

Commercial Fishing Vessel Licensing in Alaska

A large commercial fishing vessel, likely a crab boat, is docked at a wooden pier. The vessel has a white cabin and a dark hull. Several red buoys are visible in the water in the foreground. The background shows a forested hillside under a cloudy sky.

Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission

March 2021

Licensing Requirements

The background image shows a fishing vessel, likely a salmon boat, on a body of water. The vessel has a white hull and a dark cabin. In the distance, there are rugged, snow-capped mountains under a cloudy sky. The overall scene is a typical coastal fishing environment.


- Generally, all commercial fishing vessels, tenders, processors and transporters must be licensed by the CFEC every year. However, some vessels used solely at salmon setnet sites or in some Westward Alaska waters are exempt.
- Fees for commercial vessel licenses are based on the United States Coast Guard definition of overall length of the vessel.
- A commercial vessel license consists of a triangular metal ADFG number plate, issued when the vessel is first licensed with CFEC. A color-coded sticker and receipt are issued each year.
- If a vessel is registered for salmon net fishing, the license will include a salmon net area tab.

2021 Commercial Fishing Vessel Licensing Rules


	Documentation Number	ADFG Plate	Annual Fishery Sticker	Alaska Registration
Agency	USCG	CFEC	CFEC	DMV
Documented Vessels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥ 5 net tons • Usually $\geq 32'$ • 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.	-	-	-	X
Vessels used solely at salmon setnet sites, or waters between Cape Newenham and Point Romanof; and surrounding Nunivak Island (AS 16.05.495).	-	-	-	X

Vessel Length	Number of Vessels Licensed	CFEC Fee	2020 Fee Collected
Vessels to 25'	2294	\$ 24	\$ 55,056
Over 25' to 50'	4869	\$ 60	\$ 292,140
Over 50' to 75'	793	\$ 120	\$ 95,160
Over 75' to 100'	209	\$ 225	\$ 47,025
Over 100' to 125'	152	\$ 300	\$ 45,600
Over 125' to 150'	54	\$ 375	\$ 20,250
Over 150' to 175'	34	\$ 450	\$ 15,300
Over 175' to 200'	20	\$ 525	\$ 10,500
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'	10	\$ 900	\$ 9,000
Totals	8,460		\$ 608,181



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Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission 2020 Commercial Vessel License Application

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www.cfec.state.ak.us

Please use this form to apply for and/or renew vessel licenses for 2020. Payment may be submitted by check, money order or the attached credit card authorization. Additionally, you may submit your 2020 Commercial Vessel License Application form by fax or mail. All sections of this form must be completed to avoid delays in processing your application.

Vessel License Fees: *If this vessel is being licensed for commercial fishing in Alaska for the first time, please submit an additional \$30 for the initial issuance of a metal ADFG number plate.*

Fees are based on the overall length of the vessel: Vessels to 25': \$24 Over 25'-50': \$60 Over 50'-75': \$120 Over 75'-100': \$225
Over 100'-125': \$300 Over 125'-150': \$375 Over 150'-175': \$450 Over 175'-200': \$525 Over 200'-225': \$600 Over 225'-250': \$675
Over 250'-275': \$750 Over 275'-300': \$825 Over 300': \$900

Legal Owner of Vessel, Name and Address:

Vessel Owner's Name: _____ CFEC ID: _____ Contact Person: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____ Check if Unlisted _____

SSN or EIN: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Temporary Mailing Address (for the vessel license): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Vessel Information: *If this vessel does not have an ADFG number you MUST submit a copy of your current USCG Documentation or the State Registration and complete page 2 of this form.*

1. Vessel Built In: ☐ U.S.A. ☐ Canada Other: _____ 20. Types of Fishing Activity (check all that apply)

2. ADFG Number: (if known) _____ 92 Commercial fishing 87 Freezer/canner 88 Tender/packer
(If unknown, complete page 2) 91 Transporter

