

CREATING A POSITIVE REPORT USING THE VESL HARVESTER APPLICATION

The ME DMR VESL Harvester Application uses a dynamic form, which means the fields you are required to fill out are dependent on the gear you select. Only the fields you are required to report will be displayed.

1. After you have logged into (or opened) the application you are presented with three options:
 - A. "FIND REPORT" allows you to search on previously created reports.
 - B. "CREATE REPORT" opens the applications reporting screen.
 - C. "CREATE DID NOT FISH" will bring you to the VESL website (requires active internet connection) to create and submit your "did not fish" reports.

The screenshot shows the main menu of the DMR Harvester Report application. It has a green header with the text "DMR Harvester Report" and a power icon. Below the header are three buttons: "FIND REPORT", "CREATE REPORT", and "CREATE DID NOT FISH".

2. Creating a Report
 - A. After you click on "CREATE REPORT" (in Step 1b above) you will arrive at this screen. Click on the calendar icon to select your "Date Sailed (EST)." A box will pop up showing the month, day and year, and you can choose your date. Once you've chosen the date click "SELECT". Next choose the time (EST) you started your fishing trip and click "SELECT".

The first screenshot shows the "Trip Details" form with fields for Harvester, Date Sailed (EST), Date Landed (EST), Vessel, and Port Landed. An orange arrow points to the calendar icon next to the Date Sailed (EST) field.

The second screenshot shows a date selection calendar. The date "April 3 2024" is highlighted with an orange box. An orange arrow points to the "SELECT" button at the bottom.

The third screenshot shows a time selection interface. The time "5 30 AM" is highlighted with an orange box. An orange arrow points to the "SELECT" button at the bottom.

- B. Next, click on the calendar icon to select your “Date Landed (EST).” A box will pop up showing the month, day, and year. Click “SELECT” once you’ve chosen the date. Then choose the time (EST) you finished your fishing trip and click “SELECT.”

The first screenshot shows the 'Trip Details' form with the 'Date Landed (EST)' field set to 'Enter a date and time'. An orange arrow points to the calendar icon. The second screenshot shows a calendar for April 3, 2024, with the 'SELECT' button highlighted. The third screenshot shows the time selection for 04:30 PM, with the 'SELECT' button highlighted.

- C. Then click on “Vessel” to choose your vessel. Click the drop-down arrow to see the list of vessels available. Click the vessel from the list and then click “SELECT” once you choose the vessel.

The first screenshot shows the 'Trip Details' form with the 'Vessel' field set to a drop-down arrow. An orange arrow points to the drop-down arrow. The second screenshot shows a list of vessels: Capt. Chunk's Boat, Capt. Z's Boat (GARFO Permitted), and ZUZU. The third screenshot shows the 'SELECT' button highlighted.

- D. Click the drop-down arrow to enter the “Port Landed.” You can search for your port in the Search bar on the window that opens. When you see your Port in the list, click on it.

The first screenshot shows the 'Edit' screen with the 'Port Landed' field highlighted by an orange arrow. The second screenshot shows a search modal with a list of ports, with 'BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME' highlighted. The third screenshot shows the 'Edit' screen with 'BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME' selected in the 'Port Landed' field.

- E. Next, select the “Trip Type” by clicking the drop-down arrow and selecting the appropriate “Trip Type” from the screen that pops up.

The first screenshot shows the 'Edit' screen with the 'Trip Type' field highlighted by an orange arrow. The second screenshot shows a modal with a list of trip types, with 'CHARTER' highlighted. The third screenshot shows the 'Edit' screen with 'CHARTER' selected in the 'Trip Type' field.

F. Enter the number of crew (including the captain in the count).

Edit

Trip Details

Harvester

Robert B. Watts II

X

Date Sailed (EDT)

04/03/2024 05:30 AM

Calendar

Date Landed (EDT)

04/03/2024 04:30 PM

Calendar

Vessel

Capt. Z's Boat (GARFO Permitted)

X

No

Port Landed

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME

Dropdown

X

Trip Type

COMMERCIAL

Dropdown

X

of Crew

CONTINUE

Edit

COMMERCIAL

Dropdown

X

of Crew

2

Trip Activity

Dropdown

X

CONTINUE

1

234

2

ABC

3

DEF

4

GHI

5

JKL

6

MNO

7

PQRS

8

TUV

9

WXYZ

.

