



INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE WORKSHEET

Contact a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) office if you need additional information regarding commercial fishing licenses.

COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED

Before a commercial fishing permit, stamp, or other entitlement can be issued, an applicant must possess a valid 2019-2020 Commercial Fishing License (resident or nonresident) (Fish and Game Code (FGC) Section 7857(a)).

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Select the required licenses or permits and calculate the amount due.
2. Mail necessary documents with a cashier's check, money order, personal check* or credit card** authorization form for the appropriate fee to one of the Department offices listed below. **DO NOT SEND CASH*****

IMPORTANT! Please allow **15** business days to process your renewal application.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Section 700.4(c) states any applicant applying for any license, tag, permit, reservation or other entitlement issued via the Automated License Data System (ALDS) shall provide valid identification. Acceptable forms of identification include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any license document or Get Outdoors identification number (GO ID) previously issued via ALDS. • A valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile. • US Military Identification Cards (Active or reserve duty, dependent, retired member, discharged from service, medical/religious personnel) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Birth Certificate • US Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad • Tribal Identification Card, as defined by each sovereign tribal nation • US Passport • A foreign government-issued photo identification • Certificate of Naturalization or Citizenship • Birth Certificate or passport issued from a US Territory |
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At all times when engaged in any activity for which a commercial fishing license is required, the licensee shall have in his or her possession, or immediately available to the licensee, a valid driver's license or identification card issued to him or her by the Department of Motor Vehicles or by the entity issuing driver's licenses from the licensee's state of domicile. A current passport may be used in lieu of a valid driver's license or identification card by a holder of a valid nonresident commercial fishing license issued pursuant to FGC Section 7852(b). The licensee's driver's license, identification card or, if applicable, passport, shall be exhibited upon demand to any person authorized by the Department to enforce this code or regulations. (FGC Section 7852.27)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

FGC Section 7857(m) requires licensees to notify the Department of their old and new address within three months when they move or acquire a new address. To report a change of address: email your address change to LRBCOMM@wildlife.ca.gov, or go online to wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Commercial to download the Change of Address form.

NOTICE TO COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

FGC Section 8022 provides that most receipts, reports, or other records concerning commercial fishing catches, as filed with the Department, "shall be confidential and the records shall not be public records."

The confidential records held by the Department include:

1. Fish landing receipts (i.e., records of amount and species of fish caught, place or block number where catches were made, price received for the catch, and place of delivery).
2. Trawler logs showing daily records of number of drags, catches made, and locality of catch.
3. The commercial fish business that receives the fish must write the commercial fishing license identification number and the name of the commercial fisherman who made the catch on all copies of fish landing receipts returned to the Department (FGC Sections 8043 and 8047). Your commercial fishing license identification number may be used to verify permit renewals, and you may be denied a permit in subsequent years if your commercial fishing license identification number did not appear on fish landing receipts.
4. Licenses, stamps and permits are issued pursuant to FGC Sections 6596(B), 7850, 7852, 7860, 8234, 8235, 8405.1, 8562 and 8567, and Sections 106, 120.1, 120.2, 120.3 120.7, 121, 122, 125, 126, 149.1, 150, 150.2, 150.3, 150.5, 174, 180, 180.3 and 180.5 of Title 14 of the CCR. Pursuant to FGC Section 7857(h), the Department is authorized to collect information from commercial fishing license applicants to maintain a record of licensure. All information requested on this application is mandatory unless otherwise indicated and is confidential pursuant to FGC Section 8022. This information may be released to law enforcement agencies, to federal fisheries management agencies, or pursuant to a court order.

An applicant may obtain a copy of his/her license records maintained by the Department by contacting the custodian of records at the Department's License and Revenue Branch, 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834, (916) 928-5822 or email LRB@wildlife.ca.gov. All requests for copies of license records must be submitted in writing and include the requester's name, address and telephone number.

PAYMENT POLICY

* Personal Checks will be accepted by the Department if name and address are imprinted on the check. Checks returned to the Department due to insufficient funds will render your license or permit invalid. The Department may also deny the issuance or renewal of any commercial fishing license or permit if a person has failed to reimburse the Department for the amount due plus an additional processing fee of \$30 (FGC Section 7852.25). Any commercial fishing activity performed without a valid license or permit is a violation of the Fish and Game Code and therefore subject to enforcement action.

** Credit Cards—Licenses, permits, tags, stamps, or registrations may be purchased with a Visa or MasterCard.

*** **Cash is not accepted at California Department of Fish and Wildlife offices.**

CDFW LICENSE SALES OFFICES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUREKA - 619 Second St., Eureka, CA 95501
(707) 445-6493 • FAIRFIELD - 2825 Cordelia Rd., Ste. 100, Fairfield, CA 94534
(707) 428-2002 • FRESNO - 1234 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA 93710
(559) 243-4005 • LOS ALAMITOS - 4665 Lampson Ave., Ste. C, Los Alamitos, CA 90720
(562) 342-7100 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MONTEREY - 20 Lower Ragsdale Dr., Ste. 100, Monterey, CA 93940
(831) 649-2870 • REDDING - 601 Locust St., Redding, CA 96001
(530) 225-2300 • SACRAMENTO - License and Revenue Branch - 1740 N. Market Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95834 (916) 928-5822 • SAN DIEGO - 3883 Ruffin Rd., San Diego, CA 92123
(858) 467-4201 |
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