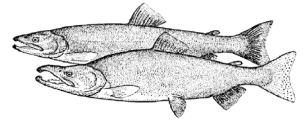




2025 FRESHWATER CHARTER VESSEL REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS



VESSEL REGISTRATION

The following applies to all powered and non-powered vessels being used to conduct guided sport fishing activities:

- For vessel registration purposes, a vessel is defined as any watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. **REGISTRATION EXEMPTION:** personal float tubes.
- Must be currently registered with the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and hold a current AK Boat Number or hold a current U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) documentation number.
- Must be registered with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and display ADF&G sport fish guide vessel decals with the current year stickers, while operating.
- Vessels borrowed or purchased in-season must adhere to the above criteria and display ADF&G sport fish guide vessel decals and year stickers.
- Current ADF&G vessel decals and year stickers validate vessel registration for the season.

Upon registration, each vessel is issued two charter vessel decals (if necessary) and two current year stickers.

VESSEL DECALS/YEAR STICKERS

- One set of ADF&G decals will be issued per registered vessel (if necessary). Each vessel will also be issued two year stickers upon annual registration.
- Decals must be displayed and visible on each side 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 each side 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 USCG documentation number and has been registered with ADF&G.
- Decals are designed to withstand several years of use. Year stickers will be issued as vessels are registered. Year stickers are to be adhered directly to the decal in the designated area.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions or to register a different vessel during the season, please contact:
Division of Sport Fish, Guide Registration and Logbook Program in Anchorage, Alaska at
(907) 267-2369, or (907) 267-2299, or dfg.dsf.guides@alaska.gov.

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 of Fish and Game, Fish and Game peace officer, or law enforcement representative of the State, NOAA, or USCG:

- A current sport fishing guide registration issued by ADF&G;
- A copy of the current ADF&G sport fishing business registration of the guide's employer;
- Current Alaska sport fishing license, tags, stamps or permits that are required to engage in the sport fishery for which the guide services are being provided.
- An identification card issued to the sport fishing guide by a state or federal agency that bears a photo of the sport fishing guide. The identification card **MUST** match the name on the guide license;