

Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR)
Division of Aquatic Resources
State of Hawaii

Commercial Marine Vessel License
Specific Terms and Conditions

The *licensee* refers to any person issued a commercial marine vessel license (CMVL) (§ 189-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS); § 13-74-23, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR)). The commercial marine vessel license allows any person onboard a validly-licensed vessel to take marine life for commercial purposes.

I understand that:

1. Licenses are issued for a specific vessel and cannot be used to cover fishers onboard a different vessel.
2. A valid CMVL shall satisfy the commercial marine license requirement for all persons taking marine life for commercial purposes aboard the validly-licensed vessel.
3. I must pay a fee for the CMVL based on the length and use of my vessel as follows:
 - a. \$100 for a non-longline vessel less than 22 feet in length;
 - b. \$200 for a non-longline vessel 22 feet in length or greater;
 - c. \$1,500 for a longline vessel of any length.
4. I must submit reports as required by my commercial marine license, for all fishing activity of all persons onboard.
5. If I have a commercial marine vessel license for a longline vessel, I must file an annual report with the department that contains the following information about all crew members who worked aboard the longline vessel during the license period:
 - a. Identity;
 - b. Nationality;
 - c. Arrival date in Hawai‘i
 - d. Departure date; and
 - e. Any other information the department may require.The longline report is due within 30 days of the end of the license period.
6. If a CMVL is issued for a vessel providing charter services for the taking of marine life, the license shall satisfy the commercial marine license requirement for all crew members. The CMVL does not exempt charter fishing vessel passengers or customers from the requirement to have a nonresident recreational marine fishing license or any other license required by law. A “passenger” is any individual on board a vessel who is not a member of the vessel’s crew.
7. If a vessel for which a CMVL is obtained is lost, destroyed, stolen, sold, transferred, or otherwise no longer in the possession or control of the licensee, the licensee shall immediately notify the department, and the license shall be terminated.
8. The CMVL shall be kept aboard the vessel at all times while participating in commercial fishing activities and shall be made available for inspection upon demand.

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