

ATTENTION VESSEL OWNERS! New Title & Registration Rules

In 2018, the Alaska Legislature changed vessel registration laws. New title & registration requirements are now in effect, which may involve your commercial fishing vessel operating in Alaska waters.

Undocumented vessels without a valid certificate of documentation issued by the U.S. Coast Guard must continue to be registered with the DMV and **now must ALSO be titled with the DMV.**

Documented vessels with a valid certificate of documentation issued by the U.S. Coast Guard **now must ALSO be registered with the DMV.** Federally documented vessels are exempt from the new title requirement, but are no longer exempt from the DMV registration requirement.

The state agency responsible for implementing the changes is the **Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**. The following is a portion of the information found on their [website](#), which we offer as an assist to fishermen as they familiarize themselves with the new requirements.

Exemptions - [See the full list of exemptions](#) on the DMV website.

Exempt from Registration

- Lifeboats
- Non-powered boats
- A boat registered in another state or country that is not operated more than 90 consecutive days in Alaska.
- Foreign documented boats

Exempt from Titling

- An undocumented boat 24 feet or less in length
- A boat of any length documented with the U.S. Coast Guard
- Note: A documented vessel is also exempt from state numbering; however, the State of Alaska registration decal must be displayed.



What to take to the DMV Office or mail if you don't have a DMV in your location.

- Boat Application ([Form B1](#))
- Proof of ownership/registration/documentation ([see document lists below](#))
- Fees (Visa, Mastercard, personal check, or money order payable to State of AK or DMV)
- If you are mailing original documents, **send them certified mail**, if possible, to:
Department of Motor Vehicles 1300 W. Benson Boulevard Anchorage, AK 99503-3696

Documented Vessels Require Registration Only.

The DMV will accept a mailed, emailed (doa.dmv.correspondence@alaska.gov), or faxed (907)269-3762 application or in person registration at our DMV offices & Business Partner locations. **Send DMV Form B1** and a copy of the current **Certificate of Documentation** issued by the U.S. Coast Guard. **Make sure that you include a phone number so the DMV can call for payment of the fees.** DMV will mail the registration and decal after receiving payment.

IMPORTANT Information for Documented Vessels

- **RENEW YOUR USCG DOCUMENTATION** - This registration does not take the place of your documentation from the USCG – it is in addition to.
- **TAKE A COPY OF YOUR DOCUMENTATION to the State DMV** office when titling or registering. If no title is required you may mail, fax, or email to the DMV the completed Form B1, and a copy of your documentation.
- **DO NOT TITLE YOUR DOCUMENTED VESSEL WITH THE STATE of ALASKA** – only file for registration and make sure the registration paperwork is marked "No Title Issued" (NTI).
- **DO NOT ADD ANY ADDITIONAL ALASKA NUMBERS TO YOUR BOAT.**
- **MAKE SURE TO APPLY** the square registration decal to your boat.

Undocumented Vessels Require Both Title and Registration and forms must be submitted in person or mailed to DMV.

REMEMBER to send original documents by Certified Mail.

Documents accepted to prove boat ownership to obtain a title *and* registration:

- The original manufacturer's certificate of origin (MCO)
- The original manufacturer's statement of origin (MSO)
- The boat title and registration from the previous state of ownership
- Completed CG-1261 Builders Certification
- If proper ownership documentation cannot be provided the DMV provides a NTI Registration and no title fee is needed until next registration period.

Forms

Form B1 Title and/or Registration Application: <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/forms/PDFS/b1.pdf>

CG-1261 Builders Certification

https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/NVDC/CG1261%20Builder%27s_Certification.pdf

Fees

- Registration \$24 for powered boats, \$10 for non-powered boats, and \$75 for barge.
- Title is \$20

Additional Information

CONTACT: (907) 269-5551 or Toll-Free in Alaska: (855) 269-5551 / Outside of Alaska: (907)269-5551

DMV EMAIL: doa.dmv.correspondence@alaska.gov / **FAX** (907) 269-3762

Mailing Address: Department of Motor Vehicles 1300 W. Benson Boulevard Anchorage, AK 99503

DMV Office Location and Contact Numbers: <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/office/index.htm>

DMV Boat Registration Webpage: <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/reg/boat.htm>

2018 Derelict Vessels Act (SB92): <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/30/Bills/SB0092Z.PDF>

Alaska Statute 05.25.055: <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#05.25.055>