

FAQ's

What is the actual regulation being changed?

5 AAC 75.076 is simply changing the year from 2020 to 2021 that references forms used by ADF&G.

Why is this regulation being changed?

A law called the “Alaska Administrative Procedures Act” requires that forms that are referenced in regulation comply with the Alaska Administrative Procedures Act if any changes in the regulatory language occur. This includes a public notice process. In this case, because the year is specifically referenced in the regulatory language, it needs to be changed on a yearly basis in accordance with the Alaska Administrative Procedures Act.

Why does this public notice mention the eLogBook in the public notice?

ADF&G saw this public notice as a good opportunity to also include public outreach notifying industry that use of the eLogbook will be required to report sport fish guiding activities in Southeast Alaska beginning in 2021.

Why will the eLogbook required in Southeast Alaska beginning in 2021?

There is a need for king salmon harvest data to be obtained as timely as possible in order to fulfil Pacific Salmon Treaty obligations.

What if I don't have the internet?

Cell phone or internet connectivity is not required to use the eLogBook. Once the eLogBook program is loaded to your device, internet connectivity is only needed when you submit your eLogBook trip reports.

Does ADF&G supply electronic devices?

No. It is the responsibility of the charter business or guide to have their own electronic device. ADF&G only provides the app. eLogBook is a web-based application that is designed to work on most smartphones, tablets, laptops and desktop computers. The app will automatically scale the content to fit each screen size. Freshwater charter businesses and guides found that smartphones work well, while saltwater users found a tablet or laptop to work best since their clients must certify, by clicking a button on the device, the number of halibut they harvested.

Please note that by using eLogBook instead of the paper logbook, ADF&G is not requiring anything in addition to what is current practice for paper logbooks. The eLogBook is just a different mechanism for providing data to the department. With eLogbook, information is entered into an electronic device, instead of writing the information on a paper form. Also, the submission is now done electronically rather than through the mail. The eLogBook program is designed to be more efficient and user friendly and has features that has the ability to pre-enter the client information before the trip begins and once loaded allows you to carry that client information to the next day. If you fish the same areas, it also allows you to preload those locations, as well as fish species you catch frequently, so the data entry process will be much more efficient than paper logbooks for you. The eLogBook stores and allows you to easily enter previously used information (vessel, guide, waters fished, species harvested or caught) which should expedite the reporting process. Once the eLogBook has been loaded to an electronic device (smartphone, tablet, laptop), you can record trips without internet connectivity. When you return to a location with internet connectivity, you will be able to upload the trip information entered on the device. It also benefits the department by receiving the harvest data in a more timely manner and use that data to manage the SE Alaska king salmon sport fishery within the harvest quota, while providing maximum fishing opportunity.

More information as well as tutorial videos are available on the ADF&G website located here:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=SFGuidesLicense.eLogbook>

To get set up with the eLogBook contact Bob Powers at 907-267-2299 or robert.powers@alaska.gov.