

WAC 458-17-110 SHIPS AND VESSELS--SUBJECT TO PROPERTY TAXATION.

Ships and vessels which are not subject to the excise tax imposed by chapter 82.49 RCW are either subject to the state property tax levy or are completely exempt from both the property tax and the excise tax. This rule, however, covers only those ships and vessels subject to the property tax and not those subject to the excise tax.

(1) Pursuant to RCW 84.36.080, all ships and vessels which are (a) used exclusively for commercial fishing purposes or (b) primarily engaged in commerce and which also have or are required to have a valid marine document as a vessel of the United States, are exempt from all property taxes except those levied for any state purpose. Accordingly, such ships and vessels are subject to assessment by the department of revenue.

(2) However, this requirement to pay the state portion of the property tax does not apply to ships and vessels listed in the state or federal register of historical places. Such historic ships and vessels are completely exempt from property taxation.

(3) Also, all ships and vessels which are not within the scope of subsection (1) of this section are completely exempt from property taxation. See RCW 84.36.090.

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