

F/V. LICENSING PLAN WORKING GROUP MEETING
29/30 SEP
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LICENSE:

A licensing scheme that meshes with current structure but utilizes certificates of competency from approved third party organizations as partial qualification.

1. There will be no Coast Guard examination.
2. Applications can be handled through the mail.
3. Minimum userfees.
4. 12 hour days will be accepted at time and a half.

Training requirements will be:

Master of fishing vessels less than 79 feet (registered length):

- Basic stability
- Basic navigation
- Basic collision prevention rules
- Basic seamanship
- Personal survival course
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid

Master of fishing vessels less than 200 GT:

- Extensive knowledge of:
 - Collision prevention rules
 - Navigation skills, including electronic appliances
 - Seamanship
 - Stability
 - Fire prevention and control
 - Fishing vessel regulations
 - Weather
- Personal survival course
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid

Grandfather: Third party training would be limited to Personal Survival, Stability, and Rules of the Road for operators with 360 days as person in charge on fishing vessels and masters with 720 days as person in charge on fishing vessels. Service must be acquired prior to application.

MINIMUM AGE:

Applicants sixteen years of age will be issued a license, with qualifying experience.

BREAK POINT:

Use 79 feet (registered length). One licensed person on vessels less than 79 feet and two licensed persons on vessels 79 feet and greater; one of whom must be a master of a fishing vessel less than 200 GT, the other may be any licensed deck officer.

Grandfather: N/A

EXPERIENCE:

Master of fishing vessels under 200 GT - Two years of sea service, including at least 12 months on deck of fishing vessels, with at least 6 months of the time on fishing vessels over 79 feet.

Master of fishing vessels less than 79 feet (registered length) - One year of sea service, including at least 6 months on deck of fishing vessels.

Applicants with limited sea service due to short fishing seasons - May reduce the experience requirement to three months on deck of fishing vessels (license would be restricted to those fisheries).

Grandfather: N/A

CHARACTER and HABITS OF LIFE:

All applicants would be subject to FBI record checks and National Driver Registry checks to verify the information contained on the application.

Grandfather: Allow applicant to show clean record during the application acknowledgement phase.

CHEMICAL TESTING:

All licensed individuals would be subject to chemical testing.

Grandfather: N/A

REGENCY:

Three months' qualifying service within the three years immediately preceding the date of the application.

Grandfather: Waive this requirement during the implementation phase: then, require recency service for all other original licenses.

PHYSICALS:

Apply existing standards contained in Part 10.205(d).

Grandfather:

RENEWALS:

Refresher course - Personal Survival and Rules of the Road (8 hours)

EXISTING LICENSES:

Masters of 200 GT or less must be endorsed to operate fishing vessels of less than 200 GT. Applicants must complete a Personal Survival course.

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