

## GARFO outreach flyer:



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# How to Complete a Private Recreational Tilefish eVTR on Our Fish Online Mobile App

Our VTR instructions describe what is required in each reporting field and provide charts of our regulatory areas, so keep a copy on board for reference or search online for "GARFO VTR Instructions" to view a copy online.



## How Do I Fill In These Fields and Complete My Report?

### Download and Create an Account

To use our free Fish Online for iOS reporting app on your Apple iPhone or Apple iPad, you must complete two steps:

1. Download our Fish Online app from the Apple App Store on your iPhone or iPad.
2. Create a Fish Online account with us by searching the web for "GARFO Fish Online."
3. Once on our Fish Online webpage, click **Create Account**. After you create your account and apply for the 'Private Recreational Tilefish' permit under the 'Application Forms' tab, you will be able to log-in to the Fish Online iOS app on your iPhone or iPad.
4. Under the Effort tab, enter your gear, soak time, and area information.
5. When prompted to Add Catch, enter and select species from the Species Code field.
6. Enter the number of fish in the Kept and Discarded fields. If no fish were discarded, 0 must be entered into the Discarded field. Tap Save, then Done.
7. Continue to add your catch until all fish are reported and then tap Done and Trip Report in the upper part of the screen to continue.
8. Enter your trip information under the Landed and Offload tabs.
9. Use the Sign tab to submit your report.

### Report a Trip with Catch and Discards

1. Begin a trip by tapping the + sign.
2. Enter your Trip Type as Private Recreational, enter Number of Anglers, and then tap Next.
3. Enter your Vessel and Trip Information, and then tap Save. After the first time, your vessel information will be saved as a favorite.

### Sales

**Except for bluefin tuna, the sale of all fish, including tilefish, caught on private recreational and party/charter fishing trips is prohibited.**

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### New Permitting and Reporting Requirements for Recreational Blueline and Golden Tilefish



Effective August 17, 2020, all recreational vessels fishing for blueline or golden tilefish must have a permit and report their trips within 24 hours of returning to port.

#### Who Does This Impact?

- Vessels fishing for or retaining tilefish from Virginia to Maine.
- For-hire vessels holding an existing GARFO permit who take private recreational tilefish trips.
- States may have additional permitting or reporting requirements for recreational fishing.

#### What Do I Need To Do?

- Obtain a Private Recreational Tilefish Permit from the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO).
- Report your trip with one of the available reporting options.

#### Why Is This Happening?

- To better characterize and monitor the tilefish fisheries for long-term sustainability.
- More information can be found on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's tilefish web page: [mafmc.org/rec-tilefish-evtr](http://mafmc.org/rec-tilefish-evtr).

#### Permitting (Search: GARFO Permits)



You must apply for your permit online. There is no cost for the permit.

#### How Do I Get a Permit?

Start with registering an account on the **GARFO Fish Online** website: [greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/apps/login/](http://greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/apps/login/)

- Create a user name and password.
- Existing permit holders may apply through their current Fish Online account.
- Click Initial Private Recreational Tilefish Permit.

#### Reporting (Search: GARFO eVTR)



You must report all trips that either targeted or retained tilefish to GARFO within 24 hours of returning to port using an approved electronic vessel trip reporting (eVTR) system.

#### How Do I Report?

eVTR apps are available for smartphones and tablets. See our website for reporting options and how to get started.

For assistance contact our Help Desk at (978) 281-9188 or [nmfs.gar.helpdesk@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.gar.helpdesk@noaa.gov). For additional support, contact your local Port Agent. (Search: GARFO Port Agents)