0

X

Edit

Trip Details

Harvester

Robert B. Watts II

X

Date Sailed (EDT)

04/03/2024 05:30 AM

Calendar

Date Landed (EDT)

04/03/2024 04:30 PM

Calendar

Vessel

Capt. Z's Boat (GARFO Permitted)

X

No

Port Landed

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME

Dropdown

X

Trip Type

COMMERCIAL

Dropdown

X

of Crew

2

CONTINUE

G. Next, click the drop down under “Trip Activity.” Select the appropriate trip activity from the screen that pops up then press “CONTINUE.” If hauling traps, select “FISHING TRIP WITH EFFORT(S).”

Edit

04/03/2024 05:30 AM

Calendar

Date Landed (EDT)

04/03/2024 04:30 PM

Calendar

Vessel

Capt. Z's Boat (GARFO Permitted)

X

No

Port Landed

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME

Dropdown

X

Trip Type

COMMERCIAL

Dropdown

X

of Crew

2

Trip Activity

Dropdown

X

FISHING TRIP WITH EFFORT(S)

ILLNESS OR INJURY

MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN

OTHER (ENTANGLEMENT, GOOD SAMARITAN,ETC)

SET ONLY TRIP

TRANSITING TRIP

TURNED AROUND DUE TO WEATHER

CANCEL

Edit

04/03/2024 05:30 AM

Calendar

Date Landed (EDT)

04/03/2024 04:30 PM

Calendar

Vessel

Capt. Z's Boat (GARFO Permitted)

X

No

Port Landed

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME

Dropdown

X

Trip Type

COMMERCIAL

Dropdown

X

of Crew

2

Trip Activity

FISHING TRIP WITH EFFORT(S)

Dropdown

X

Is this a Lobster or Jonah Crab trip?

No

Yes

CONTINUE

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- H. Select “Yes” to indicate this a Lobster/Crab fishing trip. Next, enter the total # of pots, total # of buoy lines (endlines, excluding toggles), and the average # of pots per string in the water at the beginning of the trip across all Stat Areas.

This screenshot shows the 'Edit' form for trip details. The form includes fields for Date Landed (EDT), Vessel, Port Landed, Trip Type, # of Crew, Trip Activity, and a toggle for 'Is this a Lobster or Jonah Crab trip?'. The 'Yes' button is highlighted with an orange arrow. A 'CONTINUE' button is at the bottom.

This screenshot shows the 'Edit' form for effort information. It includes fields for 'Total Pots in all Areas', 'Total Number of Pots in the Water', 'Number of Buoy Lines in the Water', and 'Avg # of Pots per String in the Water'. A 'CONTINUE' button is at the bottom.

In this example, we have 800 total traps in the water. They include a 50:50 mix of 10 & 20 trap trawls with 2 endlines, so the total # of buoys in water at the start of the trip is 120. Since we have a combo of 10 & 20 trap trawls, the avg. # of pots per string is 15.

- I. After clicking “CONTINUE,” you will be able to add your effort information by clicking on the “+ ADD” button next to “Fishing Effort.”

This screenshot shows the 'Edit' form for effort information. It includes fields for 'Total Pots in all Areas', 'Total Number of Pots in the Water', 'Number of Buoy Lines in the Water', and 'Avg # of Pots per String in the Water'. A 'CONTINUE' button is at the bottom, highlighted with an orange arrow.

This screenshot shows the 'Report' form. It includes a 'Pending' status bar, a 'SHOW WARNINGS' button, and a banner displaying the 14-digit EVTR # 00000124040309. Below this are fields for # of Crew, Trip Activity, and Is this a Lobster or Jonah Crab trip? (Yes). At the bottom, there is a 'Fishing Effort' section with a '+ ADD' button and a 'SAVE' button.

After completing the Trip Details section, you'll notice a 14-digit EVTR # displayed in a banner at the top of your report. This is the number NOAA requires you to give to your dealer when you sell to them at the end of your fishing trip.

- J. First, pick your gear by clicking on the drop-down arrow for “Gear Type.” You can start typing the gear name into the search field. Click on POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER. Once you do this, more effort fields will appear.

