

INDIANA CHARTER BOAT OPERATOR'S LICENSE LAWS

IC 14-22-15

Chapter 15. Charter Fishing Boat Operator's License

IC 14-22-15-1

License requirement

Sec. 1. An individual may not take another individual sport fishing for hire on:

- (1) Indiana waters;
- (2) waters containing state owned fish; or
- (3) boundary waters of Indiana;

without a charter fishing boat operator's license issued by the director.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.15.

IC 14-22-15-2

Annual fee

Sec. 2. The annual fee for a charter fishing boat operator's license for a resident or a nonresident is one hundred dollars (\$100).

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.15.

IC 14-22-15-3

Validity; expiration

Sec. 3. A charter fishing boat operator's license:

- (1) is valid for one (1) year; and
- (2) expires December 31 of the year for which the license is issued.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.15.

IC 14-22-15-4

Records and reports

Sec. 4. (a) An individual having a charter fishing boat operator's license shall keep an accurate record of the following:

- (1) Each day's catch of fish.
- (2) Other related information that the department requires by rule.

(b) Before the fifteenth day of each month, the charter fishing boat operator shall report the previous month's record required under subsection (a) to the department on forms furnished by the department. The report shall be made even if no fish are caught.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.15.

IC 14-22-15-5

Failure to keep records or make reports

Sec. 5. The director may:

- (1) refuse under IC 4-21.5-3-5 to grant, renew, or restore; or
- (2) suspend or revoke under IC 4-21.5-3-6;

a license of an individual who fails to keep a record or make a report required by section 4 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.15.

IC 14-22-15-6**Operation without license**

Sec. 6. A person who acts as a charter fishing boat operator without a license in violation of section 1 of this chapter commits a Class B infraction.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.15.

IC 14-22-15-7**Violations regarding records and reports**

Sec. 7. A person who:

(1) fails to keep accurate records in violation of section 4(a) of this chapter; or

(2) fails to report monthly to the department in violation of section 4(b) of this chapter;

commits a Class C infraction.

As added by P.L.1-1995, SEC.15.

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Affected: IC 14-22-15-4

Sec. 17. (a) An individual may not take another individual sport fishing for hire on:

(1) Indiana waters;

(2) waters containing state-owned fish; or

(3) state boundary waters;

without a charter fishing boat operator's license issued by the director under IC 14-22-15-4 and this section.

(b) A license holder under this section shall, on a departmental form, keep legible and accurate daily fishing records of the:

(1) species;

(2) numbers, locations, and dates of fish taken; and

(3) number of fishermen and hours fished;

while engaged in charter fishing. These daily records shall be recorded before the licensed fishing person departs the boat at the conclusion of the fishing trip.

(c) A license holder under this section shall, on a departmental form, prepare a monthly report of the information maintained on the daily fishing records. The monthly report shall be submitted to the director or the director's representative before the fifteenth day of each month following the month covered. The report shall be submitted each month regardless of whether charter fishing activity occurs in the month covered unless the license holder has submitted an Inactive License Form to signify that no fishing activity will take place for the remainder of the calendar year. The Inactive License Form shall be submitted to the director or the director's representative before the fifteenth day of the month following the month the license is deemed inactive.

(d) The director or the director's representative may, at any reasonable time, inspect the daily fishing records required under subsection (b) or IC 14-22-15-4. (*Natural Resources Commission; 312 IAC 9-7-17; filed May 12, 1997, 10:00 a.m.: 20 IR 2721; filed May 28, 1998, 5:14 p.m.: 21 IR 3723; filed Dec 26, 2001, 2:40 p.m.: 25 IR 1540; readopted filed Jul 28, 2003, 12:00 p.m.: 27 IR286; readopted filed Nov 24, 2008, 11:08 a.m.: 20081210-IR-312080672RFA*)