

2. Owned or operated a federally licensed vessel of 50 tons or more that was used to carry passengers for fishing; or

3. Owned or operated a marina from which 10 or more vessels operate to carry passengers for fishing.

(2) A person who meets the requirements of paragraph (1) of this subsection may obtain an annual master fishing guide license by:

(i) Filing an application on a form provided by the Department;

(ii) Supplying with the application proofs of ownership of the required vessels; and

(iii) Paying the master fishing guide license fee set forth in [§ 4-701(d)(2)(ii)1] SUBSECTION(D)(2)(II)1 of this [title] SECTION.

(3) A person holding a master fishing guide license may:

(i) Employ other persons to guide fishing parties on vessels owned by the master fishing guide; and

(ii) Allow a person who holds a valid Coast Guard license to operate a vessel to carry passengers for fishing from the marina owned or operated by the master guide license holder authorized under paragraph (1)(ii)3 of this subsection as follows:

1. One person for 10 vessels;
2. Two persons for 11 to 20 vessels;
3. Three persons for 21 to 30 vessels;
4. Four persons for 31 to 40 vessels;
5. Five persons for 41 to 50 vessels; and
6. Six persons for 51 or more vessels.

(4) (i) The Department shall issue a number of copies of the master fishing guide license corresponding to the number of vessels owned or operated by the master fishing guide, with each copy bearing the registration number of one of the vessels.

(ii) The master fishing guide shall ensure that when a vessel is operated, the appropriate copy of the license is on board.

(5) If a master fishing guide employs another person to operate a vessel to carry passengers for fishing, for purposes of the license suspension criteria in subsection (k) of this section, the master fishing guide shall be held responsible for any violations committed by the person employed to operate the vessel.