



# H & R Pye's Tax Service

## 2015 COMMERCIAL FISHING CHECKOFF LIST

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Please note if you are planning to mail in or drop off your tax information and papers - instead of having an appointment with us - **YOU MUST ANSWER ALL of the questions on this Checkoff list.** Simply checking off or Xing the questions does not tell us what we need to know. Please put down the answer, not applicable or none. If you need more room please attach a separate piece of paper and number your answers according to the question.

- A **TOTAL INCOME FOR BUSINESS** - whether paid by check or cash. Report only what you received in 2015. If the work was done in 2015 but you were not paid until 2016, then that is 2016 income.
- B **EXPENSES**
- 1 **If you want us to do your W-2s and/or 1099s we need the information by January 19, 2016. These statements must be mailed by you to the recipients by January 31, 2016.**
  - 2 Car & Truck Expenses - you can deduct the cost of using your vehicle for business. You will either use the IRS standard mileage rate of \$.575 or your actual expenses such as gas, oil, repairs, insurance etc. **Regardless** of which method you use, we need your business miles **and** the total of all miles for the year for each vehicle you use because both of these methods use only the business portion as a deduction. We will also need your business vehicle's excise tax and any interest paid.
  - 3 Donations - to non profit organizations made in your business name. The IRS says that individual business owners can not take a business deduction for donations they make - however if you get **recognition in writing** for your donation (such as a published list of thank yous to sponsors, a listing in a program etc) than that qualifies as advertising and you can get a tax deduction for that type of donation.
  - 4 Equipment Purchases - any major purchases you made (this would include any items you bought which will last for more than one year). Please list each item separately and provide date bought, cost, description and if you traded anything towards it we will also need to see the paperwork showing the trade in allowance. Examples: motors, traps, ropes, buoys.
  - 5 Equipment Sold - did you sell (or abandon) any business equipment in 2015 that you had bought in previous years? We will need to know what was sold, date sold, and how much you received.
  - 6 Licenses - example lobster, dragging, urchining etc.
  - 7 Insurance - this may include boat, business liability, worker's compensation. Please list separately.
  - 8 Interest Paid On Business Loans - such as boat loans, equipment loans, and credit cards used solely for your business.
  - 9 Leased or Rented Equipment - if you have leased or rented any equipment to be used in your business we will need to see the paper work on the lease. The equipment might be a vehicle, construction equipment or office equipment.
  - 10 Legal & Professional fees - lawyers, permits, accountants, tax preparation
  - 11 How much are your fuel costs? Do you buy colored fuel from a wharf or other supplier or do you buy uncolored fuel from a gas station or other supplier? If you buy uncolored we need to know how many gallons because you paid road use tax and you can get a credit for this tax. Also we need to know the cost of oil.

***MORE QUESTIONS ON OTHER SIDE***  
***Help us save a tree, please bring this Checkoff with you***