3. Vessel Name: _____ 21. Types of Gear Expected to be Fished (check all that apply)

4. USCG Doc. or State Registration #: _____ 01 Purse seine 02 Beach seine 03 Drift gillnet
04 Set gillnet 34 Herring gillnet 05 Hand troll
5. Year Built: _____ 6. Overall Length: _____ 15 Power troll 25 Dinglebar troll 26 Mech jig
06/61 Longline 09/91 Potgear 10 Ring nets
7. Vessel Make/Model: _____ 08 Fish wheel 11 Dive 22 Dredge
17 Beam trawl 07 Otter trawl 27 Dbl otter trawl
8. Gross Tonnage: _____ 9. Net Tonnage: _____ 37 Pair trawl 99 Other gear

10. Home Port: (city and state) _____ 22. Salmon Net Area Registration: Vessels that fish salmon with seines or gillnets must register for the administrative area that the vessel will fish during 2020. (check the area that applies)

11. Engine Type: ☐ Gas ☐ Diesel 12. Horsepower: _____ A - Southeast E - Prince William Sound H - Cook Inlet
K - Kodiak L - Chignik M - Peninsula/Aleutians
13. Vessel Value: _____ T - Bristol Bay

14. Hull Construction: ☐ Aluminum ☐ Fiberglass/plastic
☐ Wood ☐ Concrete ☐ Iron/steel alloy ☐ Rubber

15. Hull Identification Number: _____
(12 alpha-numeric characters - lower right outboard of transom)

16. Refrigeration: ☐ Yes ☐ No 17. Fuel Capacity: (gallons) _____

18. Hold Capacity: (cubic feet) _____

19. Live Tank Capacity: (cubic feet) _____

Hand troll: ☐ Power troll: ☐ Effective date: _____

Certification:

By signing this application I certify under penalty of perjury that the information contained herein is true and complete.

Signature of Vessel Owner or Authorized Agent _____

Date _____



Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission 2020 Commercial Fishing Permit Application

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Please use this form to apply for and/or renew fishing permits for 2020. Payment may be submitted by check, money order or the attached credit card authorization. You may submit your 2020 Commercial Fishing Permit Application form by fax or email to dfg.cfec.licensing@alaska.gov. All sections of this form must be completed to avoid delays in processing.

Applicant Information:

Permit Holder's Name: _____ CFEC ID: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____ Check if Unlisted _____

REQUIRED FOR VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY

Physical Location of residence (where you live): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ How Long (years/months) at the Physical Address? _____

Social Security Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____

Temporary Mailing Address (for these permits): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Fishery Information: Provide the fishery code (resource, gear, and area code) as indicated on the attached fee table. Leave the "permit number" blank if you are applying for a new permit, or if you don't know your permit number and provide the ADFG number of the vessel you will be fishing. **Note: If a vessel is required for the fishery, the designated vessel must be licensed for 2020 in order for the permit card to be issued.**

Fishery Code:	Permit Number:	Fishery Description:	Vessel ADFG Number:	Fee:
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	\$ _____

Nonresidents are required to pay an annual nonresident differential of \$220 with issuance of their first 2020 permit: \$ _____

Total permit fees due: \$ _____

If you held federal individual fishing quota (IFQ) in 2019 you may qualify for the \$75 fee in the halibut or sablefish fishery. You must have held IFQs in 2019 and your 2019 landings must have been 8,000 pounds or less of halibut (standardized weight), 9,000 pounds or less of sablefish (round weight). If you did not deliver halibut or sablefish in 2019, you must submit a copy of your current IFQ permit showing the total pounds you hold. If you are fishing halibut for a Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program then you must provide the name of the CDQ community group name.

- I certify I hold IFQ & landed under 8,000 lbs of halibut in 2019: _____ YES, if yes pay \$75.00
- I certify I hold IFQ & landed under 9,000 lbs of sablefish in 2019: _____ YES, if yes pay \$75.00
- I certify I will be fishing halibut only for the following Western Alaska CDQ community: _____, pay \$75.00

If you hold more than one salmon net area permit, designate the ONE salmon net area you will fish in 2020: _____

Certification: Please complete this portion to avoid delays in processing.

20 AAC 05.290. Residency Definition. for the purpose of assessing fees for the application for, annual issuance of, or renewal of entry and interim-use permits, an individual is a resident of this state if, on the date of permit application, issuance, or renewal, and throughout the 12-month period before that date, that individual maintained their domicile in this state and neither claimed residency in another state, territory, or country nor obtained benefits under a claim of residency in another state, territory, or country.

