

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN TO LICENSE
OPERATORS OF FEDERALLY DOCUMENTED
COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY VESSELS



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HUMAN FACTORS

DIRECT OR SECONDARY CAUSE IN MANY INCIDENTS

- Failure to load or operate the vessel according to its stability guidelines
- Failure to account for modifications to the vessel and their effects upon stability
- Failure to consider dynamic stability
 - weather conditions
 - sea state and environmental forces
- Inattention to navigation
- Failure to understand rules of the road
- Poor watchkeeping practices while underway
- Lack of maintenance
- Failure to recognize safety hazards

OUTSIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE MARINE BOARD TO IMPROVE SAFETY

- Basic safety and survival training for fishermen
- Skills development for vessel operators
- Some form of license to validate essential skills

NTSB's RECOMMENDATION M-85-68

Seek legislative authority to require the licensing of operators of commercial fishing vessels, including a requirement that they demonstrate minimum qualifications in vessel safety, including:

- rules of the road
- stability
- fire fighting
- watertight integrity
- use of lifesaving equipment

Placed on the Safety Board's list of most wanted safety recommendations

PLAN TO LICENSE OPERATORS OF FEDERALLY DOCUMENTED UNINSPECTED FISHING INDUSTRY VESSELS

COAST GUARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Use existing licensing scheme
- Utilize third party training organizations to certify professional knowledge
- Apply existing standards
 - age
 - character
 - habits of life
 - physical fitness
- License only operators

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CFIVAC RECOMMENDATIONS TO CERTIFY OPERATORS OF FEDERALLY DOCUMENTED UNINSPECTED FISHING INDUSTRY VESSELS

CFIVAC RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Use third party training credentials
 - Authorization to operate a fishing vessel
 - Subject to S&R
- Credentials for:
 - Master
 - Operator
 - Certified fisherman

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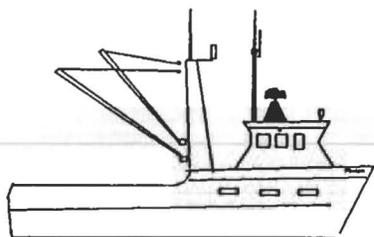
U. S. COAST GUARD
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COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
FISHING VESSEL LICENSING
PLAN

Dec 2, 1992

JOINT CG/CFIVAC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LICENSING FISHING VESSEL OPERATORS

- BASED ON EXISTING LICENSING SCHEME
- MINIMUM PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL LEVEL CERTIFIED BY A CG APPROVED TRAINING ORGANIZATION
- "GRANDFATHER" SELECTED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
 - TRAINING, CHARACTER, HABITS OF LIFE & PHYSICAL FITNESS
- LICENSE WOULD USE BREAK POINTS OF TONNAGE AND LENGTH
 - < 200 GROSS TONS & < 79 FEET
- APPLICATIONS PROCESSED THROUGH THE MAIL
- PHASE-IN PERIOD OF 7 YEARS
 - DISTRIBUTION OF THE WORKLOAD
 - RE-EVALUATION OF APPLICANTS WITH QUESTIONABLE CHARACTER
 - SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF TRAINING ORGANIZATIONS APPROVED BY CG

MASTER OF COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY VESSELS



<79'

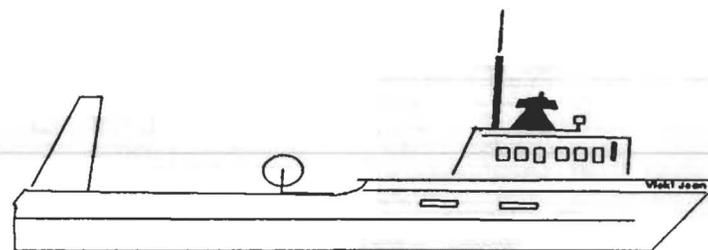
TRAINING

Basic Knowledge of:

- Stability
- Navigation
- Collision prevention rules
- Seamanship
- Personal survival
- First-aid and CPR

EXPERIENCE

- One year of sea service
- Six months on deck of Fishing Vessels



<200 GT

& VESSELS OF AT LEAST 200 GT
OPERATING SOLELY WITHIN THE BOUNDARY LINE

TRAINING

Extensive Knowledge of:

- Stability
- Navigation
- Collision prevention rules
- Seamanship
- Personal survival
- First-aid and CPR
- Fire prevention and control
- Electronic appliances
- Fishing vessel regulations
- Weather

EXPERIENCE

- Two years of sea service
- One year on deck of Fishing Vessels
- Six months on F/V over 79 feet

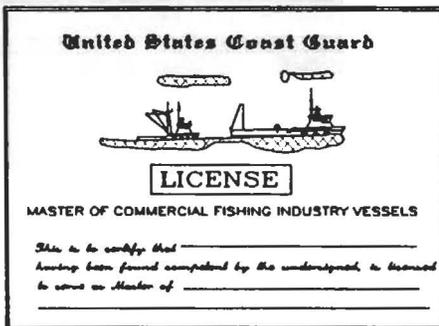
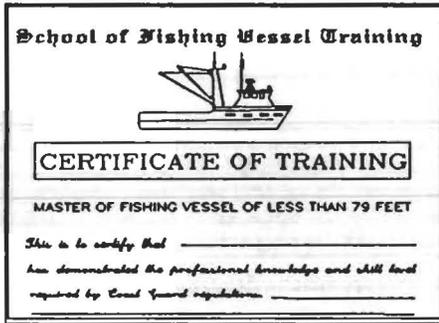
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LICENSE APPLICATION