The first screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' screen with the 'Gear Type' dropdown menu open. An orange arrow points to the dropdown arrow. The second screenshot shows the search results for 'Pots', with 'POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER' highlighted. The third screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' screen after selecting 'POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER', with additional fields like 'Mesh / Ring Size' and '# of Pots Hauled in this Area' visible.

- K. Enter the “Mesh/Ring Size” (the size of the entrance ring/hoop, in inches). The “Mesh/Ring Size” unit is defaulted to inches and cannot be changed.

The first screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' screen with 'POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER' selected for 'Gear Type'. The 'Mesh / Ring Size' field is highlighted with an orange box. The second screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' screen with '6' entered in the 'Mesh / Ring Size' field.

- L. Next, enter the number of traps hauled in the Stat Area you fished. If you fish across multiple Stat Areas, enter the # of traps you hauled in the first Stat Area fished. You would add a second Fishing Effort section (use the “+ADD” button in Step I) to indicate the # of traps hauled in the second Stat Area you fished.

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Edit Fishing Effort

Effort

Gear Type

POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER

×

Mesh / Ring Size

6

IN.

of Pots Hauled in this Area

Gear Sets

Avg # of Pots per String

Total Pots in Area

of Buoys

CONTINUE

<

Edit Fishing Effort

Effort

Gear Type

POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER

×

Mesh / Ring Size

6

IN.

of Pots Hauled in this Area

200

Gear Sets

Avg # of Pots per String

Total Pots in Area

of Buoys

CONTINUE

- M. For “Gear Sets,” you will enter the number of strings (traps connected on a continuous line – singles, pairs, triples, trawls, etc.) hauled that day. If you fish across multiple Stat Areas, enter the number of strings hauled in the first Stat Area fished. You would report the total number of strings hauled in the second stat area fished on a second “Fishing Effort”.

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Edit Fishing Effort

Effort

Gear Type

POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER

×

Mesh / Ring Size

6

IN.

of Pots Hauled in this Area

200

Gear Sets

Avg # of Pots per String

Total Pots in Area

of Buoys

CONTINUE

<

Edit Fishing Effort

Effort

Gear Type

POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER

×

Mesh / Ring Size

6

IN.

of Pots Hauled in this Area

200

Gear Sets

20

Avg # of Pots per String

Total Pots in Area

of Buoys

CONTINUE

In this example, we hauled 20 of the 10 trap trawls (200 traps hauled in total), so we had 20 “Gear Sets.”

- N. Next, you will enter the average number of traps per string hauled in the stat area you fished. If you hauled a combination that trip day (i.e. hauled a combo of 10 & 20 trap trawls), you would take the average.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' form. The fields are: Gear Type (POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER), Mesh / Ring Size (6 IN.), # of Pots Hauled in this Area (200), Gear Sets (20), Avg # of Pots per String (highlighted with an orange box), Total Pots in Area, and # of Buys. A blue CONTINUE button is at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' form. The fields are: Gear Type (POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER), Mesh / Ring Size (6 IN.), # of Pots Hauled in this Area (200), Gear Sets (20), Avg # of Pots per String (10), Total Pots in Area, and # of Buys. A blue CONTINUE button is at the bottom.

On this trip, we hauled only 10 trap trawls.

- O. Enter the total number of pots in water at the beginning of the trip in the Stat Area you fished. If you fished across multiple Stat Areas, enter the total number of pots in the water for the first Stat Area fished. You would report the total number of pots in the water in the second stat area fished on a second "Fishing Effort".

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' form. The fields are: Gear Type (POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER), Mesh / Ring Size (6 IN.), # of Pots Hauled in this Area (200), Gear Sets (20), Avg # of Pots per String (10), Total Pots in Area (highlighted with an orange box), and # of Buys. A blue CONTINUE button is at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' form. The fields are: Gear Type (POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER), Mesh / Ring Size (6 IN.), # of Pots Hauled in this Area (200), Gear Sets (20), Avg # of Pots per String (10), Total Pots in Area (800), and # of Buys. A blue CONTINUE button is at the bottom.

