

# Fishing Vessel Types

FACT SHEET

## Overview

Three main types of fishing vessels are available for oil spill response through Alyeska's Ship Escort Response Vessel System (SERVS) fishing vessel training program in Prince William Sound: seiners, stern pickers, and bow pickers.



## Seiner

Seiners are typically between 35 and 58 feet long. The cabin is toward the bow, while the stern consists of a flat deck and a low rail around it. Fish holds take up the center portion of the boat. Seiners use a picking boom attached to their boat for hauling in their purse seine. Most seiners have a small skiff that works in concert with them. The crew of a seiner usually numbers four.



## Stern picker

Stern pickers range from 30 to 40 feet long. Their cabins are near the bow. They are smaller than seiners and have a reel and roller on the aft deck for reeling gillnet on and off. Stern pickers usually have a crew of two.



## Bow picker

Bow pickers run about 26 to 36 feet in length. The cabin sits at the rear of the vessel and the gillnet reel is at the bow. Bow pickers typically have a crew of two.

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