Residency: ☐ Alaska Resident ☐ Nonresident **Citizenship:** ☐ U.S. Citizen ☐ Alien* (Registration no. _____)
*Aliens must enclose a copy of their green card

Certification: I swear, under penalty of perjury, that the information provided by me on this form and in all supporting documents is true, complete, and accurately describes the terms and conditions of my request. I understand that intentionally making a false claim on this form or intentionally submitting false documentation in support of my request is a crime punishable by up to one year of imprisonment and/or a \$25,000 fine and may subject me to administrative fines, suspension of fishing privileges, and revocation of any permit I may hold.

Signature of Permit Holder _____
(Authorization must be attached if signed or picked-up by someone else)

Date _____

Permit/Vessel Owner

No Permit Holder/Vessel Owner
queried

Screen Instructions

**** PLEASE READ FIRST ****

Before you can begin the renewal process, you must **FIRST** declare if you are the actual Permit Holder, Vessel Owner OR if you are an Authorized Agent.

That choice can be made in the Status, Fee Totals and Navigation section to your right and above.

Please press the appropriate button to begin the renewal process.

**** PLEASE READ FIRST ****

Status, Fee Totals and Navigation

Please declare if you are the actual Permit Holder/Vessel Owner or Authorized Agent below

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LEON Initial Options

To begin, select the appropriate option above



COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

2020 VESSEL LICENSE RECEIPT

THE VESSEL OWNER OR OPERATOR MUST CERTIFY THAT THIS INFORMATION IS CORRECT BY SIGNING THIS LICENSE RECEIPT. IT MUST BE KEPT ON BOARD THE VESSEL AT ALL TIMES WHILE ENGAGED IN FISHING ACTIVITY.

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Vessel Owner

Joe Fisherman
2001 Highline Rd.
DILLINGHAM

Permanent Mailing Address (if different)

Vessel Description

76785 ADFG No.	Destination Unknown Vessel Name	AK38 USCG Reg. or Doc. No.	32 Overall Length	 Hull ID Number
ALUMINUM Hull Construction	4 Gross Tons	Net Tons	SHORE BOAT Make / Model	1980 Year Built

Vessel Activities

Salmon Troll Registration	Effective Date
T Salmon Net Area	Salmon Net Permits

FISHING

Types of Vessel Activity	
2020-02-03 KU Date of Issuance	\$60 Amount Paid

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PERMIT CARD
(907) 789-6150
2020
R Destination Unknown
Salmon Setnet BBay
JOE FISHERMAN
S03T12345B 76785
2101V 654321

76785

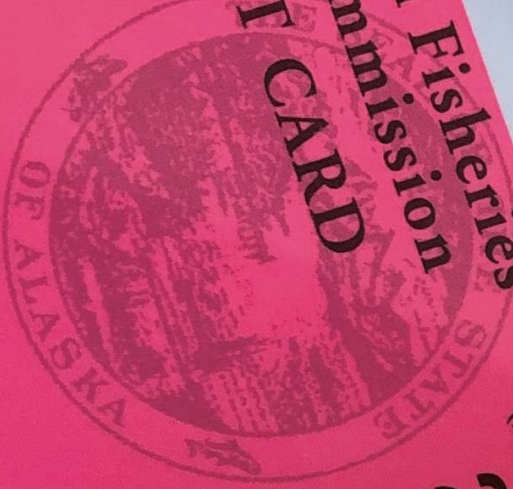
Vessel License

Vessel Plate and Sticker
with ADFG Number

Salmon Net Area

Permit Card

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Entry Commission
PERMIT CARD
(907) 789-6150
2018




Commercial Fisheries
Entry Commission
PERMIT CARD
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2017



