



Dear Alaska Sport Fishing Charter Business Owner and/or Guide,

You are receiving this letter because you were a registered sport fishing charter business owner or guide in 2025, or you recently registered with us for the first time in 2026.

I am writing to remind you of our requirements in 2026 and to inform you of some recent updates to the program and registration process.

Upcoming Charter Meetings:

We will be hosting virtual charter meetings in April/May as well as our annual in-person charter meetings. Times and dates are TBD, but in-person meetings will be held in the following locations:

Anchorage
Seward
Homer
Kodiak
Juneau

!! 2026 REMINDERS !!

All saltwater charter activity must be reported to ADF&G using the electronic logbook (eLogbook). eLogbook links remain the same from year to year, meaning businesses that operated in 2025 will use the eLogbook links from last season. To activate your eLogbook for 2026 you must first register your business with ADF&G. eLogbooks for new businesses will be sent to the business owner upon request. If you need assistance, please reach out to: ben.jevons@alaska.gov or kayla.buster@alaska.gov to receive your links. eLogbook information, including tutorial videos, can be found [here](#).

Certify your trips! By law, eLogbook entries and backup/transcription paper logbooks **must be certified prior to offloading fish or clients** (if no fish were caught). This means finalizing your entry and initialing using the  button or signing the bottom for the paper backup/transcription page.

All charter businesses, guides, and vessels engaged in charter fishing must be registered with ADF&G, regardless of water type. Freshwater vessels must be registered, even though there is no reporting requirement for freshwater!

REGISTRATION: Businesses, Guides, and Vessels

Who needs to register?

All businesses, guides, and vessels engaging in guided sport fishing activity in salt or fresh waters must register in 2026. Registration continues to be free in 2026.

How can I register my business and guides?

You may register online or in-person:

Method	Processing Time
Online via the Online Store	3 business days
By Mail via the Renewal Application (for business and guide registrations)	21 business days
In Person at any ADF&G Office	3 business days. 14-day temp number issued immediately

Registration cards will be emailed within 3 business days of applying (online or in-person). If you do not receive your card in 3 business days, please check your spam folder prior to contacting ADFG. Print your card and carry it with you. Failure to do so may result in citations.

How do I register my charter vessels (get my annual vessel year stickers)?

Remember: Vessels must be registered with DMV/USCG and ADF&G annually! Just like businesses must have a valid State of Alaska business license **and** an ADF&G business registration, vessels must have their DMV or USCG registration **and** receive ADF&G registrations (year stickers, backup logbooks, registration forms). Vessels can be registered 1 of 2 ways:

- 1) Using your ADF&G eLogbook Review Application: stickers and backup logbooks will be mailed to you.
- 2) Visiting your local ADF&G office.

Vessel registration forms will be mailed to you once processed. In addition to your annual year stickers, please carry these with you while on the water as proof of registration.

For additional information please refer to the [ADF&G sport fishing guide website](#).

If you have questions or need help with registering, please contact:

ADF&G Guide Registrations:
907-267-2369
anneloes.tyers@alaska.gov

What do I need to carry with me while guiding?

Do not operate until you have received the materials below

Carry With You	Notes
eLogbooks 5 AAC 75.075(g)(1)(B)	Only needed while guiding in saltwater (freshwater logbook program ended in 2019)
Vessel Registration (annual year stickers + registration page)	Required for both freshwater and saltwater. Always carry your registration paperwork with you and have the correct year stickers and ADF&G decals clearly visible on both sides of your vessel (affixed to hull/sides/plexiglass).
Guide Registration (GL#)	Must be printed and carried with you. Cards are not valid until you print them.
Business Registration (BL#)	Guides must carry a current physical (printed) copy of the business registration for the guide's employer. The vessel must be registered to this business.
Sport Fishing Licenses and Permits 5 AAC 75.075(g)(5)	Guides must carry a valid State of Alaska sport fishing license and must ensure their clients possess a valid sport fishing license or harvest card for any trips in salt or freshwater. Also, any permits, tags, stamps or permits for the fishery.
Identification	Guides and clients must carry a valid state/federal ID that matches their registration information.

CHARTER TRIP REPORTING

Who needs to report?

Freshwater reporting is not required. Freshwater guides must still register businesses, guides, and vessels with ADF&G. All saltwater charter operators must report their charter activity.

eLogbooks are set up by ADF&G and are business specific. Links to a business' eLogbook will be emailed to the business on file. For assistance with getting set up or for technical support please contact:

Ben Jevons:
907-267-2299
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Kayla Buster:
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eLogbook FAQs:

For a complete list of eLogbook FAQs please visit our [FAQ page](#), or visit the [eLogbook section of our website](#) for instructional videos and content.



Recreational Quota Entity (RQE):

A Recreational Quota Entity (RQE) halibut ‘stamp’ will be required for all anglers over the age of 18 who intend to harvest halibut by charter vessel in IPHC areas 2C or 3A. This is an industry-designed program that will be administered by NMFS in collaboration with ADF&G. Revenue generated from the sale of stamps will be used to purchase commercial halibut quota that will be added to the annual allocation of halibut to the charter sector. The purpose of this is to increase halibut allocation to the charter sector and reduce the management measures required to remain within allocation.

For information on how to validate stamps in the ADF&G eLogbook please refer to the tutorial video [located here](#).

For more detailed information please contact:

- eFish and RQE stamp purchases: NMFS RAM Division (800)304-4846
- RQE and regulations: NMFS Sustainable Fisheries Division (907)586-7228
- Online resources including the [Charter Halibut Stamp Program FAQ's and Small Entity Compliance Guide](#) can be found here: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/pacific-halibut-recreational-quota-entity-program-fee-collection>

OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR 2026

Do I need to register if I take clients crabbing and shrimping?

If you are guiding in the Personal Use fishery only, no you do not.

If you are guiding anglers in shellfish harvest under sport regulations, yes. Per [5AAC75.075\(e\)](#) an owner must register before providing sport fishing services. These are defined in [5AAC75.995\(43\)](#) and include “providing assistance, for compensation or with the intent to receive compensation, to a person engaged in sport fishing in taking or attempting to take fish or shellfish [...]”

Do I need to fill out crab and shrimp harvest in a logbook or eLogbook?

If taking clients fishing on a Personal Use Permit, no, you do not.

If crabbing on a traditional sport fishing license, yes. All charter operators facilitating the deployment of shellfish gear and the harvest of shellfish must report this activity using eLogbook. Clients must set and retrieve the gear themselves for this to remain legal. Guides may not deploy gear, use gear labelled with

the guide's name, or haul gear for the client. Use the Bottomfish stat area associated with the location you are setting in and provide the total harvest of crab for the vessel.

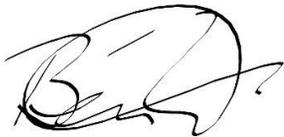
Do I need an eLogbook if I fish from shore?

Yes. Shore fishing is considered guided fishing, even if no vessels are used in transport to and from the location. If you provide guide services to anglers fishing from shore in saltwater, you must report your activity using the eLogbook. You may enter on paper while fishing and transcribe to eLogbook, but all records must be submitted to ADF&G using the eLogbook.

Thank you for your ongoing support of fisheries management in Alaska.

We hope you have an excellent season.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Jevons', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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