All 800 of our traps in the water at the start of the trip day are in one Stat Area.

- P. Enter the number of buoys in the water at the beginning of your trip in the “# of Buoys” box in the stat area you fished. If you fished across multiple Stat Areas, enter the # of buoys in the water for the first Stat Area fished. You would report the # of buoys in the water for the second stat area fished on a second “Fishing Effort”.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' form with the following fields: '# of Pots Hauled in this Area' (200), 'Gear Sets' (20), 'Avg # of Pots per String' (10), 'Total Pots in Area' (800), '# of Buoys' (highlighted with an orange box), 'Set Time' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'Depth' (with a 'FATH' dropdown). A blue 'CONTINUE' button is at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' form with the following fields: '# of Pots Hauled in this Area' (200), 'Gear Sets' (20), 'Avg # of Pots per String' (10), 'Total Pots in Area' (800), '# of Buoys' (120), 'Set Time' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'Depth' (with a 'FATH' dropdown). A blue 'CONTINUE' button is at the bottom.

Since we have a 50:50 mix of 10 & 20 trap trawls with 2 endlines, the total # of buoys in the water at the beginning of the trip is 120.
 $400/10 \times 2 \text{ endlines} = 80 \text{ buoys}$
 $400/20 \times 2 \text{ endlines} = 40 \text{ buoys}$

- Q. Next, click on the drop-down arrow for “Set Time” to enter how long the traps soaked between hauls. You will need to select your “Set Time Units” (hrs, mins, days) first, then you can enter the corresponding time.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' form with the following fields: '# of Pots Hauled in this Area' (200), 'Gear Sets' (20), 'Avg # of Pots per String' (10), 'Total Pots in Area' (800), '# of Buoys' (120), 'Set Time' (with a dropdown arrow highlighted by an orange box and an arrow), and 'Depth' (with a 'FATH' dropdown). A blue 'CONTINUE' button is at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the 'Set Time' dropdown menu with three options: 'DAYS', 'HOURS', and 'MINUTES'. A 'CANCEL' button is at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' form with the following fields: '# of Pots Hauled in this Area' (200), 'Gear Sets' (20), 'Avg # of Pots per String' (10), 'Total Pots in Area' (800), '# of Buoys' (120), 'Set Time' (4, with a 'DAYS' dropdown), and 'Depth' (with a 'FATH' dropdown). A blue 'CONTINUE' button is at the bottom.

- R. Next, you will enter “Depth.” The depth unit is defaulted to “FATHOMS.” If you are using fathoms, just type in the depth. If you are using another unit, you can click the drop-down arrow for other unit options.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' form. The 'Depth' field is highlighted with an orange box, and an orange arrow points to the 'FATH' unit dropdown menu. The form includes fields for 'Total Pots in Area' (800), '# of Buoys' (120), 'Set Time' (4), and 'Location' (Fishing Location, Stat Area). A 'CONTINUE' button is at the bottom.

A close-up of the Depth unit dropdown menu. It shows 'FATHOMS' and 'FEET' options. An orange arrow points to the 'FEET' option. A 'CANCEL' button is at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' form with the 'Depth' field set to 40 and the unit dropdown menu open, showing 'FATH' as the selected unit. The form includes fields for 'Total Pots in Area' (800), '# of Buoys' (120), 'Set Time' (4), and 'Location' (Fishing Location, Stat Area). A 'CONTINUE' button is at the bottom.

- S. Next is your “Fishing Location.” You can either use the map function or manually enter the latitude/longitude into the two boxes under “Fishing Location.”

Using the Map Function if you are not actively fishing:

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Fishing Effort' form. The 'Fishing Location' section is highlighted with an orange box, and an orange arrow points to the map function icon (a square with a location pin). The form includes fields for 'Total Pots in Area' (800), '# of Buoys' (120), 'Set Time' (4), and 'Location' (Fishing Location, Stat Area). A 'CONTINUE' button is at the bottom.

The screenshot shows the map function interface. It displays a map of the Gulf of Maine area. A red pin is dropped on the map. The 'Fishing Location' section is highlighted with an orange box. The form includes fields for 'Total Pots in Area' (800), '# of Buoys' (120), 'Set Time' (4), and 'Location' (Fishing Location, Stat Area). A 'CONTINUE' button is at the bottom.

