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Title Sport Fishing Guiding Services
Sponsor House Fisheries Committee
Requester House Fisheries Committee
Dept. Affected ADF&G
Appropriation Sport Fisheries
Allocation Sport Fisheries
OMB Component Number 464

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	Appropriation Required	Information					
		FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016
OPERATING EXPENDITURES							
Personal Services		290.0	162.9				
Travel		10.0	5.6				
Services		90.0	50.6				
Commodities		10.0	5.6				
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	400.0	224.7				

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES							
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts							
1003 GF Match							
1004 GF							
1005 GF/Program Receipts							
1037 GF/Mental Health							
1024 Fish & Game Fund		400.0	224.7				
TOTAL	0.0	400.0	224.7				

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost _____

POSITIONS

Full-time	0.0	3.7	2.1				
Part-time	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Temporary	0.0	0.0	0.0				

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE #2

STATE OF ALASKA
2011 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB 173

Analysis

This bill extends the termination date of the licensing program for sport fishing guides and sport fishing operators from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013. The division has budgeted \$400.0 in the FY12 Governor's budget to administer the Sport Fish operator/guide/vessel program. The program generates average Fish & Game Fund revenues of \$240.2, with the balance of program expenditures funded with Sport Fishing license sale revenue.

The full time equivalent (FTE) positions represents the equivalent staff months distributed amongst 7 existing positions in order to carry out the necessary work of the Sport Fish operator/guide/vessel program.

FISCAL NOTE

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Allocation Sport Fisheries
OMB Component Number 464

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FISCAL NOTE #1

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House Special Committee on Fisheries

SPONSOR STATEMENT FOR HOUSE BILL 173

“An Act amending the termination date of the licensing of sport fishing operators and sport fishing guides; and providing for an effective date.”

House Bill 173 will ensure the continuation of Alaska’s sport fish guide licensing and reporting program. Legislation authorizing the program was passed in 2004 and the program has proven beneficial to both the sport fishing industry and resource managers. With more than 1.8 million clients, 88% of whom are nonresidents, taking more than 460,000 guided fishing trips in Alaska annually, guided sport fishing has become an integral part of Alaska’s tourism economy. In fact, a study commissioned by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game estimated that nonresident spending on sport fishing was more than \$650 million in 2007.

Since the program’s inception, an average of 1,670 sport fishing business licenses and 1,981 sport fishing guide licenses have been sold annually. 90% of license holders are Alaska residents and the professionalization of the sport fishing guide industry has benefitted both the industry and the resource. The data collected through the program provides information state and federal managers need to sustainably manage sport fish populations. The program also allows Alaska to receive an exemption from the National Saltwater Angler Registry; a federal program that would begin levying fees for registration in 2011.

Recognizing the importance of the program, the Alaska legislature extended the program’s termination date for one year in 2010. HB 173 proposes to similarly amend the program’s statutory termination language to allow this valuable program to continue serving Alaskans and their valuable fishery resources.

**Brief for HB 173: SPORT FISH GUIDE LICENSES
(Reauthorization of Program)
March 3, 2011**

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Background:

- Original legislation passed in May, 2004; effective January 1, 2005; with 1 year extensions in 2009 and 2010.

- Proposed by the Department for three main reasons:
 1. Information on guide numbers and their fishing activities was either not available or limited in many parts of the state;
 2. Establish minimum standards to operate a business or contract as a guide (safety, liability insurance, US Coast Guard license, etc.) as a means to increase professionalism and reduce speculative entry; and
 3. Provide comprehensive and credible data on guided sport fishing activities to regulatory agencies: Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF), International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), and North Pacific Fisheries Management Council (NPFMC).

Legislation:

Sec.16.40.260 Sport fishing operator license;

Sec.16.40.270 Sport fishing guide license;

Sec.16.40.280 Reports;

Sec.16.40.290 Penalties for violations.

