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TO ALL PERMIT HOLDERS, PROCESSORS AND BUYERS OF UPPER COOK INLET SALMON:

As the 2024 fishing season is rapidly approaching, this is an appropriate time to remind you of some important catch reporting requirements.

Catch reporting responsibilities for the 2024 season will be the same in State of Alaska waters as in previous years. Catch figures need to be reported to ADF&G no later than 12:00 noon on the day following a fishing period. Early reports are very much appreciated. The sooner you can summarize and tabulate your purchases and report these figures to us, the more lead time we will be able to provide in announcing additional fishing periods, if warranted. In addition to the call-in, emailed, or faxed reports, **the yellow ADF&G copy of all paper fish tickets and the ADF&G copy of E-landings or T-landings tickets must be turned into a department representative at your local ADF&G office within 7 days after landing.** The ADF&G offices in Soldotna, Homer and Anchorage are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. **Additionally, the yellow ADF&G copy of all paper fish tickets and the ADF&G copy of E-landings or T-landings tickets can be mailed to the Soldotna Fish and Game office within 7 days after landing.** Please note that all salmon retained for personal use by permit holders need to be reported on a fish ticket and included in your report to ADF&G. A sample paper fish ticket and electronic fish ticket have been included in this packet for those not familiar with how fish tickets are to be filled out.

ADF&G is keenly aware of the logistical challenges many of you face in receiving fish at your plant or buying stations and then getting all of this information recorded on fish tickets. You and your permit holders operate in an environment where accurate determination of pounds of fish is critical. While ADF&G supports this effort, it is just as important to accurately report the number of fish you purchase. In fact, the following statute (16.05.690(a)) and regulation (5 AAC 39.130) legally obligate you to accurately report **numbers** of fish. If physically counting the number of fish you purchase is just too time consuming, then please sub-sample during each fishing period to determine the average weight, i.e., count and weigh one hundred fish or count and weigh a tote to determine an average weight per fish per species. This data is critical to the department so we can make important inseason management decisions about various fisheries. The common practice of dividing the total weight of a permit holders' catch by a "guess" of the average weight per species (for example, 6lbs or 7lbs for sockeye salmon) **is not acceptable.**

There are several permitting and registration requirements a company must meet before operating for the season. First, buyers and processors must have a current Fishery Business License with the Department of Revenue (DOR) valid for the calendar year they are operating. For help with your Fishery Business License contact DOR at (907) 269-6620. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) works with DOR to send your fish tickets and code plates after your Fishery Business License is approved. You do not need to request these materials separately. Second, if you are processing, packaging, or transporting commercially harvested fish you may need additional permitting from the Alaska Department of Conservation (DEC). To learn more about these requirements contact DEC at (907) 269-7628. Lastly, you must register your fishing area with the ADF&G, Division of Commercial Fisheries office in Soldotna prior to taking the first delivery.

A catcher-seller permit allows a CFEC permit holder to sell their unprocessed catch directly to the public from their harvesting vessel or from the dock. A catcher-seller cannot process their catch and cannot have a processor custom process their catch for them. Filleting and freezing are considered processing and would not be allowed with a Catcher-Seller permit. The catcher-seller permit is issued by ADF&G and applications can be submitted by paper or

through the Department of Revenue online system. This permit must be renewed every calendar year to be valid. For further information see the Catcher-Seller Handout on Figure 4.

A fish transporter works on behalf of the CFEC permit holder to remove the catch from the harvesting vessel, transport, and sell the catch to a licensed processor or directly to the public (if the CFEC permit holder holds a Catcher-Seller permit). Fish transporters can only transport Pacific cod, salmon, and herring. The fish transporter permit is issued by ADF&G and applications can be submitted through the Department of Revenue online system. This permit must be renewed every calendar year to be valid. For further information see the Fish Transporters FAQ on Figure 5.

Following is a brief outlook for the 2024 commercial salmon fishing season. For the entire set gillnet and drift gillnet outlooks, please see the following links.

Set Gillnet: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/applications/dcfnewsrelease/1572205577.pdf>

Drift Gillnet: <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/applications/dcfnewsrelease/1577121005.pdf>

In 2024, a run of approximately 5.72 million sockeye salmon is forecast to return to UCI with an estimate of 3.72 million available for harvest. This UCI forecast is average compared to historical total run estimates from 1986 to present.

