

2020 Commercial Fishing Vessel Licensing

	Documentation Number	ADFG Plate	Annual Fishery Sticker	AK Number (Registration)
Agency	USCG	CFEC	CFEC	DMV
Documented Vessels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≥ 5 net tons Usually ≥ 32' Must be U.S. built for coastwise trade <u>and</u> fisheries use, with limited exceptions. 	x	x	x	x New in 2019
Undocumented Vessels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> < 5 net tons Usually < 32' Must be U.S. built for coastwise trade; no U.S. build requirement if used in fisheries. 	-	x	x	x
Tenders, processors, transporters	x	x	x	x New in 2019
Shovel, handpick, beach seine, fish wheel, king crab ice fishing with snow machine, and pound fisheries. And, vessels used solely at salmon setnet sites, or waters near Cape Newnham, Point Romanof, and surrounding Nunivak Island. AS 16.05.495 . ¹	-	-	-	x

NOTES

- ¹ With few exceptions, all commercial fishing activities in state waters must be associated with a properly CFEC licensed vessel and permit. [AS 16.05.490-530](#).
- Either USCG documentation or state registration is required for all motorized vessels used in commercial fishing activities. In 2019, CFEC licensed 5,055 documented and 3,751 undocumented vessels.
- Vessel registration must be renewed annually, and fees are assessed based on the USCG definition of length. [46 USC § 2101\(20b\)](#)

Vessel Length	Number of Vessels Licensed	CFEC Fee AS 16.05.530	2019 Fee Collected
Vessels to 25'	2,418	\$ 24	\$ 58,032
Over 25' to 50'	5,058	\$ 60	\$ 303,480
Over 50' to 75'	817	\$ 120	\$ 98,040
Over 75' to 100'	211	\$ 225	\$ 47,475
Over 100' to 125'	154	\$ 300	\$ 46,200
Over 125' to 150'	56	\$ 375	\$ 21,000
Over 150' to 175'	35	\$ 450	\$ 15,750
Over 175' to 200'	21	\$ 525	\$ 11,025
Over 200' to 225'	5	\$ 600	\$ 3,000
Over 225' to 250'	3	\$ 675	\$ 2,025
Over 250' to 275'	12	\$ 750	\$ 9,000
Over 275' to 300'	5	\$ 825	\$ 4,125
Over 300'	11	\$ 900	\$ 9,900
Totals	8,806		\$ 629,052

Additional Information

USCG Documentation (800)799-8362
DMV Registration (907)269-5551
CFEC Licensing (907)790-6150

CFEC Vessel Licensing Forms

https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/mnu_Forms.htm#permitforms