These legislative sections include licensing provisions and fees (AS. 16.05.340(a)) for sport fishing business owners (\$100), sport fishing guides working for the business (\$50), and business owners who are also a guide (owner/operator combo \$100). The mandatory reporting requirements, logbooks, are for both fresh and saltwater guide activities (freshwater logbooks were instituted in 2005). The penalties for sport fish guiding violations by business owners and guides include possible revocation of their license.

Companion Regulations:

5 AAC 75.075 Sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services; license requirements; regulation of activities.

5 AAC 75.076. Sport fishing services and sport fishing guides reporting requirements.

5 AAC 75.077. Sport fishing guide vessel registration requirements.

Present Benefits and Utility:

- A comprehensive list of all sport fishing guides working in salt water is part of the data requirements that allowed Alaska to receive an exemption from participating in the National Saltwater Angler Registry (up to \$25/saltwater angler in 2011).
- The logbook data for saltwater anglers has been used extensively within the IPHC and NPFMC for analyzing regulatory options and inform decisions on Pacific Halibut.
- Both freshwater and saltwater logbook harvest data has been presented and utilized by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Harvest estimate verification studies were conducted and found to be of moderate scientific quality (statistical precision was highly acceptable) compared to statewide sport fish harvest survey, and dock side creel programs.

Participation Statistics:

- An average of **1,602 sport fishing business licenses** (including owner/operator combo) have been sold (2006-2010); 88% of owners are Alaskan residents.
- An average of **1,853 sport fishing guide licenses** have been sold (2007-2010); 72% of guides are Alaskan residents.
- Based on logbook data, over **2.1 million clients took 536,960 guided fishing trips** (from 2005 through 2009); 67% of clients fished in saltwater, 33% fished in freshwater and 88% of all clients were nonresidents. The 2010 data is still being finalized.
- An average of **1,334 vessels in saltwater** were used for guided fishing trips (2005-2009).

Electronic Reporting (Modernization initiative):

- Modernization and timely reporting of recreational harvest data are a priority. We are actively working on this task:
 - In July, 2009 we developed a scannable saltwater logbook form which will reduce the time lag when logbook data is available from 2 to 3 months to 1 to 2 weeks. This new form was employed for saltwater forms statewide in 2010. Ten public meetings were held across the state to explain this new format and received nearly unanimous support from user groups and public. Freshwater logbooks will be converted to scannable format in 2012.
 - The point of sale hunting and fishing licensing program is still being sought and technical challenges addressed.



State of Alaska
Department of Fish & Game
Division of Sport Fish

2011 Saltwater Charter Logbook and Vessel Registration

Vessel

Name: _____

Vessel AK. #

or

U.S.C.G. #: _____

ALL CHARTER TRIP ACTIVITY CONDUCTED FROM THIS VESSEL MUST BE RECORDED WITHIN THE LOGBOOK ASSIGNED TO THIS VESSEL

Federal rules require that the Charter Halibut Permit (CHP) number(s) be recorded on the logbook before the beginning of any trip during which halibut are caught and retained.

CHP #:

CHP HOLDER:

Please follow the INSTRUCTIONS carefully as they have changed

LOGBOOK INSPECTION

This logbook must be presented for inspection, upon request, to any representative of the Department of Fish and Game, peace officer of the state, or law enforcement representative of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Monday to Sunday Activity During the week of:	Postmarked or Received by ADF&G (Mondays):
January 1 – April 3	April 11
April 4 – April 10	April 18
April 11 – April 17	April 25
April 18 – April 24	May 2
April 25 – May 1	May 9
May 2 – May 8	May 16
May 9 – May 15	May 23
May 16 – May 22	May 31
May 23 – May 29	June 6
May 30 – June 5	June 13
June 6 – June 12	June 20
June 13 – June 19	June 27
June 20 – June 26	July 5
June 27 – July 3	July 11
July 4 – July 10	July 18
July 11 – July 17	July 25
July 18 – July 24	August 1
July 25 – July 31	August 8
August 1 – August 7	August 15
August 8 – August 14	August 22
August 15 – August 21	August 29
August 22 – August 28	September 6
August 29 – September 4	September 12
September 5 – September 11	September 19
September 12 – September 18	September 26
September 19 – September 25	October 3
September 26 – October 2	October 10
October 3 – October 9	October 17
October 10 – October 16	October 24
October 17 – October 23	October 31
October 24 – October 30	November 7
October 31 – November 6	November 14
November 7 – November 13	November 21
November 14 – November 20	November 28
November 21 – November 27	December 5
November 28 – December 4	December 12
December 5 – December 11	December 19
December 12 – December 18	December 27
December 19 – December 25	January 2, 2012
December 26 – December 31	January 9, 2012



