



Commercial Fishing for Credit (CF4C)

Bristol Bay Region Career & Technical Education Consortium continues to develop a Fisheries Pathway for the region's four school districts. Something shared across our region, that we take pride in, is the culture and economy surrounding salmon. If you are out there, this summer, setting anchors, cooking meals, driving boats, helping with maintenance, mending or hanging nets, picking fish, stewarding our watershed and participating in our traditions, then that can be recognized with high school credit! The skills involved in commercial fishing are just as valuable as Home Ec, Shop, etc, which is why the districts of our region agreed to participate in CF4C.

The skills list attached includes both general skills and some for unique gear types and locations, such as Ekuk and the Chignik fishery. If you have questions, suggestions, or thoughts to share, please reach out.

Requirements to receive .5 High School Credit

- ☐ The list of the back of this sheet is for the captain or permit holder to review.
- ☐ The student must be proficient in at least 15 of the skills/knowledge listed to receive credit. If the skill does not apply to your gear type or location, please leave it blank.
- ☐ The student must work on the boat/site for a minimum of 14 days to receive .5 credit.
- ☐ Students in grades 9-12 are eligible. (If you are an 8th grader now, you may apply since this will apply to your freshmen year)
- ☐ The student must email a photo of the signed checklist to Steve @ snoonkesser@bbrcte.org NO LATER than September 10, 2025.



General questions that span gear types

- ☐ Handles fish properly for quality
- ☐ Is able to accurately separate salmon by species
- ☐ Takes an active role in preparation and clean-up of meals
- ☐ Has basic net mending/net hanging skills
- ☐ Loads mending needles and is aware of where the mending gear is stored (needles, twine, spare web, fids, etc)
- ☐ Understands their contract (if they have one), their pay (if determined), and tax responsibilities (if applicable)
- ☐ Is familiar with emergency procedures; VHF/phoning Coast Guard or other emergency services)
- ☐ Gears up and is ready to work on time (beach, skiff, or deck).
- ☐ Can read and use a tidebook
- ☐ Checks and reads the weather forecast
- ☐ Is trusted to fuel up seiner, boat and/or skiff
- ☐ Understands fishing boundaries, lines, closed waters, etc
- ☐ Understand dock/shore responsibilities; fuel, water, groceries, shore power, etc.
- ☐ Is able to perform basic maintenance on engine (truck or marine)
- ☐ Knows how to use a log book for record keeping (Captain Jack's or similar)
- ☐ Knows how to find the Announcement on the radio, phone, or internet
- ☐ Knows how to read a fish ticket and double check delivery details
- ☐ Maintains a positive attitude and is team oriented
- ☐ Is trusted to fuel up vessel: skiff, four wheeler, truck, drifter, seiner, or jitney

Qs geared towards Drift operations

- ☐ Practices boat safety (is aware of hazards)
- ☐ Can tie off quickly using appropriate knots
- ☐ Knows target weight that market wants in brailer bag
- ☐ Can use navigational equipment (GPS, depth finder, radar)
- ☐ Has basic knowledge of operating hydraulics on deck
- ☐ Knows how to rig brailers for lift to the tender
- ☐ Maintains awareness and safety while delivering fish to tender
- ☐ Can drive the boat, including coming alongside a tender or dock safely
- ☐ Understands fishing boundaries, lines, closed waters, etc
- ☐ Knows how to maintain and don a survival suit
- ☐ Knows how to call the Coast Guard on the VHF
- ☐ Can tie off to the tender safely

Qs geared towards Set Net operations

- ☐ Knows target weight that market wants in brailer bag
- ☐ Can understand the weather and tide to determine when to pick the net
- ☐ Maintains awareness and safety while delivering fish to tender
- ☐ Is a team player with others at the camp/site
- ☐ Can drive the boat, including coming alongside a tender or dock safely

Qs geared towards Ekuk operations

- ☐ Can recognize gill quality and if the fish is deliverable to the truck
- ☐ Can pull nets using a truck
- ☐ Can operate a truck or four wheeler, knows to avoid hitting rocks, pegs, and lines
- ☐ Can operate blocks and Haven grips ("pork chop")

Qs geared towards Seining operations (for our Chignik seiners in LPSD)

- ☐ Is able to correctly tie off cleats, and to other boats/tenders
- ☐ Has basic knowledge of operating hydraulics on deck
- ☐ Is able to operate the skiff/jitney
- ☐ Understands fishing boundaries, lines, closed waters, etc
- ☐ Understands deck safety around tow lines, bear traps, rigging, deck winch, etc.
- ☐ Is able to tie bowlines and other necessary seining knots
- ☐ Understands their role and responsibilities as a deckhand or skiffman
- ☐ Knows how to maintain and don a survival suit

Captain/Permit Holder Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

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Bristol Bay Fishing District Fished: _____ Dates Fished: _____