The Kenai River sockeye salmon forecast is approximately 3.38 million fish. The 2024 Kenai River forecast is 500,000 (14%) fish less than the historical (1986–2023) average run of 3.88 million, but 215,000 (6%) fish more than the recent 10-year (2014–2023) average run.

The Kasilof River sockeye salmon run forecast is approximately 1.12 million fish. The 2024 forecast is 201,000 fish (20%) greater than the historical (1986–2023) average run of 0.91 million fish and 174,000 fish (17%) greater than the recent 10-year (2014–2023) average run.

All Cook Inlet set gillnet permit holders are required to register for one of three Cook Inlet areas prior to fishing. The registration areas are: 1) Upper Subdistrict of the Central District; 2) Northern District; or, 3) all remaining areas of Cook Inlet (Greater Cook Inlet). Once registered for one of these three areas, permit holders may fish only in that area for the remainder of the year. No transfers will be permitted. Dual permit holders must register both permits in the same registration area. Set gillnet permit holders fishing in the Northern District or the Greater Cook Inlet area can register in person at department offices in Soldotna, Homer, or Anchorage, or by mail, or electronically (more information about electronic registration can be found in the following paragraph). Mail-in forms are available at area offices or on the department's homepage under "Registration Forms" at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareauci.salmon#management>

Permit holders wishing to register in person for the Upper Subdistrict of the Central District must register in the **Soldotna ADF&G office** and must purchase buoy stickers at the time of registering. Permit holders will need to register and purchase buoy stickers for the Upper Subdistrict if they are participating in the commercial dip net fishery. Electronic registration and buoy sticker purchasing, formerly offered by UCIERA, can now be done online using your myADFG profile. Detailed instructions for online registration and buoy sticker purchasing can be found online at: https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/fishing/PDFs/commercial/registration_buoys_tags_stickers_guide.pdf. Permit holders will need to create an ADF&G profile to access the new registration/sticker application. If permit holders have any questions about the new online registration process, please contact the Soldotna ADF&G office.

If you have any questions concerning catch reporting or any uncertainties about how to fill out fish tickets or complete the electronic registration process, please contact Cyndy Walgenbach at 260-2910/262-9368 or Lucas Stumpf at 260-2916. If you would like an electronic copy of the buyer's report form, please contact our office and we would be happy to email you a copy.

For questions regarding the upcoming fishing season and management scenarios, please contact either Colton Lipka (260-2907) or Lucas Stumpf (260-2916). As always, the commercial fisheries information line (recorded message) is 262-9611. A new email address has been created for the UCI fish ticket clerk, any inquiries and/or submissions regarding fish tickets should be sent to the address: dfg.dcf.uci.fishtickets@alaska.gov

Please send all UCI salmon fish tickets and summary forms to:

ATTN: Cyndy Walgenbach

Alaska Department of Fish and Game
43961 Kalifornsky Beach Rd., Suite B
Soldotna, AK 99669

email: dfg.dcf.uci.fishtickets@alaska.gov

FAX reports to 262-4709

CALL reports to 260-2910 OR 262-9368
(please leave a message during non-business hours)

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME SALMON BUYERS REPORT SET GILLNET

Company: _____

Prepared By: _____

Fishing Period Date: _____

Time: _____

AREA	No. of Deliveries	No. of Kings	No. of Reds	No. of Coho	No. of Pinks	No. of Chums
Central District						
Upper Subdistrict (Set gillnet or dip net)						
Ninilchik - 244-21						
Cohoe - 244-22						
Kasilof River SHA - 244-25						
South K-Beach 244-31						
North K-Beach 244-32						
Salamatof - 244-41						
East Forelands - 244-42						

Western Subdistrict						
Silver Salmon - 245-20						
Tuxedni Bay - 245-30						
Polly Creek - 245-40						
Little Jack Slough - 245-50						

Kustatan Subdistrict						
Big River - 245-55						
W. Foreland - 245-60						

Chinitna Bay						
Chinitna Bay - 245-10						

Kalgin Island						
West Side- 246-10						
East Side - 246-20						

Northern District						
General Subdistrict						
Trading Bay - 247-10						
Tyonek - 247-20						
Beluga - 247-30						
Su Flats - 247-41						
Pt. Mackenzie - 247-42						
Fire Island - 247-43						

Eastern Subdistrict						
Pt Possession - 247-70						
Birch Hill - 247-80						
#3 Bay - 247-90						

Report Numbers of Fish & Deliveries Only by completing this form and emailing to:
dfg.dcf.uci.fishtickets@alaska.gov OR calling in by NOON the day after an opener: 907-260-2910.

