

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE REPORT

All three States have vessel marking requirements already in place in regulation or rule. To remain consistent with the proposed regulations from the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), modification to all three State's existing regulations would be necessary.

The number of vessels participating in this fishery is relatively low, though California has the highest number of participants. The enforcement priority associated with the discrepancy in vessel marking requirements as proposed is also low.

Given that all three States exercise regulatory authority over their vessels anywhere in the Exclusive Economic Zone, State enforcement entities are more concerned with vessels adhering to proper marking requirements within their jurisdictions.

Applicable State law

Washington:

WAC 220-20-051 (4) Every vessel designated to participate in a commercial fishery or to deliver food fish or shellfish must have the official Coast Guard documentation number, complete state registration number, or Alaska department of fish and game registration number permanently displayed in ten-inch tall numbers, or letters and numbers, of proportionate width, clearly visible from each side of the vessel. It is unlawful to participate in a commercial fishery or deliver food fish or shellfish without having such numbers displayed. This subsection does not apply to salmon guide, charter or nontransferable emergency salmon delivery licensees, or to Canadian vessels delivering under a nonlimited entry delivery license.

Oregon:

Oregon Administrative Rule 635-006-0140

Boat License

- (1) A boat license is issued in accordance with ORS 508.035 and 508.260 of the commercial fishing laws and is required for the owner or operator of any boat used in taking food fish or shellfish for commercial purposes, except for the taking of clams or crayfish.
- (2) A pair of decals bearing the last two numbers of the year for which the license is issued is included with the license for placement on the licensed boat. The license year decals shall be affixed to the licensed boat in a conspicuous place on each side of the boat on the superstructure as near midship as practicable.
- (3) In accordance with subsection (3) of ORS 508.260, the assigned identification number of each licensed commercial fishing boat shall be as follows:
 - (a) The federal document number (all vessels five registered net tons and over);
 - (b) The state vessel registration number (all vessels not having a Federal document number).

- (4) Licensed commercial fishing boats which are federally documented shall have the document identification number displayed on each side of the boat adjacent to the current year license decal in not less than 3-inch high block numbers either placed on the boat or on an identification plate attached to the boat.
- (5) Licensed commercial fishing boats which are state registered shall have their identification number displayed on each side of the bow as required by the appropriate laws or rules for displaying such number.

California:

CDFG Code 7880. (a) Every person owning or operating any vessel used in connection with fishing operations for profit who has been issued a commercial boat registration pursuant to Section 7881 shall display, for the purpose of identification, a Department of Fish and Game registration number on the vessel in a manner designated by the department.

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