



Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission 2018 Federal Income Guidelines and Reduced Permit Fee Application

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Part A: General Information:

The reduced fee for annual renewal of each commercial fishing permit is available to qualified low-income applicants. Income, for the purposes of qualifying for the reduced fee, includes all income reported as gross income on your tax return. Eligibility for the reduced fee is based upon your total family income, assets and other resources as defined by federal food stamp guidelines. The guideline table below shows the total family income limits for this year. If you are currently receiving food stamps or public assistance, you automatically qualify for the reduced fee. A dependent minor's eligibility for the reduced fee is based upon total family income and assets.

Part B: Instructions:

Please read this entire application carefully to see if you qualify. If you think you qualify for the reduced fee, complete this form and send it in with the renewal form. **You must either send a complete copy of your 2016 OR 2017 income tax return (including all schedules) or documents showing you are currently receiving food stamps or are on public assistance.** Reduced fees for adults and minor dependents are based on total family income, and all family members' income tax returns must be submitted. If you are not sure if you qualify, send in the entire amount due. If you qualify for the reduced fee, a refund will be issued.

Part C: Guideline Tables:

Number in Family	Alaska	Lower 48 States	Hawai'i
1	\$15,060	\$12,060	\$13,860
2	\$20,290	\$16,240	\$18,670
3	\$25,520	\$20,420	\$23,480
4	\$30,750	\$24,600	\$28,290
5	\$35,980	\$28,780	\$33,100
6	\$41,210	\$32,960	\$37,910
7	\$46,440	\$37,140	\$42,720
8	\$51,670	\$41,320	\$47,530
For each additional member add	\$5,230	\$4,180	\$4,810

PLEASE NOTE: The reduced fee is one-half of the current base fee for each permit. Reduced fees are rounded down to the nearest whole dollar.

For example, if the permit fee is \$75, the reduced fee would be \$37. In addition to the reduced annual base fee, a nonresident who qualifies for a reduced fee shall pay the full annual nonresident differential of \$215 for the first permit renewed for 2018.

Part D: Reduced Fee Qualification:

This section must be completed in full if you are applying for the reduced fee. After reviewing the guideline tables above, check one box below indicating your eligibility for the reduced fee.

I, _____, certify that I qualify to pay the reduced fee based upon my income during the most recent tax year, 20____. My total family income that year was \$_____ and the number of people in my household is _____. A true and complete copy of my latest (2016 or 2017) Federal Individual Income Tax Return is attached. My assets do not exceed \$2,000 (\$3,000, if older than 60). See below for details on asset limitations.

I certify that I currently qualify for food stamps or public assistance. I am submitting a copy of my eligibility determination and my most recent check and a copy of my Quest card. (If you do not have current documentation, call your caseworker to get copies of the necessary documentation before you send in this application.)

Signature

Applicant's Name

Date

Asset Limits:

To qualify for the reduced fee, your assets (except the excluded assets listed below) cannot exceed \$2,000 (or \$3,000 if you are age 60 or older). This means the total amount of assets combined in your savings account(s), checking account(s), money market funds, may not be greater than \$2,000. Most funds held in IRAs and Keogh plans are included as assets. If your assets exceed the limit you will not qualify for the reduced fee and will have to pay the full fee. The following assets may be excluded from reduced fee qualifications: The home and surrounding property, household goods, personal effects, licensed vehicles, income producing property, self-employment property and tools of trade, land that requires BIA approval to sell and payments made under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

In accordance with AS 16.05.480 and AS 16.05.815, Social Security Numbers and other information required on this form may be used for fisheries research, management and licensing purposes and may be disclosed to: the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the National Marine Fisheries Service, staff of the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission who are employed by the Alaska Fisheries Information Network project, the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, Department of Public Safety, Department of Revenue, Child Support Enforcement Agencies for child support purposes, and to other agencies or individuals as required by law or court order. Name, address, and licenses held are public information that may be released.