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME SALMON BUYERS REPORT DRIFT GILLNET

Company: _____ Prepared By: _____

Fishing Period Date: _____ Time: _____

AREA	No. of Deliveries	No. of Kings	No. of Reds	No. of Coho	No. of Pinks	No. of Chums
Central District						
Northeast Drift - 244-50						
Middle East Drift - 244-70						
Northwest Drift - 245-70						
Middle West Drift - 245-80						
Southwest Drift - 245-90						
Kasilof River SHA - 244-26						
Kenai Corridor Only - 244-51						
Kasilof Corridor only - 244-61						
Full Corridor - 244-55						
Expanded Kenai Corridor 244-52						
Expanded Kasilof Corridor 244-62						
Expanded Full Corridor 244-56						
Anchor Point Section 244-63						
Full Expanded & AP Sec. 244-57						
Kasilof Terminal Area - 244-26						

Federal Fishery						
UCI EEZ 244-64						

Chinitna Bay						
Drift - 245-10						

Report Numbers of Fish & Deliveries Only by completing this form and emailing to:
dfg.dcf.uci.fishtickets@alaska.gov OR calling in by NOON the day after an opener: 907-260-2910.

Here is a sample fish ticket.

Please Note the Following:

PLACE WRAPAROUND COVER UNDER GREEN COPY

WHITE – PURCHASER YELLOW – FISH & GAME PINK – SELLER GREEN – PURCHASER

PURCHASER
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME
GENERAL SALMON TICKET

Vessel Name For drift, enter boat name

Fishery **SALMON SET CI**

Name **PERMIT HOLDER NAME**

Permit **S04H99999C**

Number **1301N 99999 99**

Proc. Code **F1111 9 13**

Company **Processor Name**

07/01/13 ← Date Landed

Clam Gulch ← Area Caught
 (Nearest bay or headland)

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE **A13 037876**

ADF&G NO. **Setnet - leave blank**
Drift, enter ADF&G no

Tender ADF&G No. _____

Date Caught _____

STATISTICAL AREA	
Stat. Area	%
244-21	100

Dual Permit No. **S03H99999X**

Permit Card info (Required. Instructions on cover.)
13 01 X

Salmon – Deliv. Code is required. See Ticket Book Cover for instructions.						
SPECIES	CODE	DELIV. CODE	NO. OF FISH	POUNDS	PRICE	AMOUNT
Kings	410	01	6	129		
Reds	420	01	1,215	7,408		
Cohos	430	01	240	788		
Pinks	440					
Chums	450					
Salmon Roe and Other Species – Species Code and Deliv. Code required.						
Subtotal			1,461	8,325		
Less Salmon Enhancement Tax @						
TOTAL			1,461	8,325		
NOT SOLD/PERSONAL USE - 95		NOT SOLD/PERSONAL USE - 95		PARTIAL DELIVERY		
SPECIES	NUMBER	SPECIES	NUMBER	Ticket No.		
430	15			Processor		

Cash Advance _____ Fish Received by **Signed by person receiving the fish**

Permit Holder's Signature _____ **Must be signed by CFEC permit holder**

I HEREBY ATTEST THAT THESE FISH WERE CAUGHT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADF&G REGULATIONS.

Vessel Name: for set gillnets, you can leave blank or enter an R. Setnet skiff names are not required here. Drift vessel name **must** be entered here.

Permit Information: Please, please, please make sure the permit holder name, permit number with check digit, and all numbers from the CFEC card are legible.

Proc. Code: every fish ticket must have this clearly recorded. For catcher-sellers, this is the little plate number you received with your fish tickets and starts with the letter C.

Date Caught: if you enter in the wrong date, for example, a day in which the fishery was closed, and then you sign the fish ticket, this is a citable offense.

Statistical Area: Please ensure this is entered and correct. Like the date caught, if you enter a stat area that was closed, you have attested to fishing in closed waters.

Dual Permit No: this is where the second permit from Drift D-boats is entered. Fill out both lines.

Harvest Data: please enter in the no. of fish and pounds of fish; we ask that you don't guess how many fish; at least do a subsample to obtain an average weight that can be divided into the total pounds purchased, which will provide a more accurate number of fish.

Personal Use: all fish not sold, and retained for personal use **must** be recorded here. We only need the number of fish by species, not pounds of fish.

All tickets must be signed by the permit holder and the person receiving the fish. For catcher-sellers, only the permit holder needs to sign. Please note that when the permit holder signs the fish ticket they are attesting that the information on the fish ticket is correct.

