

Table 1: State of Alaska Fees for Shellfish Aquatic Farm Authorization and Operations (Initial Year and Years 2-10)

Year 1						
Type of Fee	Type of Operation and Size (Acres)					When Fees Required to be Paid to Agency
	Suspended Shellfish		On Bottom, Intertidal	On Bottom, Subtidal	Suspended - Aquatic Plant	
	(1 acre) Example	(50 acres) Example	(1 acre) Example	(3 acres) Example	(10 acres) Example	
Application Fee ²	\$600	\$2,000	\$600	\$1,200	\$2,000	Application submittal
Annual Lease Fee ³	\$450	\$6,575	\$450	\$700	\$1,575	According to lease agreement
Security Bond ⁴	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	With signed lease submittal
Annual Liability Insurance with third party ⁵	Based on quote from insurance company or broker	Based on quote from insurance company or broker	Based on quote from insurance company or broker	Based on quote from insurance company or broker	Based on quote from insurance company or broker	According to insurance agreement
Wild Stock Survey Fee ⁶	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$5,000	\$0	Application submitted
Sanitary Survey Initial Fee, Water Classification ⁷	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	When water classification requested
Initial Fees 1st Year (Minimum)	\$4,050	\$11,575	\$6,050	\$9,900	\$6,075	As indicated above
Years 2 - 10						
Fees for Years 2 - 10	\$1,735	\$7,860	\$1,735	\$1,985	\$1,725	As indicated above
All Years 1 - 10 Combined						
Total Fees for All 10 Years⁹	\$19,665	\$82,315	\$21,665	\$27,765	\$21,600	As indicated above

Note: DNR - Department of Natural Resources; ADF&G - Alaska Department of Fish and Game; DEC - Department of Environmental Conservation.

¹ DNR - Based on fee structures in Regulations: DNR AS 38.05.083 (Report No. 2522-12), ADF&G 5 AAC 41.280, and DEC 18 AAC 34.900(a) Seafood Permit Fee Schedule 2010 and 34.900(c)(1) and (2). If any discrepancies are found between this spreadsheet and the Alaska Administrative Code, The Code should be considered the final authority, unless the discrepancy is a result of a manifest error in the Code.

² DNR - One-time fee.

³ DNR - For an aquatic farm only: \$450 for the first acre plus an additional \$125 per acre or portion thereof. Note: The fee schedule is reviewed every two years. If applicant does not want to use the lease fee schedule, applicant can pay for an appraisal to be done.

⁴ DNR - For bonds: The amount listed in the table is the minimum-security fee for a typical aquatic farm lease but is dependent on the calculation using a bonding matrix that considers structures used at the site and location of the site and possible cleanup costs. Reduced fees may be considered if lessee can find three or more lessees to bond together for an Association bond (11 AAC 63.080). The bond would be 50% of the amount individually calculated for each lease.

⁵ DNR - For liability insurance: The lessee is required to obtain and maintain liability coverage and limits issued by an insurance broker adequate to protect the insurer's commercial operations on or in conjunction with the insured's use of State Land. This liability insurance protects the insurer and the State of Alaska from all liability exposures.

⁶ ADF&G - Survey Fees: Survey fee is per day per site and dependent on size of the site. Reduced fees if applicant can work with ADF&G to reduce travel costs and when there is more than one farmer so costs of survey can be split.

⁷ DEC - The fee is for the cost associated with the time and resource taken to research, evaluate and compile a comprehensive sanitary report for the initial classification of the shellfish growing area. It includes laboratory time for water sample testing at \$17 a sample, and the compilation and evaluation of the results. At a minimum, twelve months' worth of dry and wet samples are required. Permittee pays for the collection and shipping costs for samples sent to DEC Lab in Anchorage.

⁸ DEC - All classified shellfish growing areas must be re-approved annually to maintain Approved Status for shellfish harvest. The fee for the annual reapproval is \$150.00 per visit.

⁹ DEC - All shellfish permits are issued annually and expires at the end of the calendar year. Permit fees must be renewed annually to maintain compliance. You can only be permitted as any one of the dealers listed. A shellfish harvester can only sell shellstock to a licensed dealer.

¹⁰ Does not include Department of Revenues 3% Fisheries Business Export Tax, for any business that exports indigenous species product out of Alaska.

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Director Brent Goodrum, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, issued a Director’s Order regarding fees, dated June 8, 2018. For aquatic farmsite lease authorizations, the following table summarizes updated fees that apply as of this date.

Table 2: Fees for Aquatic Farmsite Lease authorizations

Application, Petition, or Other Service		Authority	Fee
Application for an aquatic farmsite lease under AS 38.05.083 for	for a total of one acre or less, for up to 24 hours of staff time	11 AAC 05.230(d)(3)(A)(i)	\$600
	for a total of greater than one acre but no more than three acres, for up to 60 hours of staff time	11 AAC 05.230(d)(3)(A)(ii)	\$1,200
	for a total of greater than three acres, for up to 100 hours of staff time	11 AAC 05.230(d)(3)(A)(iii)	\$2,000
Renewal of an aquatic farmsite lease	for a total of one acre or less in size, for up to 14 hours of staff time	11 AAC 05.230(d)(3)(B)(i)	\$280
	for a total of greater than one acre but no more than three acres, for up to 30 hours of staff time	11 AAC 05.230(d)(3)(B)(ii)	\$600
	for greater than three acres, for up to 60 hours of staff time	11 AAC 05.230(d)(3)(B)(iii)	\$1,200
Assignment of aquatic farmsite lease	for un to 8 hours of staff time	11 AAC 05.230(d)(3)(C)	\$160
Extension of an aquatic farmsite lease,	for up to 8 hours of staff time	11 AAC 05.230(d)(3)(D)	\$160
Amendment of an aquatic farmsite lease or development plan	that requires a finding under AS 38.05.035(e), for up to 20 hours of staff time	11 AAC 05.230(d)(3)(E)(i)	\$400
	other than (i) of this subparagraph	11 AAC 05.230(d)(3)(E)(ii)	\$160