

# **ATTENTION VESSEL OWNERS! New Title & Registration Rules**

In 2018, the Alaska Legislature changed vessel registration laws. New title & registration requirements are now in effect, which may involve your commercial fishing vessel operating in Alaska waters.

**Undocumented** vessels without a valid certificate of documentation issued by the U.S. Coast Guard must continue to be registered with the DMV and **now must ALSO be titled with the DMV.**

**Documented** vessels with a valid certificate of documentation issued by the U.S. Coast Guard **now must ALSO be registered with the DMV.** Federally documented vessels are exempt from the new title requirement, but are no longer exempt from the DMV registration requirement.

The state agency responsible for implementing the changes is the **Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV)**. The following is a portion of the information found on their [website](#), which we offer as an assist to fishermen as they familiarize themselves with the new requirements.

**Exemptions** - See the full list of exemptions on the DMV [website](#).

## **Exempt from Registration**

- Lifeboats
- Non-powered boats
- A boat registered in another state or country that is not operated more than 90 consecutive days in Alaska.
- Foreign documented boats

## **Exempt from Titling**

- An undocumented boat 24 feet or less in length
- A boat of any length documented with the U.S. Coast Guard
- Note: A documented vessel is also exempt from state numbering; however, the State of Alaska registration decal must be displayed.



## **What to take to the DMV Office or mail if you don't have a DMV in your location.**

- Boat Application ([Form B1](#))
- Proof of ownership/registration/documentation (see document lists below)
- Fees (Visa, Mastercard, personal check, or money order payable to State of AK or DMV)
- If you are mailing original documents, **send them certified mail**, if possible, to:  
Department of Motor Vehicles 1300 W. Benson Boulevard Anchorage, AK 99503-3696

## **Documented Vessels Require Registration Only.**

The DMV will accept a mailed, emailed ([doa.dmv.correspondence@alaska.gov](mailto:doa.dmv.correspondence@alaska.gov)), or faxed (907)269-3762 application or in person registration at our DMV offices & Business Partner locations. **Send DMV Form B1** and a copy of the current **Certificate of Documentation** issued by the U.S. Coast Guard. **Make sure that you include a phone number so the DMV can call for payment of the fees.** DMV will mail the registration and decal after receiving payment.

## **IMPORTANT Information for Documented Vessels**

- **RENEW YOUR USCG DOCUMENTATION** - This registration does not take the place of your documentation from the USCG – it is in addition to.
- **TAKE A COPY OF YOUR DOCUMENTATION to the State DMV** office when titling or registering. If no title is required you may mail, fax, or email to the DMV the completed Form B1, and a copy of your documentation.
- **DO NOT TITLE YOUR DOCUMENTED VESSEL WITH THE STATE of ALASKA** – only file for registration and make sure the registration paperwork is marked “No Title Issued” (NTI).
- **DO NOT ADD ANY ADDITIONAL ALASKA NUMBERS TO YOUR BOAT.**
- **MAKE SURE TO APPLY** the square registration decal to your boat.

**Undocumented Vessels Require Both Title and Registration and forms must be submitted in person or mailed to DMV.**

**REMEMBER to send original documents by Certified Mail.**

**Documents accepted to prove boat ownership to obtain a title *and* registration:**

- The original manufacturer’s certificate of origin (MCO)
- The original manufacturer’s statement of origin (MSO)
- The boat title and registration from the previous state of ownership
- Completed [CG-1261 Builders Certification](#)
- If proper ownership documentation cannot be provided the DMV provides a NTI Registration and no title fee is needed until next registration period.

## **Forms**

**Form B1 Title and/or Registration Application:** <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/forms/PDFS/b1.pdf>

### **CG-1261 Builders Certification**

[https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/NVDC/CG1261%20Builder%27s\\_Certification.pdf](https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/DCO%20Documents/NVDC/CG1261%20Builder%27s_Certification.pdf)

## **Fees**

- Registration \$24 for powered boats, \$10 for non-powered boats, and \$75 for barge.
- Title is \$20

## **Additional Information**

**CONTACT:** (907) 269-5551 Or Toll-Free in Alaska: (855) 269-5551 / Outside of Alaska: (907)269-5551

**DMV EMAIL:** [doa.dmv.correspondence@alaska.gov](mailto:doa.dmv.correspondence@alaska.gov) / **FAX** (907) 269-3762

**Mailing Address:** Department of Motor Vehicles 1300 W. Benson Boulevard Anchorage, AK 99503

**DMV Office Location and Contact Numbers:** <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/office/index.htm>

**DMV Boat Registration Webpage:** <http://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/reg/boat.htm>

**2018 Derelict Vessels Act (SB92):** <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/PDF/30/Bills/SB0092Z.PDF>

**Alaska Statute 05.25.055:** <http://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#05.25.055>