DUAL Permit Holder's must have second signature somewhere on the ticket if it is 2 separate people.

SYNOPSIS OF JOINT OPERATION OF 200 FATHOMS FOR DRIFT GILLNET PERMIT HOLDERS

1. D-boat operators do NOT have to register with ADF&G.
2. Must display a “D” 12 inches high on both sides of the boat when fishing 200 fathoms of gear.
3. Can use up to 200 fathoms in all areas, except the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area. Both permit holders must be aboard anytime 200 fathoms of gear is being fished.
4. The “D” must be covered if only one permit holder is aboard at any time gear will be deployed. In addition, if only one permit holder is aboard, and the boat is fishing, only 150 fathoms can be on the reel and the additional 50 fathoms (or any amount of gear over 150 fathoms) must be put in a bag and secured.
5. If two permit holders are on one vessel, it is allowable to have 200 fathoms of gear on board and on the reel when transiting through areas where the legal limit of gear is less than 200, fathoms as long as no portion of the net is deployed into the water. As of 2017, you may have 200 fathoms of gear on your reel when fishing in the Kasilof River Special Harvest Area, but are limited to fishing only 50 fathoms of gear.

Fish Tickets and D-boat Fishing

Paper fish tickets allow for the identification of the second permit holder's information when drift D-boat fishing. As you can see below, there is a dedicated section on the fish ticket (see red arrow) to check for dual permits. When D-boat fishing occurs, you check the dual permit box and record the second permit holder's permit number and the numbers that occur on the last line of the fisherman's permit card (an example is provided below). Although there is no dedicated location for dual permit holders to sign, the second permit holder **MUST** sign the fish ticket somewhere on the dual-permit ticket.

PLACE WRAPAROUND COVER UNDER GREEN COPY

WHITE – PURCHASER

YELLOW – FISH & GAME

PINK – SELLER

GREEN – PURCHASER

PURCHASER

**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME
GENERAL SALMON TICKET**

Vessel Name **VESSEL NAME**

Fishery **SALMON DRIFT CI**
Name **PERMIT HOLDER NAME**
Permit **S03H 12345X**
Number **1301W**

Proc. Code **F1111 9 13**

Company **Processor Name**

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
A13 037876

ADF&G NO.
12345

Tender ADF&G No.

Date Caught

07/01/13

Date Landed

STATISTICAL AREA	
Stat. Area	%
244-60	100

Dual Permit No. **S03H99999X**



Tuxedni Bay
(Nearest bay or headland)

Area Caught

Permit Card info (Required. Instructions on cover.)
13 01 X

Electronic tickets (see below for an example of an e-ticket) allow for the identification of the presence of a second permit holder (a check box). **The second permit holder's serial number must either be handwritten or embossed on the ticket and the second permit holder MUST sign the e-ticket in the designated location.**

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH & GAME
ELECTRONIC SALMON TICKET

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

PURCHASER

D20 000293

Statistical Area Worksheet			
Stat. Area	%	Stat. Area	%
101-95	100		
Nearest Bay/Headland:		Netsa Bay	

Vessel BARRACUDA
ADF&G NO. 14326
Permit S15B 00129Q 2001P
TOM TROLLER

Mgmt Pgm LE
Tender ADF&G No. 34365
Tender Name HALO

Port of Landing or off-shore operation type

COR Cordova

Type of Gear used

15 Power gurdy troll

Mag Stripe Read

Owner: T0014 TRAINING PROCESSOR
14

Start Date Caught 05/20/2020
Date Landed 05/20/2020
Time of Landing 10:01
Fishing Period

Partial Delivery Dock Delivery
 Dual Permit Floating
 Double Brailers Slide
 QA Graph Deck Load
 Brailers Met Criteria Scale Loss

Custom Processor:

SPECIES	STAT AREA	DEL. COND	NUM	POST TARE	DISP.	SIZE & GRADE	GRD/PRC WEIGHT	PRICE	AMOUNT
410 Kings		04 Gutted	2	24	60 Sold				
420 Reds		04 Gutted	1	6	60 Sold				
430 Silvers		04 Gutted	2	11	60 Sold				
440 Pinks		04 Gutted	2	10	60 Sold				
450 Chums		01 Whole	106	880	60 Sold				
Total:			113	931			0		\$0.00

I HEREBY ATTEST THAT THESE FISH WERE CAUGHT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADF&G REGULATIONS.

