

Bottomfish Vessel Registration FAQs

Why have annual Deep 7 Vessel Registration?

Answer: The previous registration was a one time registration that began in 1998. Many of the registrants no longer fish for bottomfish.

How much does it cost?

Answer: It is free.

When can I register?

Answer: The online system is currently being tested but we plan to start registration in August. Letters will be mailed to all former BF vessel registrants to let them know that they can begin registering your vessel.

When is it valid?

Answer: The bottomfish vessel registration is valid for a year based on the MHI Deep 7 bottomfish fishing year, September 1 to August 31. If you register in August 2011, your vessel registration will expire on August 31, 2012. If you register in December 2011 or even in March 2011, your vessel registration will expire on August 31, 2012. If the fishery closes before August 31, 2012 the expiration date will not matter, you may not land Deep 7 Bottomfish during a closed season.

Can I register online?

Answer: Yes, the online system is currently being tested but we plan to start registration in August. When you register online, your submission will be verified by DAR staff, but you still need to print a copy of your completed BF vessel registration form and mail or fax it the Honolulu DAR office (the address and fax number are on the form) along with a photocopy of your DOBOR vessel registration or your U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Documentation.

How will this help fishery managers?

Answer: The annual registration will give fishery managers a better idea of the number of commercial and non-commercial vessels involved in the Deep 7 Bottomfish fishery each year.

Who needs it?

Answer: Anyone who goes bottomfishing for Deep 7 bottomfish whether they are commercial or non-commercial fishers.

How do I register?

Answer: You can register online or in a neighbor island office. Please print your completed form and mail or fax it to the Honolulu DAR office (the address and fax number are on the form) along with a photocopy of your DOBOR vessel registration or your U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Documentation.

Will I be able to get a temporary card while I'm waiting for it in the mail?

Answer: No, temporary cards will not be issued. You will receive your BF registration card in the mail.

What do I need to have with me when I register my vessel?

Answer: You must have your HA card or U.S. Coast Guard Vessel Identification documentation.

Do I have to put anything new on my boat?

Answer: As in the past a BF is required to be painted on both sides of the vessel.