MASTER
OF
COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY VESSELS

Commanding Officer
Marine Safety Office
Regional Exam Center

U.S.
MAIL



Professional knowledge &
skill level

Age
Character
Habits of life
Experience
Physical fitness
Citizenship
English language ability

Master of Fishing Vessels

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL FOR LICENSING OPERATORS OF FEDERALLY DOCUMENTED UNINSPECTED FISHING INDUSTRY VESSELS

LICENSING PLAN:

A documented uninspected commercial fishing vessel, fish processing vessel, or fish tender vessel, of less than 200 gross tons, shall be operated by an individual licensed by the Secretary to operate that type of vessel under prescribed regulations.

MARINE SAFETY ACT OF 1993:

A documented uninspected commercial fishing vessel, fish processing vessel, or fish tender vessel, shall be operated by an individual licensed by the Secretary to operate that type of vessel under prescribed regulations.

ESTIMATED COSTS FOR OPERATORS

TRAINING @ \$200.00 – \$1,000.00

- Tuition
- Travel
 - Lodging
 - Food

LICENSE @ \$187.00

- Physical examination – \$75.00
- Drug-test screening – \$60.00
- Coast Guard User Fee – \$35.00
- Criminal record check – \$17.00

ESTIMATED RESOURCE NEEDS FOR CG

INITIAL WORK LOAD PHASE @ \$961,936 per year

- 21 Officials
 - 18 REC licensing officials - \$648,000
 - 3 HQ staff officials - \$120,000
- Criminal Records Check - \$193,936

RECURRING WORK LOAD PHASE @ \$778,336 per year

- 21 Officials
 - 18 REC licensing officials - \$648,000
 - 3 HQ staff officials - \$120,000
- Criminal Records Check - \$10,336

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

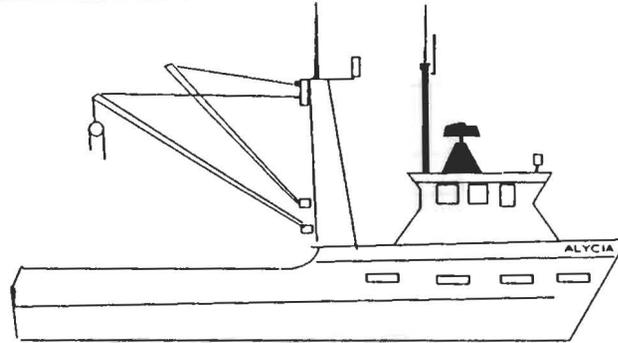
YEAR

- 1 – Review & approve courses
 - Issue Application Acknowledgements to expire in 5–6 yrs
- 2 – Review & approve courses
 - Issue Application Acknowledgements to expire in 3–4 yrs
- 3 – Review & approve courses
 - Issue Application Acknowledgements to expire in 1–2 yrs
 - Issue licenses
- 4 – Issue licenses
- 5 – Issue licenses
- 6 – Issue licenses
- 7 – Issue licenses
 - All Application Acknowledgements expired

"GRANDFATHER" SELECTED REQUIREMENTS

- Character
 - Two years with no subsequent convictions
 - excluding:
 - murder
 - rape
 - importation of drugs
- Training
 - Personal survival
 - Rules of the road
 - Stability
- Physical fitness
 - Color vision – daylight hours only
 - Vision
 - Hearing
- Recency of service – waived

School of Fishing Vessel Training

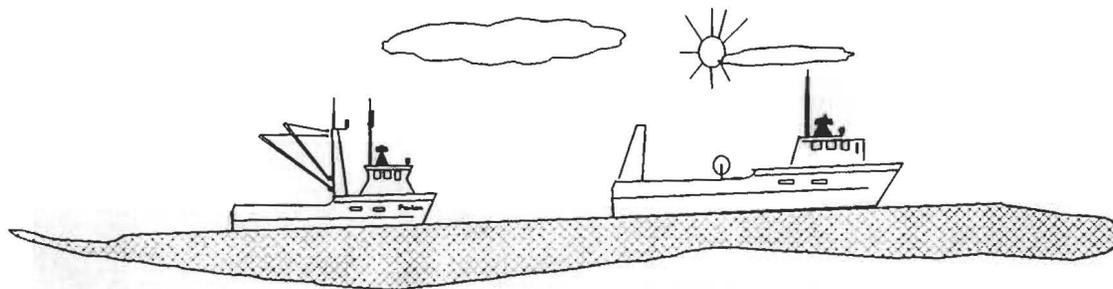


CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING

MASTER OF FISHING VESSEL OF LESS THAN 79 FEET

This is to certify that _____,
has demonstrated the professional knowledge and skill level
required by Coast Guard regulations. _____

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LICENSE

MASTER OF COMMERCIAL FISHING INDUSTRY VESSELS

This is to certify that _____,
having been found competent by the undersigned, is licensed
to serve as Master of _____