Permit Holder's Signature _____

Dual Permit Holder's Signature _____

Fish Received by _____

Date _____

Target Species

Kings Coho Chums Pinks

Taxes	Rate	Amount
Less Salmon Enhancement Tax		
Other		
Total		

Landing Report ID: 19770498

CFEC Serial Number: 38

Kings Count: 2 Avg. Wt: 13.6 Amount:
Reds Count: 1 Avg. Wt: 6.5 Amount:
Silvers Count: 2 Avg. Wt: 6.0 Amount:
Pinks Count: 2 Avg. Wt: 5.5 Amount:
Chums Count: 106 Avg. Wt: 8.3 Amount:

Dual Permit: S15B 00146K 2001R **TIM TANNERMAN**

Figure 1. Map of Upper Cook Inlet set gillnet commercial fishing statistical areas.

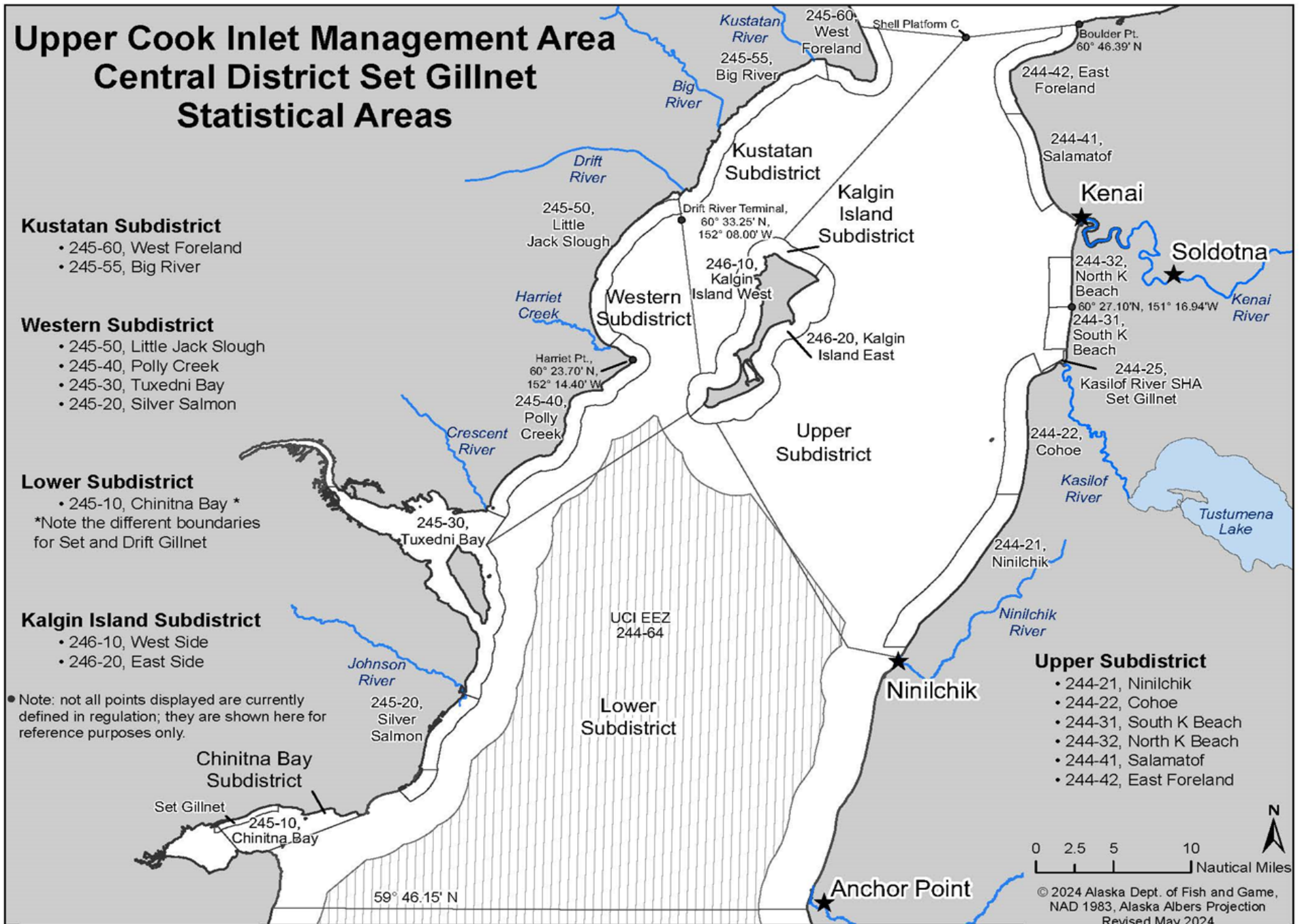


Figure 2. Map of Upper Cook Inlet drift gillnet commercial fishing statistical areas.

