

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE 2014 SPORT FISH BUSINESS OWNER/GUIDE RENEWALLICENSE APPLICATION 

Attention: The following will apply without exception:

1. All applicable sections of the license application must be complete and legible prior to ADF\&G validation. No "pending", "unknowns" or blanks will be accepted.
2. Incomplete license applications will be returned, resulting in a processing delay.
3. A signature is required.
4. This is a license application only. A post card sized annual license will be mailed within 21 business days.
5. There may be requirements by other state and federal agencies to operate as a guide in Alaska.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

## SECTION A: ALL applicants must complete this section.

SECTION B: BUSINESS OWNER OR THEIR AGENT: Complete this section if you are the owner/agent of the sport fishing business. This section should be filled out even if the owner does not intend to personally guide clients. An agent for this business CANNOT apply as a guide on the same application. A separate license must be submitted.
LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENT: General liability or marine protection that covers at least $\$ 100,000$ for each incident and $\$ 300,000$ for all incidents in a year. Insurance must cover ALL periods of time when the owner or owner's employees are providing sport fishing services to clients. Insurance must be current, NOT pending.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BUSINESS OWNERS

State regulation (5AAC 75.075) requires that all operators providing sport fishing guide services in Alaska must apply annually for a license with the Department of Fish and Game before guiding services begin. Business owners are required to register all charter vessels with ADF\&G and acquire a logbook prior to commencement of guiding acitivities. Guides hired by an operator must be provided with a copy of the ADF\&G business license to have in their possession while guiding.

SECTION C: GUIDES: Complete this section if you intend to guide for a sport fish operation owned by someone other than you or if you are the business owner who also intends to guide (owner/operator).
U.S COAST GUARD OPERATORS'S LICENSE: A licensed sport fish guide must have, at minimum, a Limited OUPV for Western Waters in Alaska or 6-pak U.S.C.G. operator's license in their possession while operating a motorized vessel with clients or transporting clients on a motorized vessel in navigable waters. Navigable waters are determined by the U.S. Coast Guard (907) 271-6700.
Note: Effective April 20, 2009 the U.S.C.G. began issuing the Merchant Mariner Credentials (MMC). Applicants must provide the U.S.C.G. license number, expiration date, and date of birth.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO GUIDES

State regulation (5 AAC 75.075) requires that all licensed guides providing sport fishing guide services in Alaska must apply annually for a license with the Department of Fish and Game before guiding activities begin.

## WHAT A GUIDE MUST HAVE IN POSSESSION WHILE GUIDING

A sport fish business owner or guide should be able to present all documents required for licensing upon request by a representative of the Department of Fish and Game, or any peace officer of the state. While engaged in providing sport fishing guide services, a sport fishing guide shall have the following readily available for inspection:

- A current sport fishing guide license;
- A copy of the current ADF\&G sport fishing business license of the guide's employer;
- A current Alaska sport fishing license, tags, stamps or permits that are required to engage in the sport fishery for which the guide services are providing;
- An identification card issued to the sport fishing guide by a state or federal agency that bears a photo of the sport fishing guide.

