



## Important information for **COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN, SEAFOOD DEALERS, & WHOLESALEERS**

**Georgia law requires a completed trip ticket for ALL trips landing marine or anadromous species (American Eel and Shad). If you are using commercial gear, this requirement applies even if your catch is intended for personal consumption.**

### HOW do I report landings?

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources provides forms and postage-paid envelopes. You can pick them up at DNR's Coastal Regional Headquarters, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, GA 31520 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can also call 912-264-7218 and DNR will mail them to you.

### WHO is responsible for submitting the ticket?

All crabbers and castnet shrimp fishermen submit their own tickets. Fishermen who sell their own catch to the public or to businesses that do not have a seafood dealer license submit their own tickets. Fishermen who sell a single trip's catch to multiple businesses report their own catch. Generally, if you sell your catch to a shrimp dock, they will submit the trip ticket for you.

### WHAT about my privacy?

ALL of the data collected are confidential and protected by state and federal law. It is not shared with state or federal tax authorities.

### Questions? Contact us.

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### WHY is this important?

Data collection from commercial trips is vital to fishery management. Having accurate value for Georgia's fisheries has become more important than ever, as natural disasters, fishery failures, and economic events impact the seafood industry.

**Economic aid to commercial fishermen and fishing communities is based upon the data collected by trip tickets.**

Unreported landings make Georgia's fisheries appear to be less valuable than they really are, and the industry does not receive the amount of compensation it is entitled to.

Your reported landings are directly tied to the amount of compensation you may receive if a fishery failure is declared in the future.