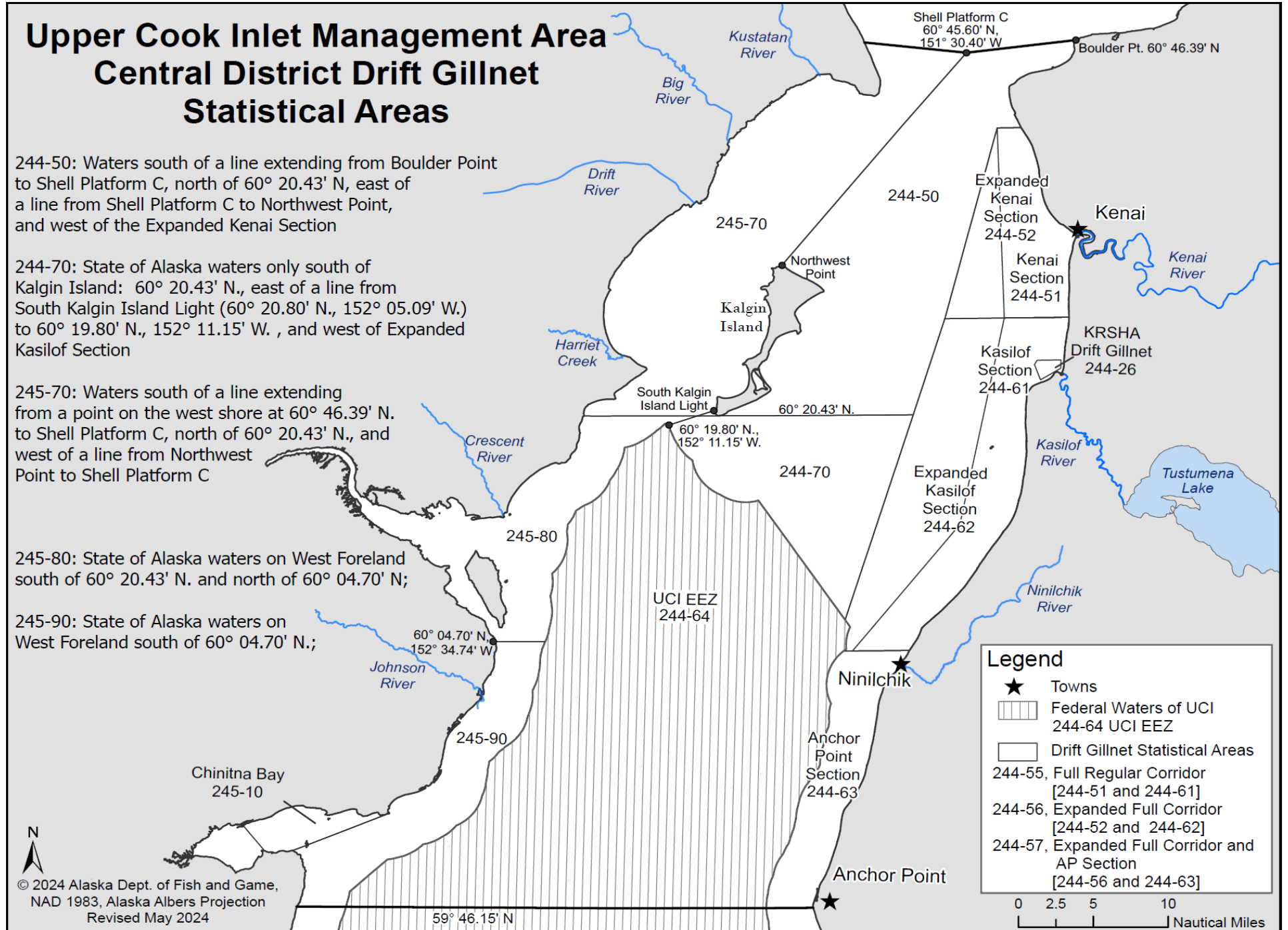