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Using the Map Function if you are actively fishing:

Edit Fishing Effort

Total Pots in Area: 800

of Buoys: 120

Set Time: 4 DAYS

Location

Fishing Location: Latitude Longitude

Stat Area: [dropdown] X

CONTINUE

Fishing Location

ECDIS Map Layer overlay

The map will appear. Click on the compass at the top right of the map. A pin will drop based on where you are currently located. Click "SELECT" and the lat/long will populate into the "Fishing Location."

Latitude: --
Longitude: --

CANCEL

Latitude: 43.833315
Longitude: -69.631781

CANCEL SELECT

- T. Next, enter the federal "Stat Area." Click the drop-down arrow and a list of stat areas will appear. Type your stat area into the search box or scroll through the list. Click the correct stat area once you've found it. To help determine which federal stat area you fish in, use this map: [Lobster Statistical Areas and Zones \(PDF file, 1 page\)](#).

Edit Fishing Effort

800

of Buoys: 120

Set Time: 4 DAYS

Depth: 40 FATH

Location

Fishing Location: 43.833315 -69.631781

Stat Area: [dropdown] X

Species: + ADD

CONTINUE

Enter search...

178
114
022
715
611
634
521
512
628
359

CANCEL

Edit Fishing Effort

800

of Buoys: 120

Set Time: 4 DAYS

Depth: 40 FATH

Location

Fishing Location: 43.833315 -69.631781

Stat Area: 513 X

Species: + ADD

CONTINUE

- U. Next, click the “+ ADD” button next to the “Species.” Click the drop-down arrow for “Species,” then in the search box start typing the species name. You can also scroll through the list. Once you find the species you want to report, click on the species name.

Edit Fishing Effort

800

of Buoys

120

Set Time

4 DAYS

Depth

40 FATH

Location

Fishing Location

43.833315 -69.631781

Stat Area

513

Species **+ ADD**

CONTINUE

Edit Species

Species Details

Species

Quantity

Catch Source

STANDARD

Catch Disposition

CONTINUE

Enter search...

CRAB, JONAH

EEL, AMERICAN

HALIBUT, ATLANTIC

LOBSTER, AMERICAN

Edit Species

Species Details

Species

LOBSTER, AMERICAN

Quantity

Catch Source

STANDARD

Catch Disposition

CONTINUE

- V. To enter the quantity landed, click on the drop-down arrow for the “Quantity” field. You will be prompted to pick the “Quantity Units” before entering a value, so click on the applicable unit from the list and then type in the weight landed. If you fished multiple Stat areas, you will only report the quantity landed in the first Stat area. You will report the quantity landed in the second Stat area on a second “Fishing Effort - Species Details” section.

Edit Species

Species Details

Species

LOBSTER, AMERICAN

Quantity

Catch Source

STANDARD

Catch Disposition

CONTINUE

COUNT

POUNDS

CANCEL

Edit Species

Species Details

Species

LOBSTER, AMERICAN

Quantity

136 POUNDS

Catch Source

STANDARD

Catch Disposition

CONTINUE

- W. Next, select the drop-down arrow for the “Catch Source.” It is defaulted to “STANDARD,” so you can skip this if that catch source is accurate for your catch. This is where you indicate if the catch were carred (held from multiple trips), from an aquaculture operation, for a research set aside (not common) or standard (caught from that day’s trip).

The first screenshot shows the 'Edit Species' form with 'LOBSTER, AMERICAN' selected for Species, 136 POUNDS for Quantity, and 'STANDARD' for Catch Source. An orange box highlights the 'Catch Source' field, and an orange arrow points to the drop-down arrow. The second screenshot shows the 'Catch Source' selection modal with options: AQUACULTURE, CARRED, RESEARCH SET ASIDE (RSA), and STANDARD. The third screenshot shows the 'Edit Species' form with 'LOBSTER, AMERICAN' selected for Species, 450 POUNDS for Quantity, and 'STANDARD' for Catch Source. A 'CONTINUE' button is visible at the bottom.

- X. Next, you will choose your “Catch Disposition.” This is where you declare what the product were used for. Lobster is always FOOD. Click the drop-down arrow to choose. You can begin typing the disposition into the search bar, or you can scroll through the list. Click on “FOOD” when you see it in the list.