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADF&G REPRESENTATIVE:

Please forward the white copy of this form to: Sport Fish RTS, 333 Raspberry Rd., Anchorage, AK 99518-1565.

DO NOT REMOVE THE PINK COPY. THE PINK COPY MUST STAY IN THE LOGBOOK.

DO NOT ISSUE A LOGBOOK UNLESS THE APPLICANT HAS THE FOLLOWING:

- ⇒ 2011 ADF&G Sport Fish Business License
- ⇒ Current AK Vessel Number issued by DMV or Current U.S.C.G. Vessel Documentation No.

NONE OF THE ABOVE CAN BE "PENDING"

2011 ADF&G Sport Fish Business Owner and Guide License applications are available at all ADF&G offices or online at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov>

AK Vessel Registration information is available from Alaska Div. of Motor Vehicles at (907) 269-5551 or online at: <http://www.doa.alaska.gov/dmv/reg/boat.htm>

2011 Saltwater Sport Fish Charter Logbook Sign-Out AND Vessel Registration
Must be completed

SPORT FISH BUSINESS INFORMATION:

Name of Sport Fishing Business: _____

Sport Fish Business Owner License Number (ADF&G No.): 2011- _____

SPORT FISHING CHARTER VESSEL REGISTRATION:

⇒ DMV issued AK No. or Vessel U.S.C.G. Documentation No.: _____
(A logbook WILL NOT be issued without a current AK or U.S.C.G. number)

⇒ Vessel Name: _____
(Vessel name and AK No. or U.S.C.G. # must appear on the cover)

⇒ Primary Alaska Saltwater port from which this vessel will operate during 2011:

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

⇒ Did you issue a Stat. Area Map? YES NO If No, Explain:

⇒ ADF&G Representative: *(print)* _____

⇒ Area Office: _____ Date of Issue: _____

WHEN TO COMPLETE A LOGBOOK

A Charter Vessel Fishing Trip is Defined as the time period between the first deployment of fishing gear into the water from a vessel with one or more paying charter vessel clients onboard and the offloading of one or more paying charter vessel clients or any harvested fish from that vessel.

A trip that consists of no paying clients, that is, all anglers are “comped”, and the guide is NOT receiving any tips or other compensation, would NOT be considered a chartered trip and a logbook data sheet should not be completed and submitted to the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.

Before a Trip Begins (see definition above), the Guide must Record:

- The 2011 sport fishing license number, permanent identification number (PID) or disabled veteran (DAV) license number for anyone that will fish during any part of the trip, including paying and non-paying (comped) anglers and crew.
- The first and last name of each angler in the space provided below their license number.
- The word “Youth” in the fishing license space along with the first and last name on the name line for all anglers under the age of 16. Multiple youth anglers on a trip should be recorded as Youth 1, Youth 2 etc.

Complete the logbook through the last charter trip of the season in the following manner:

Returning to a Dock:

- Complete and sign the logbook data page before offloading any fish from the vessel. If no fish were kept, complete the logbook data page before offloading any clients.

No Docking Facilities (e.g., trailered vessels):

- Complete and sign the logbook data page before the vessel or guide departs the launch/landing site AND before offloading any fish from the vessel.
- If no fish were kept, complete the logbook data page before the vessel or guide departs the launch/landing site.