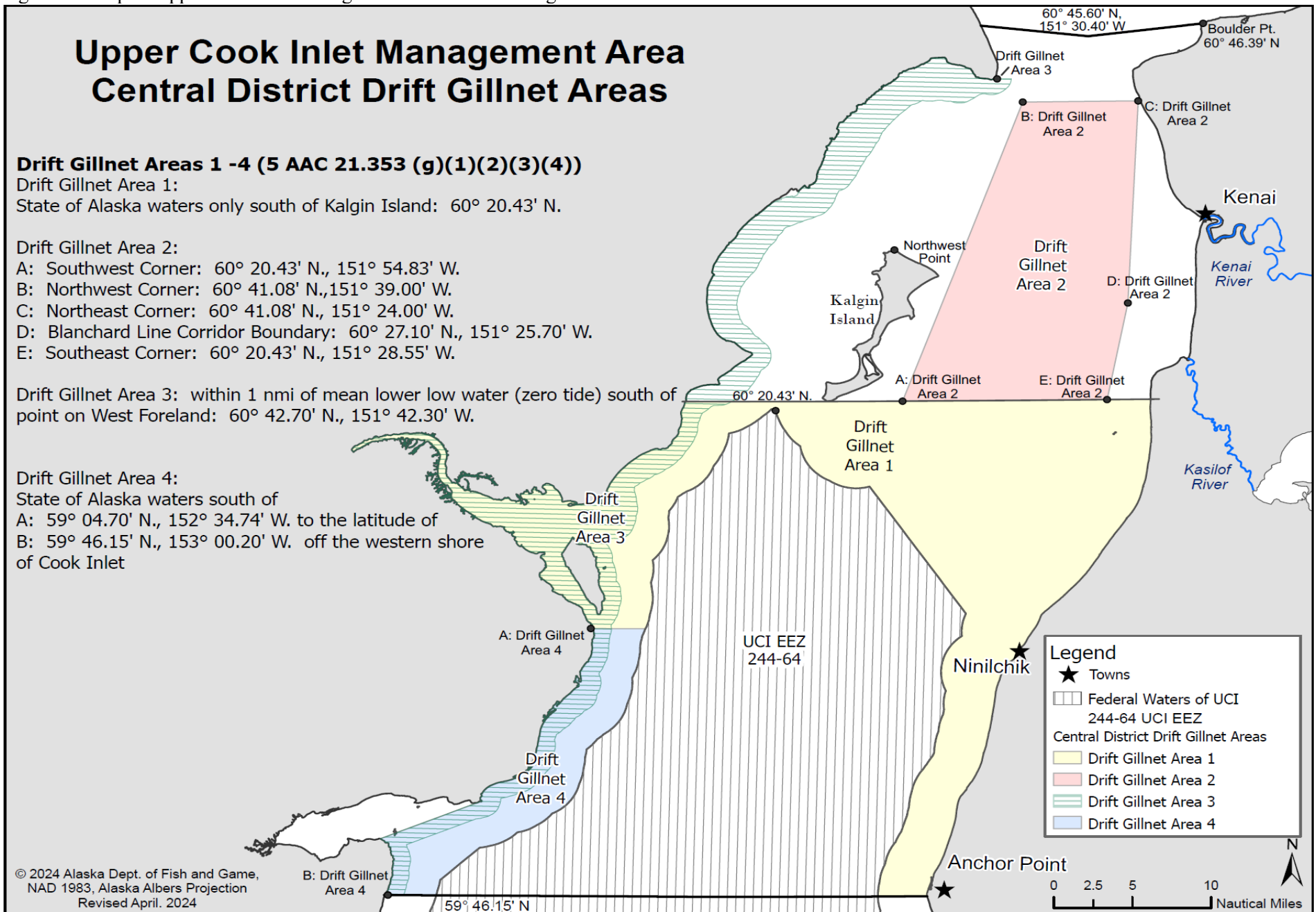