The first screenshot shows the 'Edit Species' form with 'LOBSTER, AMERICAN' selected for Species, 136 POUNDS for Quantity, and 'STANDARD' for Catch Source. An orange box highlights the 'Catch Disposition' field, and an orange arrow points to the drop-down arrow. The second screenshot shows the 'Catch Disposition' selection modal with a search bar containing 'Food' and a list of options: FOOD, ANIMAL FOOD, PERSONAL USE/FOOD, and CANNED PET FOOD. The third screenshot shows the 'Edit Species' form with 'LOBSTER, AMERICAN' selected for Species, 136 POUNDS for Quantity, and 'STANDARD' for Catch Source. 'FOOD' is selected for Catch Disposition. An 'Offload' button with a '+ ADD' option is visible at the bottom.

Y. Next, click “+ADD” next to “Offload.” Click on the drop-down arrow for “Sale Disposition” and choose from the list.

The first screenshot shows the 'Edit Species' screen with a red header. The 'Species' field is set to 'LOBSTER, AMERICAN'. The 'Quantity' is '136' and the unit is 'POUNDS'. The 'Catch Source' is 'STANDARD' and the 'Catch Disposition' is 'FOOD'. The 'Offload' section at the bottom has a blue '+ ADD' button highlighted with an orange box and an arrow. The second screenshot shows the 'Edit Offload' screen with a green header. The 'Sale Disposition' dropdown is highlighted with an orange box, and an arrow points to the drop-down arrow. The third screenshot shows the dropdown menu for 'Sale Disposition' with options: 'NO SALE - DISCARDED', 'NO SALE - REASON UNKNOWN', 'NO SALE - RETAINED', 'PLACED IN CAR', 'PRIVATE/DOCKSIDE SALE', and 'SOLD TO DEALER'. A 'CANCEL' button is at the bottom.

Z. If you selected “SOLD TO DEALER” from the list that popped up, you will need to fill out the “Dealer” field. Click in the “Dealer” box and another window will pop up. Click on the drop-down arrow and you can search or scroll through the list of dealers. Click on the dealer you sold to once you find them in the list, then click “SELECT.”

The first screenshot shows the 'Edit Offload' screen with a red header. The 'Sale Disposition' is set to 'SOLD TO DEALER'. The 'Dealer' field is highlighted with an orange box. The 'Date Sold (EDT)' field has a calendar icon. The 'Amount' and 'Port Landed' fields have drop-down arrows. The second screenshot shows a list of dealers: 'Mouth Food Inc.' and 'Sloth Lobster Co.' with a 'CANCEL' button. The third screenshot shows a 'Select a Dealer' modal with a 'Dealer' field and a 'SELECT' button highlighted with an orange arrow.

AA. Click on the calendar icon to select your “Date Sold.” A box will pop up showing the month, day and year, and you can choose your sale date. Click “SELECT” once you’ve chosen the date.

The first screenshot shows the 'Edit Offload' form with the 'Date Sold (EDT)' field highlighted by an orange box and an arrow pointing to the calendar icon. The second screenshot shows a date picker calendar with 'April 3 2024' highlighted by an orange box, and a 'SELECT' button highlighted by an orange box and an arrow. The third screenshot shows the 'Date Sold (EST)' field with '04/03/2024' entered.

BB. Next, click on the drop-down arrow for the “Amount” to enter the amount/quantity you sold to the dealer. You will need to select the amount unit first. Once you have chosen the unit, enter the amount sold. If you fished multiple Stat areas, you will only report the amount sold in the first Stat area. You will report the amount sold from landings in the second Stat area on a second “Fishing Effort – Offload Details” section.

The first screenshot shows the 'Edit Offload' form with the 'Amount' field highlighted by an orange box and an arrow pointing to the drop-down arrow. The second screenshot shows a unit selection menu with 'BUSHEL', 'COUNT', 'GALLON', 'POUNDS', and 'SHELLS' options, with 'POUNDS' highlighted by an orange box. The third screenshot shows the 'Amount' field with '136' entered and 'POUNDS' selected from the drop-down.