No Vessel Used (aircraft, highway vehicles, walk-in, ATVs, etc.):

- Complete and sign the logbook data page before the guide leaves the fishing site. Fishing site is defined as the location where fishing activity took place.

Multiple Trips per Day:

Use a separate logbook data page for each trip of multiple trips in a day. Complete the logbook data page at the end of each trip as described above.

Multiple Day Trips:

Complete a logbook page at the end of each day on which sport fishing guide services were provided. Use a separate page for each day of the trip. Record the port or community of offloading at the end of the multiple-day trip, not the port or location where the vessel anchored or moored each night.

For example, for a five-day trip with only three days of guided fishing, three logbook pages should be submitted, all with the same port of offloading.

RETURN THE LOGBOOK DATA PAGES WEEKLY

Fishing activity that occurs prior to April 3, 2011 is due to ADF&G by April 11, 2011; all activity thereafter must be received by ADF&G **EVERY WEEK** as detailed in the schedule provided on the inside of the front cover of this book. Logbook data pages can be submitted to any regional or area ADF&G office or mailed to the address printed on the back of each logbook page.

RESPONSIBILITY OF OWNER & GUIDE

It is the responsibility of the guide to ensure that daily trip activity is accurately recorded as described in these instructions.

It is the responsibility of the business owner (owner of the sport fish operator's license) to ensure that all data for fishing activities from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 is submitted to ADF&G in the manner previously described.

VESSEL REGISTRATION

All vessels used in sport fishing guide activities must be registered with ADF&G. All vessels must have a current AK registration number issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) or a U.S.C.G. documentation number prior to registering with ADF&G. **If the vessel has an AK number, the AK number must be displayed during guided fishing operations.**

VESSEL DECALS/RENEWAL TAGS

One set of ADF&G decals will be issued per registered vessel. Decals must be applied and visible on both sides of the vessel. Decals do not have to be applied directly to the hull of the vessel. Decals can be adhered to wood, fiberglass or "Plexiglas", which in turn is secured to both sides of the vessel. Decals can be transferred from one vessel to another, as long as the receiving vessel has a current AK registration number from DMV or a U.S.C.G. documentation number and has been registered with ADF&G (see contact information on page vii). Annual stickers or tags will be issued as vessels are registered and must be adhered directly to the decal in the designated area. Lost decals and tags can be replaced free of charge at any ADF&G office.

TRANSFERRING A LOGBOOK

A logbook is issued to a specific business for a specific vessel. All active vessels must be registered and issued a current year logbook from a local ADF&G office.

Logbooks may not be transferred between businesses. Only the business issued a logbook may use that logbook. If a vessel belonging to a business is borrowed, the borrowing business must acquire their own logbook.

If a different vessel is substituted for the primary vessel the original logbook can be used on the substitute vessel for up to **seven (7) consecutive days**. A temporary vessel used for a longer period of time must be issued a new logbook. ADF&G must be notified (see contact information on page vii) with the substitute vessel registration information.

All vessels engaged in fishing with clients on board must be registered and display the vessel decals.

WHAT A GUIDE MUST HAVE IN POSSESSION WHILE GUIDING

While providing sport fishing guide services, a sport fishing guide shall have the following readily available for inspection by request of a representative of the Department or a peace officer of the state:

- Valid sport fishing guide license issued by ADF&G;
- Copy of the current ADF&G sport fishing operator's (business owner) license of the guide's employer;
- Valid Alaska sport fishing license, tags, stamps or permits that are required to engage in the sport fishery for which guide services are being provided;
- Identification card issued to the sport fishing guide by a state or federal agency that bears a photo of the sport fishing guide.
- Other agencies such as the U.S. Coast Guard or National Marine Fisheries Service may have additional requirements. **It is your responsibility to determine what those requirements are.**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE 2011 SALTWATER TRIP LOGBOOK PAGES

COMPLETING EACH DATA PAGE:

