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The Marine Mammal Authorization Program (MMAP) is a mandatory commercial fishermen's registration program that provides annual exemptions for accidentally killing or injuring marine mammals (referred to as incidental take), during commercial fishing activities. If your fishery is classified as either Category I or II, you must obtain and retain an MMAP certificate. You can find your category on the [List of Fisheries website](#). This list is reviewed and revised annually.

The MMAP requires that you:

1. Retain an authorization certificate during fishing activities.
2. Carry an observer, as requested.
3. Comply with applicable Take Reduction Plans.
4. Report any marine mammal serious injury/mortality caused by fishing operations within 48 hours of returning from the trip where the interaction occurred. Reports can be submitted online or mailed (visit the [MMAP website](#) for more information).

### MMAP Certificate Updated for 2023

The MMAP certificate has now been updated for 2023. In the past, formal mailings took place to distribute certificates. However, the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office is transitioning to online accessibility. Please view and download the [2023 MMAP certificate](#). You must retain a PRINTED or ELECTRONIC copy on a device to make available upon request.

If you are unable to access the certificate online, printed copies:

1. Are available at NOAA Fisheries: [55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA](#) (contact us for an appointment).
2. May be available at your local state permitting office.
3. Can be requested via email or phone at: [nmfs.gar.mmapcert@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.gar.mmapcert@noaa.gov) or 978-281-9120.

## Questions?

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