CC. Next, click on the drop-down arrow for the “Port Offloaded.” You can start typing your Port into the search bar. Once you see your Port, click on it. Then click “CONTINUE” when the “Port Offloaded” has been selected.

The first screenshot shows the 'Edit Offload' screen with fields for Sale Disposition (SOLD TO DEALER), Dealer (Mouth Food Inc.), Date Sold (04/03/2024), Amount (136 POUNDS), and Port Offloaded. An orange box highlights the Port Offloaded field with a dropdown arrow.

The second screenshot shows a search bar with 'Booth' entered, displaying a list of ports: BOOTHBAY, BOOTHBAY HARBOR, EAST BOOTHBAY, BATH, NORTHPORT, and SOUTHPORT. A keyboard is visible below the list.

The third screenshot shows the 'Edit Offload' screen with 'BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME' selected in the Port Offloaded field.

DD. After the first catch has been added, you can add another catch from the same trip or start the report submission process by clicking on “CONTINUE.” If you need to add additional offload information (for example, if you sold to multiple dealers), click “+ADD” next to “Offload” and follow steps Y – CC.

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Species' screen with fields for Species (LOBSTER, AMERICAN), Quantity (136 LB.), Catch Source (STANDARD), and Catch Disposition (FOOD). Below these is the 'Offload' section with a '+ ADD' button. At the bottom is a 'CONTINUE' button.

Click “+ADD” if you need to add additional offload information (for example, if you sold to multiple dealers).

Click “CONTINUE” to submit and save your report OR to add additional catch or effort information.

EE. If you need to add additional species to your trip, click “+ADD” and follow steps U – CC. Click “CONTINUE” once you are ready to submit your report.

← Edit Fishing Effort

4 DAYS

Depth
40 FATH

Location
Fishing Location
43.833315 -69.631781

Stat Area
513

Species
+ ADD

Species
LOBSTER, AMERICAN
Quantity
136 lb.
Catch Disposition
FOOD

CONTINUE

Click “+ADD” if you need to add additional species to your trip (for example, if you also caught crab).

Click “CONTINUE” to submit and save your report OR to add additional catch or effort information.

FF. If you need to add another “Fishing Effort” to your trip, click “+ADD” and follow steps I – CC. Click “CONTINUE” once you are ready to submit your report. Once you click “CONTINUE,” you will click on the “disk” icon in the upper right corner of your screen or “SAVE” at the bottom to save your report. You will then see a spinning wheel.

← Report

Pending

SHOW WARNINGS

EVTR: 00000124040309

Trip Activity
FISHING TRIP WITH EFFORT(S)
Is this a Lobster or Jonah Crab trip?
Yes

Total Pots in all Areas
Total Number of Pots in the Water
800
Number of Buoy Lines in the Water
120
Avg # of Pots per String in the Water
15

Fishing Effort
+ ADD

Gear Type
POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER
Mesh / Ring Size

SAVE

If you need to add another “Fishing Effort” to your trip (for example, if you fished in multiple Stat Areas), click “+ADD”. Otherwise, click “SAVE.”

← Report

Report saved locally. DISMISS

SHOW WARNINGS

EVTR: 12345623012516

Gear Size
500 COUNT
Gear Sets
100

of Buoys
100
Depth
25 Fathoms
Fishing Location
43.843952° -69.640581°
Stat Area
513

SUBMIT

GG. Click “SUBMIT” at the bottom of the screen. You’ll receive a warning message. Click the box next to “I confirm these values are valid” and then click “SUBMIT.”

Report #312

Reports successfully synced. DISMISS

SHOW WARNINGS

eVTR: 00000124040309

Gear Sets
20

Avg # of Pots per String
10

Total Pots in Area
800

of Buoys
120

Set Time
4 days

Depth
40 fath

Fishing Location
43.833315° -69.631781°

Stat Area
513

SUBMIT

Pending

SHOW WARNINGS

1 Warning

The following must be confirmed before proceeding:

- By submitting I certify that the vessel trip information I am providing is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and made in good faith. Making a false statement is punishable by law (18 U.S.C. 1001).

Are you sure this is correct?

I confirm these values are valid ☐

SUBMIT CANCEL

First click the box to confirm the values are valid, then click “SUBMIT.”