TRIP INFORMATION	
Date	Record the month and day for each trip taken. If two or more trips were taken on the same day, that date will appear on as many data sheets as there were trips.
Hour Trip Ended <small>(New in 2011)</small>	Record the hour in which the trip ended with the offloading of clients and fish. Round to the nearest hour only: trips ending at or after 5:00 pm but before 5:31pm would be logged as 5 pm and trips ending from 5:31pm to 6:00 pm would be logged as 6 pm. Do not indicate minutes. Fill in the circle for AM or PM.
Guide License Number	The 2011 guide license number issued by ADF&G to the guide that led the fishing trip.
Charter Halibut Permit (CHP) Number and multiple Permits <small>(New in 2011)</small>	Record the number of the primary CHP used for the trip on the logbook data page following the preprinted CHP, write the entire number as it appears on the permit followed by the alpha character, i.e. CHP 1234A . If more than one CHP is used for a trip, check the box below the primary CHP number and record the additional CHP number(s) and CHP Holder(s) on the front cover of the logbook.
Port or Community of Off-Loading	The port or community where clients and/or fish were off-loaded at the conclusion of the trip. On a multi-day trip, indicate the community where fish and clients will be off-loaded when the trip is finished.
Primary Stat Area Fished	Report the 6-digit stat area code where most of the fish were caught or targeted. Record the stat area for salmon and/or bottomfish, depending on whether the gear and fishing methods were effectively targeting salmon, bottomfish, or both. Report only stat areas from maps provided with the logbook for this purpose.
No. of Boat Hours Fished	The number of boat hours for which at least one rod/line was fished. Record only the number of hours spent fishing, NOT hours spent running to or from fishing areas. Round to the nearest whole hour.
INDIVIDUAL ANGLER INFORMATION	
Sport Fish License No.	Before a guided sport fishing trip begins (see definition on page iii), record the 2011 Alaska Sport Fishing License number, resident PID (permanent identification number) or DAV (disabled veteran license number) of each angler, comped angler, and crew member that will be fishing. See Youth Angler instructions below.
Residency	Fill in the circle beneath AK Resident OR Non-Resident including crew and "comped" anglers.
Crew and "Comped" angler status	<p>If applicable, next to each angler license number:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ fill in the circle if the angler is a Crew member, ➤ fill in the circle if the angler is "Comped" (guide not compensated). <p>A crew member includes the licensed guide leading the fishing trip as well as any person who, for compensation or the intent to receive compensation, provides assistance to clients of the licensed sport fishing guide on board the vessel.</p>
Angler Name	Angler's first and last name MUST be <u>printed</u> below the angler's license number.
Youth Anglers	For anglers under the age of 16, write the word " YOUTH " in the fishing license space AND record the first and last name on the name line. If more than one youth angler is on a trip, record them as Youth 1, Youth 2, etc.
Angler Signatures in 2C	Federal rules require that all anglers who harvest (keep) halibut in IPHC 2C must sign the logbook to verify that their information and number halibut reported dept are correct. A signature is also required of youth anglers.
Continuing Trip Information	Complete the Page <input type="checkbox"/> of <input type="checkbox"/> if more than one page is required for this trip, for example, if two pages are required to list all anglers, they would be numbered Page 1 of 2 and Page 2 of 2.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE 2011 SALTWATER TRIP LOGBOOK PAGES

RECORDING CATCH INFORMATION	
Recording Catch Information	Indicate the number of fish Kept (retained) and Released (let go) by species or group. Leave the fields BLANK if no fish were kept or released.
EXAMPLE 1: One target Salmon	If bottomfish were caught while targeting salmon only , record the number of bottomfish in the appropriate columns in the bottomfish section. The stat area and hours fished should be recorded on the salmon target species line under Trip Information. If salmon were targeted but no salmon were caught, record the stat area and boat hours fished on the salmon target species line under Trip Information.
EXAMPLE 2: One target Bottomfish (incl. Halibut)	If salmon were caught while targeting bottomfish only , record the number of salmon in the appropriate columns in the salmon section. The stat area and hours fished should be recorded on the bottomfish target species line under Trip Information. If bottomfish were targeted but no bottomfish were caught, record the stat area and boat hours fished on the bottomfish target species line under Trip Information.
EXAMPLE 3: Two targets Salmon and Bottomfish	Record the maximum number of boat hours spent fishing simultaneously for both salmon AND bottomfish on both the salmon and bottomfish target species lines under Trip Information. For example, if mooching or jigging for 7 hours record 7 hours in the salmon effort row, and 7 hours in the bottomfish effort row.