(907) 789-6150
2019



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Year	ADFG Number	Vessel Name Vessel Number Vessel Length	Owner's Name and Address	Status	Vessel Activity Salmon Net Area Gear Codes	CFECID	
<input type="button" value="-"/>	1981	22721	IDA LEE 560913 52	ELIASON, RICHARD I. BOX 143 SITKA, AK 99835	Current	FISHING None Specified 06 09 15	828467
<div><div>Year Build: <input type="text" value="1974"/></div><div>Homeport City: <input type="text" value="SITKA"/></div><div>Make: <input type="text"/></div><div>Hull Type: <input type="text" value="FIBERGLASS/PLASTIC"/></div><div>Hold Capacity: <input type="text" value="0"/></div><div>Live Capacity: <input type="text" value="0"/></div><div>Net Tons: <input type="text" value="26"/></div><div>Gross Tons: <input type="text" value="39"/></div><div>Homeport State: <input type="text" value="AK"/></div><div>Engine Type: <input type="text" value="DIESEL"/></div><div>Hull ID: <input type="text"/></div><div>Value: <input type="text" value="0"/></div><div>Refrigeration: <input type="text" value="N"/></div><div>Horsepower: <input type="text" value="190"/></div><div>Fuel Capacity: <input type="text" value="0"/></div><div>Length: <input type="text" value="52"/></div></div>							
<input type="button" value="+"/>	1980	22721	IDA LEE 560913 52	ELIASON, RICHARD I. BOX 143 SITKA, AK 99835	Current	FISHING None Specified 06 09 15	828467
<input type="button" value="+"/>	1979	22721	IDA LEE 560913 52	ELIASON, RICHARD I. BOX 143 SITKA, AK 99835	Current	None Specified 06 09 15	828467
<input type="button" value="+"/>	1978	22721	IDA LEE 560913 52	ELIASON, RICHARD I. BOX 143 SITKA, AK 99835	Current	None Specified 06 09 15	828467

PUBLIC LOOKUP: UNDOCUMENTED VESSEL

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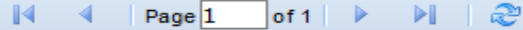





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Vessel			Vessel Owner			
Year	ADFG Number	Vessel Name Vessel Number Vessel Length	Owner's Name and Address	Status	Vessel Activity Salmon Net Area Gear Codes	CFECID
	1983	42976 22	HAMMOND, BELLA G. GEN DEL PORT ALSWORTH, AK 99653	Current	FISHING BRISTOL BAY None Specified	852925
<div><div>Year Build: 1979</div><div>Homeport City: NAKNEK</div><div>Homeport State: AK</div><div>Engine Type: GAS</div><div>Make:</div><div>Hull Type: ALUMINUM</div><div>Hull ID:</div><div>Value: 0</div><div>Hold Capacity: 0</div><div>Live Capacity: 0</div><div>Refrigeration: N</div><div>Horsepower: 35</div><div>Net Tons: 0</div><div>Gross Tons: 0</div><div>Fuel Capacity: 0</div><div>Length: 22</div></div>						
	1982	42976 22	HAMMOND, BELLA G. 716 CALHOUN ST JUNEAU, AK 99811	Current	FISHING None Specified None Specified	852925
	1981	01055 22	HAMMOND, BELLA G. BOX 128 NAKNEK, AK 99633	Current	BRISTOL BAY 04	852925
	1980	01055 22	HAMMOND, BELLA G. BOX 128 NAKNEK, AK 99633	Current	BRISTOL BAY 04	852925
	1979	01055 22	HAMMOND, BELLA G. BOX 128 NAKNEK, AK 99633	Current	BRISTOL BAY 04	852925
	1978	01055 22	HAMMOND, BELLA G. BOX 128 NAKNEK, AK 99633	Current	BRISTOL BAY 04	852925

Use this link to search for all CFEC vessel statistics including:



- Contact Information
- USCG Documentation
- AK Registration



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Select a file type and year, then press "Download" button to download a Comma Separated Value (CSV) file of the entire year. Note: Public Intent to transfer files are included here, even though they are not logically divided into years and can be more easily queried and downloaded through the normal search. If you select Intents, you do not have to select any particular year as the program will ignore it and you will get ALL Intents to transfer.

File Type: ▼

File Year: ▼

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In Summary...

- **With few exceptions, all commercial fishing vessels, tenders, processors and transporters must be licensed by CFEC every year.**
- **USCG requires registration and title for documented vessels.**
- **DMV titles and registers undocumented vessels.**
- **CFEC requires both title and registration documents before issuing an ADFG plate and annual vessel license.**
- **CFEC licensing materials require accurate information on the vessel and its ownership; applications are signed under penalty of perjury.**
- **CFEC maintains an extensive database on each commercially licensed vessel, which is both searchable and downloadable from our public website.**

Questions?

