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DIRECTOR'S ORDER REGARDING

FEES FOR NON-COMPETITIVE COMMERCIAL USE PERMITS

Order Number 318

Approved: _____ **Date:** 2/21/2020
Ricky Gease, Director

This order takes effect February 21, 2020 and supersedes the fees established in Director's Order #317 dated January 21, 2020.

- Permittee must pay all fees, excluding client fees, in full prior to issuance of the permit.
- Permittee must abide by all stipulations attached to permit.
- All permits are revocable at will by the state at any time.
- All permits are issued by the Director's office or designee.
- Per-client fees for 2019 remain at the amounts specified in Director's Order #289.

Authority

This order applies to all non-competitive commercial use permits issued under 11 AAC 18.030. This order sets fees pursuant to 11 AAC 05.170 and 11 AAC 05.270. Permit requirements and related regulations are found in 11 AAC 12, 11 AAC 18, 11 AAC 20, and 11 AAC 21.

Procedures & Conditions

- For guided sport fishing in the Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA), permits are issued to individual guides who meet the requirements of 11 AAC 18, 11 AAC 20.885 and other relevant requirements, and who pay the fees described below.
- For all other commercial services in state parks, including activities in the KRSMA other than guided sport fishing, and all activities in other state parks, permits are issued to businesses (individuals, sole proprietors, corporations, or other business entities) who meet the requirements of 11 AAC 18 and other relevant requirements and pay the fees listed below. Each independent business providing services in parks must obtain a separate permit and pay all relevant fees.
    - Employees of the business may provide commercial services under the permit if they are included on the permit application or an updated permit.
    - Contractors may not provide services under a different businesses' commercial use permit. Contractors must obtain a separate permit, except for commercial filming (see below).
    - Commercial filming permits may authorize services provided by contractors and employees of the permittee if the contractors and employees are listed on the permit application or an updated permit.

- All non-competitive commercial use permits expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued. The issued and expiration dates will appear on the permit.
- Application and permit fees are annual and must be paid prior to permit issuance.
- All per-client fees from the prior year must be paid before a new permit is issued.

Annual Application Fees

Application fees for all non-competitive commercial use permits are as follows:

- $100 application processing fee.
- $100 expedite fee if the completed application is received within five business days of the start of the proposed activity. The availability of expedited processing is at the discretion of the designated permitting officer. Non-competitive commercial use permits are processed in the order received and may take up to 30 days to be issued. Longer processing times will apply to requests that require a written director's determination prior to issuance of the permit.

Annual Permit fees

Permit fees are in addition to the application fees and per-client fees listed elsewhere in this order for non-competitive commercial use permits. Fees if a permit is issued are as follows:

- $350 permit fee unless otherwise specified.
- $100 permit fee for small motor coach, van, and taxi businesses providing road transportation only to and from park facilities in vehicles with a capacity of 20 or fewer passengers.
- $1000 permit fee for guided sport fishing in the Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA).

Boat rental companies providing boats for rent in the Kenai River Special Management Area (KRSMA) pay the application and permit fees described above plus:

- $200 per rental boat, per year.

Use Fees (Per-client, Vehicle, or Vessel)

Use based fees for permitted non-competitive commercial activities in state parks are set at the following levels. If multiple commercial permittees (businesses) provide services to a single client, each permittee is responsible for payment of the use fees for the services they provide. Commercial permittees providing multiple services to a client on the same day will only be charged one fee per day per client. In this situation, the fee for the service with the highest fee would apply. Per-client fees do not apply to guided sport fishing or rental boats in the KRSMA. Per-client fees do not apply to commercial use of tractor launches at Deep Creek and Anchor River state recreational areas, to commercial use of Kasilof River state parks for boat launching and landing, or to commercial use of private docks by the upland property owners in Lake Aleknagik State Recreation Site.

- $300 per client per hunt for guided hunting and hunting outfitters as defined in Alaska Statutes (AS) 08.54 and related regulations.
- $12 per client per day for all activities in Wood-Tikchik State Park except that hunting guiding and hunting outfitters pay the amount specified above.
- $10 per client per day for snow cat activities.

- $10 per client per day round trip for aircraft and helicopter trips, except that hunting guiding and outfitters pay the amount specified above.
- $6 per client per day for guided tours of a state historical park or state historical site.
- $6 per client per round trip for water taxis.
- $6 per client per day for watercraft tours.
- $2 per client per day for non-fishing guided trips in the KRSMA.

Motor coach and taxi permittees shall supply passenger capacities for all vehicles on the permit application, which will be used to determine the per vehicle rate for motor coach or van tours, shuttle bus, and taxi service. All fees are per vehicle for each stop in a state park facility.

- $80 per stop for large motor coaches with capacity of greater than 40 passengers for 2020.
- $50 per stop for medium motor coaches with capacity of 21-40 passengers for 2020.
- $2 per client per day for small motor coaches, vans, and taxis with a capacity of 20 or fewer passengers.

Use fees, unless specified above:

- $4 per client per day for guiding and transportation not specified above.
- $4 per rental per day for all rentals not specified above.

Commercial Filming and Photography

Non-competitive commercial use permits for commercial filming or photography pay the application fee listed above plus location fees based on the number of people on site including all cast and crew as follows:

- 1 person $100 per day
- 2-10 people $250 per day
- 11-20 people $350 per day
- 21-30 people $450 per day
- Over 30 people $1000 per day
- Drone use $100 per day in addition to fee based on the number of people

These rates may be amended as needed as described in the Cost Recovery & Monitoring (below).

Photographers or videographers working alone on speculation (not under contract) do not require a film permit. News clips filmed in a park are not considered commercial if done as journalistic work of the press for routine reporting or news broadcasts.

Cost Recovery & Monitoring Fees

Any permit which creates unusual impacts, results in large amounts of waste, requires additional monitoring or enforcement, or creates other costs to the Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation may be subject to additional fees. These additional fees shall be limited to the division's actual costs associated with the permit. The division will advise permittees prior to permit issuance that they may be subject to fees under this section. In certain situations, the permittee may be given the option of avoiding these fees by reducing their impact and the costs incurred by the division.

Examples of situations where this section would apply include:

- Ranger time for traffic control, crowd control, event setup, resource oversight, field inspection, etc., at $50/hr.; overtime billed as actual costs.
- Extra impact on trash and toilet facilities.
- Other resource impact mitigation measures (actual costs).