

## **MHI Deep 7 Bottomfish Trip Report FAQs**

### **Why have Deep 7 Trip Reporting?**

**Answer:** Trip reporting is necessary because beginning in the 2010-2011 fishing year the Deep 7 Bottomfish fishery will be managed by a federal annual catch target(ACT). Trip reporting allows DLNR-DAR to collect landings of Deep 7 bottomfish on a real-time basis instead of at the end of the month to measure the cumulative ACT. This improves the accuracy of projecting the ACT attainment date to close the bottomfish fishery.

### **When do I fill out a deep 7 trip report form?**

**Answer:** Please submit a paper or online trip report form if you go bottomfishing and catch, lose, and/or release Deep 7 bottomfish (onaga, ehu, opakapaka, kalekale, lehi, hapuupuu, and gindai).

### **If I fill out a deep 7 trip report form, do I still need to fill out a pink colored monthly report form?**

**Answer:** If you catch, lose, and or release Deep 7 bottomfish, please fill out the Deep 7 Trip report form. If you go fishing on another day and do not bottomfish, for example, only troll, fill out that information on the monthly trip report form and submit it by the tenth day of the following month in addition to any Deep 7 Bottomfish trip report forms which are due within 5 days of the trip end.

### **Should I write the same Deep 7 trip report information on the trip report form and on a pink colored monthly report form?**

**Answer:** NO, DO NOT submit your Deep 7 catch information on both forms, this will cause duplicate reporting, please **only** submit Deep 7 catch information on your Deep 7 trip report form.

### **What if I intend to catch Deep 7 but do not?**

**Answer:** If you went fishing with the intent to catch Deep 7 but did not, please record it on the Deep 7 trip report form.

### **Will the new Deep 7 Bottomfish trip report form be available online? Will the online page look like this too?**

**Answer:** Yes, we are currently in the process of developing an online fish report. The online form will ask for the same information as the paper form and will look similar.

### **If I fish 3 “day trips” in a row, when does the first day trip have to be reported?**

**Answer:** If you fished 3 separate days in a row, that is 3 trips and each trip needs to be reported within 5 days after you return from that trip. If you went on a fishing trip and were gone for 3 days, then DAR must receive your report 5 days after you return from your trip.

### **Assuming a “trip” is the start/end of a fishing trip would I have to submit a report every time I go fishing? If so my comment to this type of reporting means I will be reporting 10 times more than I am now...in terms of submissions.**

**Answer:** Yes, a trip means that you went out, fished and came back. The number of report submissions required for most Deep 7 fishers will substantially increase.

### **What about the fishers that go out five or six or seven times a month?**

**Answer:** Fishers will be required to submit a trip report for every Deep 7 bottomfish trip they make within 5 days of the trip. If they go on fishing trips and do not catch Deep 7 bottomfish, they will also need to submit a monthly fishing report form.

**Why do you need to have the crew CML#? If you want my crew's name you should pass another ruling for this.**

**Answer:** The reason for wanting the crew's cml # is to get a better idea of the number of fishers involved in the bottomfish fishery and it will also allow DAR to include crew members in mail outs and notifications related to the bottomfish fishery. It also allows DAR staff to cross verify fish landed and fish sold.

**If we troll and bottomfish on the same trip, how will this be reported?**

**Answer:** The Deep 7 Bottomfish trip report was designed to collect fishing method information in order to allow Deep 7 bottomfish fishers to record all fishing methods that they used on that trip. For example, if a Deep 7 bottomfish fisher bottomfishes and caught Deep 7 bottomfish and trolls in the same trip, the fisher can record both methods on the trip report form.

**This report seems to indicate that you don't care what type of predator we lose fish to. Even the current report online seems to limit losses to one type of predator per species caught.** In the current online report if one species is lost to multiple predators, list the species twice, on the second line do not indicate catch, indicate the number lost and the predator.

**To whom sold can be more than two and it seems like you already know as I receive calls that I sold to dealers that I forgot to report. What if I sold my fish to more than 2 dealers?**

**Answer:** If you are filling out the paper report form and sell to more than 2 dealers, please list them in the comments section to assist in cross check references. If you submit your Deep 7 trip report information online, it allows multiple entries separated by commas. If you sell your fish to United Fishing Auction you only need to list them as the dealer. We know that sometimes they list the dealers that purchase your fish from them on your receipt. We do not need that information.

**Will this per-trip reporting include the CML trolling fishers that target pelagic species? Will there be two different reporting styles or one for all fishers? If not they (pelagic fishers) will be forced to report per-trip.**

**Answer:** At this time there is not a law requiring pelagic fishers to submit trip reports. Pelagic fishers that do not bottomfish will continue to fill out the pink monthly trip report form.

**What if this method does not work to improve assessment of the ACT accuracy? Will it be changed back to the monthly report?**

**Answer:** The Deep 7 bottomfish trip report requirement is expected to increase ACT accuracy because the reports are required to be submitted five days after the trip in which the fish were caught compared to the previous requirement of the tenth day of the month after the fish were caught. It may take a few years after the implementation of the Deep 7 trip report requirement before there is a substantial improvement. MHI Deep 7 Bottomfish fishery management procedures are evaluated annually and we work to improve proficiency. One of the reasons the catch limit has increased over the last few years is due to the improvement in data collection.

**How will the Deep 7 BF trip requirement be enforced?**

**Answer:** We intend to use the Civil Resources Violation System that is currently in place to enforce the monthly report requirement.