PROXY FISHING INSTRUCTIONS	
If an angler is also proxy fishing for a beneficiary, that angler MUST have the fishing license or PID/DAV of the person for whom he/she is fishing. Write down the license number of the recipient of the fish (beneficiary), the beneficiary's first and last name, followed by the word " Proxy " on the signature line.	
Halibut my not be taken by proxy fishing.	
Use two records on the logbook data sheet, one for the angler's license number and name and the other record for the beneficiary's license number and name. Indicate R for Resident in the adjacent column for both. Beneficiaries and those fishing for them must both be residents of Alaska.	
For permanent licenses (residents only), write down the entire license number, including the preceding alpha character, which can be a P, D, T or Z , e.g. Z50148 .	

Special Instructions and Definitions	
Charter Halibut Permit (CHP) by Trip and for the Season (New in 2011)	Federal regulations require that if one or more anglers are catching and retaining halibut in Area 2C or Area 3A, the guide MUST have a valid charter halibut permit (CHP) for the appropriate regulatory area on board the vessel at all times. Record the primary charter halibut permit number used during a trip on each page. If more than one CHP is used for a trip, check the box next to the primary CHP number. All CHP number(s) and CHP Holder(s) used during the fishing season MUST appear on the front cover of the logbook with the primary CHP number used during a trip appearing on the individual trip sheet. A CHP number needs to appear only once on the cover, but recorded on the trip sheet each time it is used.
2C/3A Operators <small>(operators who fish both 2C and 3A for Halibut)</small> (New in 2011)	Federal regulations prohibit retention of halibut from Area 2C and Area 3A during the same charter vessel fishing trip. Contact NOAA for additional federal halibut regulations; see page vii for contact information.
Angler Signature	Federal regulations require that every angler (including youth) who keeps halibut caught in IPHC Area 2C must sign on the angler signature line directly beneath the angler's first and last name on the front side of each page.
"Shakers"	King salmon under 28" in Southeast Alaska must be released upon capture, unless caught in designated terminal harvest areas, or allowed by emergency order.
Pelagic Rockfish	Includes black, dark and dusky rockfish (commonly called "black bass"), yellowtail, widow and blue rockfish. These species of rockfish are uniformly gray, green, brown, or black (see rockfish ID chart in your regulation booklet).
Yelloweye Rockfish	"Commonly called "red snapper." Adults primarily orange with a pale yellow line running along the lateral line, juveniles with two bold white lateral stripes. Have yellow eyes. Can grow to 36 inches in length.
Other Non-pelagic Rockfish	Includes quillback, copper, silvergray, China, tiger, and other rockfish species.
Sablefish (Black Cod)	Sablefish, commonly known as black cod, have a streamlined, elongated body, black to dark gray above fading to gray or white in the belly, with two dorsal fins and small teeth. Larger fish found in deep water, can grow to 40 inches.
Salmon Shark	This is a single species, <i>Lamna ditropis</i> . These sharks are large, firm, dark brown or black on top, with white bellies with dark blotches. Do not include spiny dogfish ("sand shark") or sleeper sharks ("mud sharks") in this category.
All Other Fish	Record all OTHER fish kept that do not fit into any listed category of fish. This column is optional and intended to assist you in keeping track of other species of fish that were kept.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE 2011 SALTWATER TRIP LOGBOOK PAGES

ADF&G Contact Information:
Division of Sport Fish, Guide Licensing and Logbook Program in Anchorage, Alaska
 at (907) 267-2369, or 267-2390 or email: dfg.dsfguides@alaska.gov

LOGPAGE CLARITY: 2011 logbook sheets are designed to be read by an optical scanner. Your cooperation and neatness in reporting minimizes data entry time and cost, and makes the information available sooner.