HH. The page will redirect you to the NOAA Fisheries login page (blue screen). After clicking “Continue,” enter your NOAA Fish Online username and password. Sometimes your phone/tablet will autofill the username as an email address – if so, you’ll need to delete the email out of the top box entirely & then type in your correct Fish Online username (typically it’s: firstname.lastname). Finally, click “Authorize Application.” The report will upload immediately if you are connected to the internet/have cell service, or it will save to your phone until you are connected to the internet/regain cell service and go back into the application to submit.

Report #312

Submitting...

SHOW WARNINGS

eVTR: 00000124040309

of Pots Hauled in this Area
200

Gear
20

Set Time
4 days

Depth
40 fath

Fishing Location
43.833315° -69.631781°

Stat Area
513

“VESL Beta” Wants to Use “bluefindata.com” to Sign In
This allows the app and website to share information about you.

Cancel Continue

Cancel

arfo.fisheries.noaa.gov

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Username

Password

Authorize Application

Forgot your password?

Forgot your user name?

Create Account

For technical assistance with this website call our IT Service Desk (978) 281-9188

Enter your NOAA Fish Online username here. If your email address is autofilled in the box, delete it entirely, then type in your username.

Enter your NOAA Fish Online password here. Click “Authorize Application” when you’re done.

- II. Once the report is submitted, click on the back arrow in the upper left corner and you will return to the home screen. You will see “WITHDRAW” at the bottom of the screen. You should only click this if you realized you made a mistake on the report and need to make changes.

Report #312

Pending

SHOW WARNINGS

0000124040309

Trip Details

Harvester
Robert B. Watts II

Date Sailed (EDT)
04/03/2024 05:30 AM

Date Landed (EDT)
04/03/2024 04:30 PM

Vessel
Capt. Z's Boat (GARFO Permitted)

Port Landed
BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME

Trip Type
COMMERCIAL

of Crew
2

Trip Activity
FISHING TRIP WITH EFFORT(S)

Is this a Lobster or Jonah Crab trip?

WITHDRAW

TIPS FOR CREATING A POSITIVE REPORT USING THE VESL HARVESTER APPLICATION

Frequent selections:

After your first submission, the program remembers your frequently selected gear types, species, catch disposition and port landed. These selections float to the top of the list to make it easier to report. App developers are currently working on an update so that in the future, your frequently selected dealer will also float to the top of the list.

Enter search...

BY HAND, DIVING GEAR

DIP NETS

DREDGE, NEW BEDFORD

DREDGE, SCALLOP

DREDGE, URCHIN

FYKE NETS

LONG LINES, BOTTOM

POTS AND TRAPS, LOBSTER

PURSE SEINE

Enter search...

CRAB, JONAH

EEL, AMERICAN

HALIBUT, ATLANTIC

LOBSTER, AMERICAN

MENHADENS

SCALLOP, SEA

URCHIN, GREEN SEA

ALEWIFE

AMBERJACKS

Enter search...

BAIT

FOOD

PERSONAL USE

PERSONAL USE/FOOD

RELEASED ALIVE

Enter search...

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, ME

PINE POINT, ME

PORTLAND, ME

SOUTHWEST HARBOR, ME

Entering fields correctly

For more information on what values to enter in each field of your report, please click [here](#) and navigate to the Electronic Vessel trip Reporting (eVTR) Instructions link on that page. Relevant information can be found on pages 17 – 21. **For lobster/crab reporting, refer to the instructions for pot gear, not traps.**



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RESOURCES FOR FISHING

Vessel Trip Reporting in the Greater Atlantic Region

Vessel Trip Reports capture important information about commercial, for-hire, and recreational fishing trips.

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Operators of most GARFO-permitted commercial, for-hire, and private recreational tilefish vessels must submit a vessel trip report (VTR) for each fishing trip.

- VTRs are important because they provide data that informs fishery science and management decisions.
- See the [Electronic Vessel Trip Reporting \(eVTR\) Instructions](#) to learn how to complete an electronic VTR (eVTR) for your fishing gear.

Vessels that only possess an American Lobster and no other GARFO-issued permit are exempt from VTR reporting requirements. See [Vessel Trip Reporting Requirement by Permit Type](#) table below for trip report details for each permit.