Pre-Trip Notification System
Fishing Year 2013 Update

**VMS Activity Declaration** will now be collected in the suite of new trip notification information for PTNS-eligible groundfish trips.

This new field was added to comply with regulations that allow for coverage of specific monkfish PTNS trips to be lower than other PTNS-eligible trips in fishing year 2013.

The field does not change what fishermen are entering into their VMS units. However, their notification should reflect what they will be declaring when they take the trip.

**Multispecies (NMS)** should be selected for any generic groundfish trip using A DAS. When a fisherman makes a declaration via his VMS, most units/macros will show that his VMS activity code begins with "NMS" when declaring a "Mults" (Northeast MultiSpecies) trip.

**Monkfish (MNK)** should be selected for any trips for which the vessel is using a monkfish DAS (except when fishing with exempt gear in exempt areas - there is a special VMS declaration for monkfish exempt trips, and exempt trips do not need to be entered into the PTNS). VMS activity codes for monkfish begin with "MNK".