

**Alaska's Requirements for Non-tank Vessels  
Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR) and  
Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan.**

Alaska law requires owners and operators of non-tank vessels over 400 Gross Registered Tons to have both an approved Alaska Certificate of Financial Responsibility (COFR) and an Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan before entering State waters. Following are procedures for obtaining these approvals.

For the Alaska COFR submit an application form and proof of financial responsibility. This proof shows ADEC that the owner or operator has sufficient funds to clean up an oil spill from their vessel, should one occur.

**COFR INFO:** [http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/ipp/fr\\_nontank.htm](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/ipp/fr_nontank.htm)

A blank Alaska COFR application form is available online:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/ipp/docs/ntapplic.pdf>

1) Companies with vessels not currently holding a valid Alaska COFR will need to send a completed and notarized application (download it from the website above) and proof of financial responsibility, such as a Certificate of Entry from a P&I Club for the 2011-2012 P&I year, so that the package arrives in the ADEC office below at least 15 days prior to the vessel's entry into Alaska waters.

2) Companies with vessels currently holding a valid, unexpired Alaska COFR are requested to apply 30 days prior to the COFR's expiration date, and at a minimum 15 days prior to arrival in Alaska waters.

3) Alaska regulations do not allow deductibles (aggregate or otherwise) over \$50,000 on your P&I. Please check your terms and ensure you are in compliance prior to sending your application.

You are encouraged to send applications by fax or email prior to sending the hard copy - this will allow us to review your application and get back to you if there are any problems, before you commit the notarized original to a courier service.

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ADEC must also approve a nontank vessel Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (Plan), which demonstrates that resources and personnel are available to respond to an incident.

**Plan INFO:** <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/ipp/marine-vessels/>

A blank Nontank Vessel Alaska Streamlined Plan application form is available online:

<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/ipp/marine-vessels/apply-contingency-plan.htm>

1) A Streamlined Plan application must be submitted at least 5 days before a vessel enters State waters (we recommend a longer lead time). An operator must contract cleanup and incident management services for the Plan and may hire a Response Planning Facilitator (RPF) to secure response contracts, prepare the plan application and submit it for approval. Here is the list of [registered nontank contractors](#).

2) Plan approvals are generally valid for 5 years, however, most contracts must be renewed annually. Please check the approval status and that the contracts are current for existing plans at the beginning of each year.

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