

Allowable Activities Matrix

Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Commercial Fisheries

	ADF&G Only Permit Types				Permit Types Requiring a Fisheries Business License (FBL)					
Year Began	Catcher Seller ⁵	Fish Transporter	EEZ Only	Independent Buyer ⁷	Direct Marketer ¹	Catcher Processor ²	Catcher Exporter	Buyer Exporter	Shorebased Processor	Floating Processor
	1984	2003	1997	1984	2005	1984	1984	1984	1984	1984
Processor Code Prefix ⁴	C	T	Z	Y	F	F	F	F	F	F
ADF&G Form Type	Catcher Seller	Fish Transporter	Intent to Operate	Independent Buyer	Intent to Operate	Intent to Operate	Intent to Operate	Intent to Operate	Intent to Operate	Intent to Operate
Typically Operating From	vessel	vessel	vessel	facility or vessel	vessel ⁸ or facility	vessel	vessel	facility or vessel	facility	vessel
Code Plates Issued	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
ADF&G Approval Letter	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
COAR Forms Required	none	none	Buying (if they buy) and Production ³	Buying	Production	Production	Production	Buying and Production (if they have a custom processor process)	Buying and Production	Buying and Production
ALLOWABLE ACTIVITIES										
Purchase from fisherman?	no	no	yes	yes - only for sale to licensed buyers	no	no	no	yes	yes	yes
Process ? ⁶	no	no	yes	no	only their catch	only their catch	only by a custom processor	only by a custom processor	yes	yes
Export out of state?	no	no	yes - processed or unprocessed	no	only their catch (processed or unprocessed)	only their catch (processed or unprocessed)	only their own catch	yes – custom processed or unprocessed	yes - processed or unprocessed	yes - processed or unprocessed
Have custom processing done?	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Custom process for others?	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no	no	yes	yes
Can sell at the docks?	yes	yes ⁹	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	from their facility	yes

Allowable Activities Matrix Footnotes

1. This license can only operate as a sole proprietor and vessel cannot exceed 65 feet in length.
2. Catcher Processors can operate from vessels over 65 feet in length and run their business through an LLC. If sole proprietors (Apply with SSN instead of EIN) and vessel is less than 65 feet a Direct Marketer permit type would be a more appropriate permit type.
3. EEZ Only are required by NMFS to submit a COAR for activity in federal waters and some fisheries in federal waters require ADF&G fish tickets while others do not.
4. This prefix along with the Fisheries Business License number (issued by DOR) makes up the processor code (i.e. F1234) which is imprinted on fish tickets and allows ADF&G to track reporting activity.
5. A Catcher-Seller may ship fish to a licensed buyer, processor, or exporter only within the state. A fish ticket imprinted with the Catcher-Seller code plate must accompany fish during shipment via plane, truck, mail, etc.
6. Must meet DEC requirements https://dec.alaska.gov/ch/fss/seafood/Seafood_Home.html.
7. Can only sell in state to licensed processors or buyers or ADEC Waivered facilities.
8. Vessel must be 65 feet or less.
9. AS 16.05.67(b) for salmon, herring, and Pacific cod only and the CFEC permit holder must also possess a catcher-seller permit.

All permit types are issued fish tickets upon request.