

GENERAL INFORMATION

Revenue and Taxation Code section 227 states: "A documented vessel, as defined in Section 130, shall be assessed at 4 percent of its full cash value only if the vessel is engaged or employed exclusively in any of the following:

- (a) In the taking and possession of fish or other living resource of the sea for commercial purposes.
- (b) In instruction or research studies as an oceanographic research vessel.
- (c) In carrying or transporting seven or more people for hire for commercial passenger fishing purposes and holds a current certificate of inspection issued by the United States Coast Guard.

A vessel shall not be deemed to be engaged or employed in activities other than the carrying or transporting of seven or more persons for hire for commercial passenger fishing purposes by reason of that vessel being used occasionally for dive, tour, or whale watching purposes. For purposes of this subdivision, 'occasionally' means 15 percent or less of the total operating time logged for the immediately preceding assessment year."

Revenue and Taxation Code section 275.5 states: "If a person claiming classification of a vessel as a documented vessel eligible for assessment under Section 227 fails to file the affidavit required by Section 254 by 5 p.m. on February 15 of the calendar year in which the fiscal year begins, but files that affidavit on or before the following August 1, the assessment shall be reduced in a sum equal to 80 percent of the reduction that would have been allowed had the affidavit been timely filed."

