
	<b>Application For SALMON FEDERAL FISHERIES PERMIT (SFFP)</b>	United States Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) , Alaska Region Restricted Access Management (RAM) P.O. Box 21668 Juneau, Alaska 99802-1668 Telephone: (800) 304-4846 toll free or (907) 586-7202 Juneau FAX: (907) 586-7354	
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This application is used by the owner or authorized representative of a catcher vessel to obtain, renew, amend, or surrender an SFFP.

**An SFFP is in effect for three years, from effective date through expiration date.**

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

- ◆ Only persons who are U.S. Citizens are authorized to receive or hold a Salmon Federal Fisheries Permit (SFFP).
- ◆ This permit authorizes a person to fish for salmon in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area as defined at 50 CFR 679.112 with a catcher vessel using drift gillnet gear. (*See instructions for additional information*)
- ◆ If ownership in **Block A** has changed or if this is a permit application for a vessel to which an FFP has never been issued, documentation of vessel ownership must be provided with this application. To demonstrate vessel ownership you must provide:
  - for U. S. Coast Guard (USCG) Documented Vessels, a copy of the USCG Abstract of Title or Certificate of Documentation.
  - for undocumented vessels, a copy of the State of Alaska vessel license or registration.

#### **TYPE OF SFFP REGISTRATION**

Indicate the type of request.

- New SFFP  
 Renew SFFP  
 Amend SFFP  
 Surrender SFFP

If this application is submitted to renew, amend, or surrender an existing SFFP, please provide your current SFFP number \_\_\_\_\_

If you are renewing, amending, or surrendering your permit, refer to "General Information" that specifies which sections of the application that must be completed in addition to the amendments being made.

Do you have a Federal Fisheries Permit for Groundfish? If yes, enter FFP #

#### **BLOCK A -- OWNER INFORMATION**

1. Owner Name:	2. NMFS Person ID:
3. Business Mailing Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary	4. Managing Company Name ( <i>if any</i> ):

5. Business Telephone No.:	6. Business Fax No.:	7. Business E-Mail Address:
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**BLOCK B -- VESSEL INFORMATION**

1. Vessel Name:	2. Home Port ( <i>city and state</i> ):	3. ADF&G Processor Code ( <i>if applicable</i> ):
4. Is this vessel a vessel of the United States? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	5. USCG Documentation No.	6. ADF&G Vessel Registration No.
7. Length Overall (LOA) in feet: Registered  Length in feet:	8. Gross Tonnage:  Net Tonnage:	9. Shaft Horsepower:

**BLOCK E -- APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

***Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.*** If authorized representative, attach authorization.

Applicant Name ( <i>please print or type</i> )	Signature	Date
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**PUBLIC REPORTING BURDEN STATEMENT**

A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with an information collection subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 unless the information collection has a currently valid OMB Control Number. The approved OMB Control Number for this information collection is 0648-XXXX. Without this approval, we could not conduct this information collection. Public reporting burden for this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing the instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the information collection. All responses to this information collection are mandatory and required to manage commercial fishing effort in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area under 50 CFR 679 and under 402(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*). Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this information collection, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region, Attn: Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

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### ***PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT***

***AUTHORITY:*** The collection of this information is authorized under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

***PURPOSE:*** A Salmon Federal Fisheries Permit (SFFP) is required for vessels of the United States that are used to fish for salmon in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area. These are non-transferable, 3-year permits, issued on request and without charge to vessel owners. The Magnuson-Stevens Act specifically recognizes the need for permit issuance. The requirement of a permit for marine resource users is one of the regulatory steps taken to carry out conservation and management objectives. The issuance of a permit is an essential ingredient in the management of fishery resources needed for identification of the participants and expected activity levels and for regulatory compliance.

***ROUTINE USES:*** The Department will use this information to determine permit eligibility and to identify fishery participants. All information collections by NMFS Alaska Region are protected under confidentiality provisions of section 402(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act as amended in 2006 (16 U.S.C. 1801, *et seq.*) and under NOAA Administrative Order 216-100, which sets forth procedures to protect confidentiality of fishery statistics. Disclosure of this information is permitted under the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. Section 552a), to be shared within NMFS offices, in order to coordinate monitoring and management of sustainability of fisheries and protected resources, as well as with the applicable State or Regional Marine Fisheries Commissions and International Organizations. Disclosure of this information is also subject to all of the published routine uses as identified in the [Privacy Act System of Records Notice COMMERCE/NOAA-19](#), Permits and Registrations for the United States Federally Regulated Fisheries.

***DISCLOSURE:*** Furnishing this information is mandatory; failure to provide complete and accurate information will prevent the determination of eligibility for a permit.

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Application for Salmon Federal Fisheries Permit

A **Salmon Federal Fisheries Permit (SFFP)** is required for all vessels of the United States used to fish for salmon in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area (§ 679.114). This includes catcher vessels fishing for salmon.

Salmon includes: Chinook, Coho, Chum, Sockeye, Pink.

NMFS uses eLandings, vessel monitoring system (VMS), and other data to determine location and time of catch from each haul or delivery. Data on location and time of catch are combined with information on each groundfish management program to determine what groundfish catch is deducted from the applicable allocation for each groundfish species.

**For information on openings and closures** of Federally managed groundfish fisheries contact NMFS, Alaska Region, Sustainable Fisheries Division, In-Season Management at (907) 586-7228.

