

Effective March 2nd, 2015*, these commercially self-propelled vessels, operating on U.S. navigable waters, must have a properly installed, operational Automatic Identification System (AIS) no later than March 1st, 2016



- vessels of 65 feet or more in length
- towing vessels of 26 feet or more in length and more than 600 hp
- vessels certificated to carry more than 150 passengers
- dredges that operate near a commercial channel
- vessels engaged in the movement of certain dangerous cargo, or flammable or combustible liquid cargo in bulk

Dredges; vessels certificated to carry less than 150 passengers that do not operate in a Vessel Traffic Service area or at speeds in excess of 14 knots; and, fishing industry vessels may use AIS Class B devices in lieu of Class A.

Vessels that operate solely within a very confined area, or on only short scheduled voyages; or that are not likely to encounter other AIS-equipped vessels; or whose design or construction makes it impracticable to operate an AIS device may seek up to a 5-year deviation from this requirement.

* See 80 FR 5281, amending 33 CFR §164.46

POTENTIALLY EFFECTED POPULATION

Fishing Vessels:	
-Undocumented	64
-Documented	2,842
Total fishing vessels	2,906
Freight ship	247
Industrial vessel	220
MODU	31
OSV**	151
Research	54
School	10
Tank Ship	35
Towing	1,429
Unclassified type	326
Unknown service	134
Passenger	288
Dredges	17
Total Population	5,848