1. Use clear and legible handwriting. Print: **DO NOT** use cursive.
2. Use a black ink pen; do **NOT** use a pencil or other color pen.
3. Do **not** write in the margins.
4. Do **not** write 0's (zero) if a client **DID NOT** keep or release any fish during a trip, leave the kept and released fields blank.



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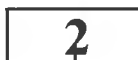


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5. Contain trip information within the boxes and lines provided. Stay within the "bracketed" space allowed:



NO



NO



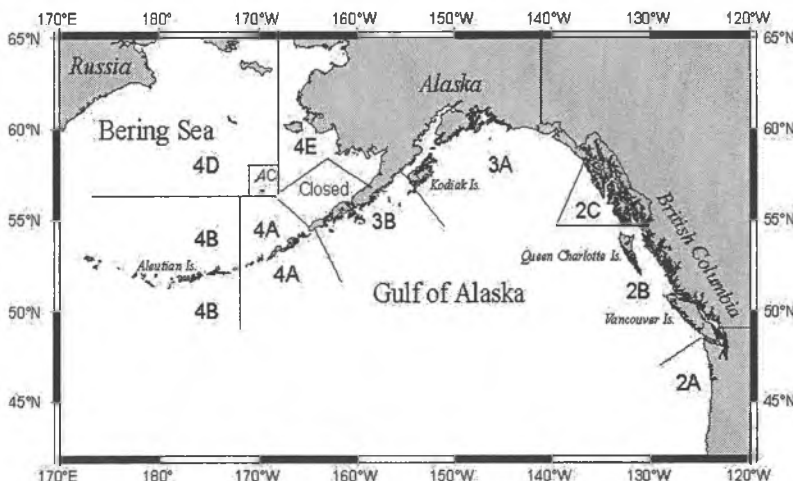
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Single digits should appear in the right hand column.

6. Keep data pages and logbook as clean as possible.

There are numerous differences between State and Federal regulations that govern charter fishing in 2C and 3A, for which all operators must be aware of, and operate under. For Additional information on federal charter logbook requirements for halibut, call NOAA Fisheries Office for Law Enforcement (907) 586-7225.

You must comply with the federal halibut regulations described at:
<http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/regs/summary.htm> and <http://www.iphc.int>
 A summary of the charter halibut fishery federal regulations is available at:
<http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/sustainablefisheries/halibut/sport.htm>





New! This is now the hour in which the trip ENDED.

Both salmon and bottomfish were targeted. This was a 7 hour trip, 3 hours were spent targeting salmon, 4 hours were spent targeting bottomfish.

TRIP INFORMATION

Complete this section on additional pages for trips with more than 10 days in the same trip.

DATE FISHED: 7 / 12 2011 6 AM PM

Salmon: 1 1 2 1 2 0 3

2011 GUIDE LICENSE #: 1 2 8 2 8

Bottomfish: 1 1 2 1 2 0 4

CHARTER HALIBUT PERMIT (CHP) NUMBER: C H P 1 2 3 4 A

New! The complete CHP number MUST be provided. This operator is using more than one CHP on this trip.

MUNITY OR PORT WHERE TRIP ENDED: JUNE AU

INDIVIDUAL ANGLER AND CATCH INFORMATION

Table with columns for License Number, Name, Signature, and various fish species (Salmon, Bottomfish, etc.). Includes entries for Larry Lure, Igot Halibut, Doug Drift, Bryan Baiter, and Frank Fisher.

This angler must provide a signature if halibut were kept in Area 2C.

Next to EVERY fishing license number: Fill in the circle for Nonresident or Resident.

Fill in the circle if the angler is "Comped" or nonpaying. Fill in "Crew" if the angler is a crew member. Doug Drift: is a "comped" resident angler.