Processing salmon in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area is prohibited. Processing or to process means the preparation of, or to prepare, fish or crab to render it suitable for human consumption, industrial uses, or long-term storage, including but not limited to cooking, canning, smoking, salting, drying, freezing, or rendering into meal or oil, but does not mean icing, bleeding, heading, or gutting (see 50 CFR 679.2)

### *GENERAL INFORMATION*

**Note: It is important that all blocks are completed and all necessary documents are attached. Failure to answer any of the questions, provide attachments, or to sign the application could result in delays in the processing of your application.**

- ◆ Complete a separate application for each vessel. Application forms and instructions are also available on the NMFS, Alaska Region website at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>.
- ◆ **ATTACH documentation of vessel ownership** if ownership listed in Block A has changed or if this is a permit application for a vessel for which an SFFP has never been issued. To demonstrate vessel ownership you must provide:
  - For U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Documented Vessels, a copy of the USCG Abstract of Title or Certificate of Documentation
  - For undocumented vessels, a copy of the State of Alaska vessel license or registration.
- ◆ Type or print legibly in ink.
- ◆ Retain a copy of the completed application for your records.

Submit the completed application:

- ◆ by mail to: NMFS, Alaska Region  
Restricted Access Management (RAM)  
P.O. Box 21668  
Juneau, AK 99802
- ◆ by fax to: RAM at (907) 586-7354
- ◆ by delivery to: Federal Building

NMFS Alaska Region (RAM)  
709 W. 9th Street, Suite 713  
Juneau, AK 99801

Please allow at least ten working days for your application to be processed. Do not wait until right before an opening to apply for your permit, as you may not receive it on time.

### **eLandings, eLogbooks, and Logbooks**

All catcher vessels that are issued an SFFP under 50 CFR part 679.114(b) must use a daily fishing logsheet (DFL) to daily record and report salmon.

You may download a DFL separately from the SFFP.

- ◆ by website at <http://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/comment/lborderform.aspx>

Additional information about this application or permit is available from Restricted Access Management (RAM), as follows:

**Website:** <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>

**Telephone (toll free):** 800-304-4846 (press “2”)

**Telephone (in Juneau):** 907-586-7202 (press “2”)

**E-Mail:** RAM.Alaska@noaa.gov

## ***COMPLETING THE APPLICATION***

### **TYPE OF SFFP REGISTRATION**

Indicate the type of request: New SFFP, Renew SFFP, Amend SFFP, or Surrender SFFP. If this application is submitted to renew, amend, or surrender an existing SFFP, please provide your current SFFP number.

**NOTE:** If you are surrendering your permit, complete **Block A** and **Block B**, sign the application in **Block E**, and **submit to NMFS**.

### **BLOCK A -- OWNER INFORMATION**

1. Name. Enter the full name(s) of the owner(s) of the vessel listed in **Block B**.

**NOTE:** If there is more than one owner, list the principal owner first. The permit will be issued to the first owner listed, with *et al.* notation. The permit MUST be issued to the owner of the vessel, not to operators or lessees.

2. NMFS Person ID.

3. Permanent Business Mailing Address. Indicate whether the address is permanent or temporary. Enter your complete **permanent** business mailing address, including street or P.O. Box, city, state, and zip code. Your permit will be sent to this address, unless otherwise notified.

Temporary Business Mailing Address. Address you want the permit sent if somewhere other than to the permanent address. Include street or P.O. Box number, city, state, and zip code.

4. Managing Company. Enter the name of the company, other than the owner, that manages the operations of the vessel (if any).
- 5-7. Business Telephone No., Fax No., and e-mail Address. Enter the business telephone number and business fax number including area code, and business e-mail address (if available) that are used by the vessel owner. It is very important that you provide a number where we can contact you, or where we can leave messages for you. If questions arise concerning your application, and we are unable to contact you, issuance of your permit will be delayed.

## **BLOCK B -- VESSEL INFORMATION**

1. Enter the complete vessel name as displayed in the official documentation.
2. Enter the home port (city and state) as recorded in official documentation.
3. Enter State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) Processor Code.
4. Answer YES or NO if this vessel is a vessel of the United States.
5. Enter U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) documentation number (example: 566722).
6. Enter the 5-digit ADF&G vessel registration number (example: 51233).
7. Enter the vessel's length overall (LOA) in feet and registered length in feet.

The **LOA** of a vessel means the centerline longitudinal distance, rounded to the nearest foot, measured between:

- ◆ the outside foremost part of the vessel visible above the waterline, including bulwarks, but excluding bowsprits and similar fittings or attachments, and
  - ◆ the outside aftermost part of the vessel visible above the waterline including bulwarks, but excluding rudders, outboard motor brackets, and similar fittings or attachments.
8. Enter registered gross tonnage (U.S. tons) and net tonnage (U.S. tons) as stated in the official documentation.
  9. Enter the shaft horsepower.

Vessels participating in the salmon fisheries in the Cook Inlet EEZ Area off Alaska are required to have on board and use a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) while the fisheries are open, regardless of where the vessel is fishing at the time (including Alaska State waters) or what the vessel is targeting.

## **BLOCK E -- APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

The owner or authorized representative must print name, sign, and date the application certifying that all information is true and correct. The application will be considered incomplete without this signature. If the application is completed by the applicant's authorized representative, then proof of authorization must accompany the application.