Figure 3 – Map of Upper Cook Inlet drift gillnet commercial fishing areas.



Selling Fish as a Catcher/Seller

Do you fit these criteria?

- I want to sell my catch directly to the public within the state
- I do not want to process my catch or have custom processing done for me.

Do you have the permits you need?

- You need a current CFEC Permit. For questions, call CFEC at 907-789-6150 CFEC permits can be renewed online at:
<https://www.cfec.state.ak.us/Leon/>
- A Catcher/Seller Permit allows you to sell your unprocessed catch directly to the public. For questions call ADF&G at (907) 465-6131
You can apply online through the Department of Revenue:
<https://online-tax.alaska.gov/ATP/WebDoc/>
You can also email or mail your application to ADF&G:
<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/license/fishing/pdfs/1100-539.pdf>
- If you intend to transport your catch in Alaska or remove your fish from your vessel you may need a DEC processing permit. For questions DEC can be reached at: 907-269-7501.

What else will you need?

- Fish Tickets must be submitted to ADF&G within 7 days of landing. A Fish Ticket for each Landing not for each sale.
Review instructions here:

https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/license/fishing/pdfs/adfg_ft_cover_letter_instructions.pdf

- If selling by the pound you must have a certified scale from DOT.
Fishermen may share a certified scale.

Operations in Southeast should contact the Juneau office at (907)-365-1222

Operations north of Yakutat, on the Aleutian Chain and central Alaska should contact the Anchorage office at (907) 365-1222

Operations occurring in the Interior, Nome, Bethel, and outlying communities should contact the Fairbanks office at (907) 451-3134

- Contact your local ADF&G office prior to operating to obtain instructions on reporting and registration requirements in your fishery.

Please contact the Seafood Industry Technician at (907) 465-6131 or dfg.seafood-coord@alaska.gov if you have questions.

Fish Transporters FAQ

A fish transporter works on behalf of the fisher. They can remove the catch from the vessel with an accompanying fish ticket and transport the catch to a buyer. Because the transporter never buys the catch, they do not need a code plate and will not put their processor code (beginning with T) on the code plate section of a ticket. Though they should handwrite this number on the margins of the ticket.

What can I transport:

Legally harvested Pacific cod, salmon, and herring. Any other fishery will need to use a tender for transportation.

How can I transport it:

Transporting legally harvested fish can occur by vessel, aircraft, vehicle, four wheeler, etc. Check with the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for guidance on proper storage and transportation of seafood for human consumption.

Does a transporter vessel need to be registered with the Commercial fisheries entry commission?

A vessel used to transport fish under the Fish Transporter Permit must have a valid commercial fishing vessel license issued by the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission (CFEC). This includes skiffs transporting salmon from set net sites if the CFEC permit holder is not present in the skiff at the time the fish is being transported. Vessel license application forms are available online at <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/> or by calling (907) 789-6160.

Does a transporter need to have a crewmember's license?

The fish transporter and any crewmembers working on fish transport vessels must have crewmember licenses. Crewmember licenses may be purchased online from ADF&G at <https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/store/>, through a licensed vendor, or by calling (907) 465-2376. Crewmember licenses are only required if transporting fish aboard a vessel. Float plane, airplane, vehicle and four wheeler operators do not require crewmember licenses.

Please contact the Seafood Industry Technician at (907) 465-6131 or dfg.seafood-coord@alaska.gov if you have questions.

Can a transporter mix fisher's catch?

ADF&G regulations do not require the catch to be kept separate, but DEC must be contacted and approve the transporters plan to store the fish prior to operation. DEC requirements may necessitate keeping catch from each fisher separate.

Do Fish tickets need to be fully filled out?

Fish transporters can transport fish with a partially filled out ticket, the processor code section will be stamped by the buyer of the catch, and an accurate weight will be written in at that time. Follow this [link](#) for instructions on properly filling out a fish ticket.

Does the fisher hiring the Fish Transporter need a Catcher-Seller Permit?

If the transporter plans to sell to the public, the fisher that hires them must be a catcher-seller to complete the code plate section of the fish ticket. If the transporter plans to sell to a licensed processor, then the fisher does not need to be a catcher-seller.

Fish transporters may only transport fish from a person who holds a CFEC commercial fishing permit for the species, area, and gear type used to harvest the fish being transported, or a landing permit issued by CFEC.

Does a Catcher-Seller need a Fish Transporter permit to transport their own catch?

A Catcher-Seller may transport their own catch without a fish transporter permit. In this scenario, a fish ticket must be filled out completely when the catch is removed from the harvesting vessel. A copy of the ticket must accompany the catch from then on. Catcher-Sellers must contact DEC to approve the method of transportation after the catch is removed from the harvesting vessel.

Do I need to carry an ID?

Yes, all fish transporters must be ready to show a picture ID and fish transporter approval letter when participating in transporting activities.

Does this permit expire?

Yes, all Fisheries Business Licenses and ADF&G only permits expire on December 31st of the license year.

Please contact the Seafood Industry Technician at (907) 465-6131 or dfg.seafood-coord@alaska.gov if you have questions.