Youth angler kept a halibut in Area 2C and must sign on the signature line.

One fish of a species or group not listed on this form was kept. This information is optional.

This license holder had another angler proxy fish for him. Record the beneficiary's license number, first and last name, and write "PROXY" on the signature line.

The guide must sign the bottom of every logsheet for each trip he/she was in charge of.

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TRIP INFORMATION

Complete this section for every trip. Continue on additional pages for trips with more than six anglers in the same trip.

DATE FISHED: _____ / _____ 2011 AM PM
Month Day Hour Trip Ended

2011 GUIDE LICENSE #: _____
(assigned to you by ADF&G)

CHARTER HALIBUT PERMIT (CHP) NUMBER: _____
(check box if more than one CHP is being used on this trip)

C H P _____

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Total Anglers

TARGETED SPECIES / LOCATION FISHED:
(where most fish species were caught)

Salmon: _____ Primary Statistical Area _____ Hours Fished

Bottomfish: _____ Primary Statistical Area _____ Hours Fished

COMMUNITY OR PORT WHERE TRIP ENDED:
(where fish or clients were off-loaded from vessel)

INDIVIDUAL ANGLER AND CATCH INFORMATION

Complete one row below for each angler who fished this trip.

Record sport fishing license number, printed name AND Alaska residency status for all anglers.

Write "YOUTH" in license number field for anglers under 16.

AK Resident Non - Resident Comped Crew	Kept / Released	SALMON							BOTTOMFISH						
		King (28" & larger)	King (under 28")	Coho	Sockeye	Other Salmon	Halibut	Lingcod	Pelagic Rockfish	Yelloweye Rockfish	Nonpelagic Rockfish (excluding Yelloweye)	Sablefish (Black Cod)	Salmon Shark	All Other Fish	

1. _____ K > _____
License Number

_____ R > _____
First Name / Last Name

Signature

2. _____ K > _____
License Number

_____ R > _____
First Name / Last Name

Signature

3. _____ K > _____
License Number

_____ R > _____
First Name / Last Name

Signature

4. _____ K > _____
License Number

_____ R > _____
First Name / Last Name

Signature

5. _____ K > _____
License Number

_____ R > _____
First Name / Last Name

Signature

6. _____ K > _____
License Number

_____ R > _____
First Name / Last Name

Signature

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CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information provided herein is accurate and true. Falsification or omission of information on this form is punishable under AS 11.56.210(a) and 5 AAC 75.076

X

GUIDE SIGNATURE

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Fold and Insert into a Business Envelope and mail to the following address:

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Division of Sport Fish – RTS
Logbook Program**



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Transition Team Topics: Better Integration of Business Intelligence



Professional Sportfishing Guide Services Board

- Assure Alaska's guided sport industry competes favorably with other world class destinations
 - Diligent oversight for sport fishing services industry – like any prudent investments
- Benefits of Industry Recognition & Regulation
 - Logbook program – permanent, vital tool



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February 24, 2011

Representative Steve Thompson, Chairman
House Special Committee on Fisheries
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, 120 Fourth Street
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: Support for HB 173 - An Act amending the termination date of the licensing of sport fishing operators and sport fishing guides; and providing for an effective date.

Dear Chairman Thompson and Committee Members,

UFA supports HB 173, which would extend the sunset date on the sport guide and vessel licensing program from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013. It is essential for the Department of Fish and Game to have a system of registration and communication with operators of fishing guide businesses to be able to measure activity and harvest for effective fisheries management. Without passage of HB 173, the registration and logbook program that is in place will not continue beyond the current year. Without such a system to accomplish the objectives regarding recreational fisheries in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 2005, it is our belief that the State of Alaska would be in jeopardy of losing management jurisdiction over marine fisheries to the federal government.

United Fishermen of Alaska is the largest statewide commercial fishing trade association, representing 38 commercial fishing organizations participating in fisheries throughout the state and its offshore waters.

Sincerely,

Mark Vinsel
Executive Director