- Save commonly caught **species**

Mobile Trip Start Hail:

1 Select Enter/Revise Hails

2 Select Charter

3 Select Start New Trip

4 Review information then Select Send Trip Start Hail

Mobile Trip End Hail:

1 Select Enter/Revise Hails

2 Select Charter

3 Select Send Trip End Hail

4 Review information then Select Send Trip End Hail

Reporting through the Call Center (1-855-390-2722):

For your **Start Hail**, the representative will ask you to provide the following information: Username, vessel, gear type, anticipated landing time (24-hr clock), anticipated landing location, crew count, and angler count.

For your **End Hail**, the representative will ask you to provide the following information:

- Username
- Vessel
- Gear type
- Gear method if using hook and line (*jigging, live lining, chumming, or trolling*)
- Gear effort details (e.g. how many rods)
- Landing time (24-hr clock)
- Landing location
- Crew count and angler count
- Species caught
- Count and weight for each species caught
- Catch disposition (*kept, kept filleted, kept for bait, or released*)
- For released striped bass you will be asked hooking location (*shallow or deep*)
- For all released fish you will be asked a size class
- Reason for releasing a legal sized fish