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Dear Wood-Tikchik State Park Commercial Operator,

I am now accepting applications for 2009 Alaska State Park Non-Competitive Park Use Permit for Commercial Operations for Wood-Tikchik State Park (WTSP).

New for 2009: Agulupak River Client Allocation: During 2009 the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) will not be implementing an Agulupak River client allocation program based on competitive bids or lottery. Recent data indicates the limit on clients (25) allowed during the 12-hour fishing periods has not been exceeded in 2008. Voluntary restrictions agreed upon by the sportfishing industry appear to have eased potential overcrowding. Therefore DPOR will delay the implementation of an allocation program at this time. To ensure equal participation in the guided fishery park use permit stipulation #45 has been added to your WTSP Commercial Use Permit. The stipulation formalizes the two-boat two-clients per boat agreement between the guided sportfishing interests and DPOR.

DPOR will continue to monitor use levels. If future use levels indicate an increasing level of use or more than 25 clients in one of the 12 hour periods an allocation program will be implemented. Stipulation #43:

43) AGULUKPAK RIVER: From August 1 – September 15 while providing guided sportfishing services on the Agulupak River the permittee agrees to operate no more than two boats and to direct no more than four anglers during the 12 hour period of 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. During the 12 hour period the permittee may occasionally direct one additional angler by notifying park rangers and ensuring that the overall guided angler limit does not exceed 25.

Other reminders:

Avalanche hazards exist during the winter months in Wood-Tikchik State Park. Be knowledgeable of the avalanche conditions and be sure and take your beacons, shovels, and probes and be knowledgeable of their use. **BE PREPARED!!** The weather can change quickly and threaten your life. Remember hypothermia is a life-threatening problem. Safe traveling can prevent backcountry emergencies and costly search and rescues. Always let someone know where you're going. Know the hazards of the country you're traveling. Travel with a pack containing safety gear and emergency provisions.

Boat launch fees are required to be paid for use of the Lake Aleknagik boat launch. The fee is \$10.00 per day or a season pass for \$75.00 can be purchased at the ranger station.

Hunting guides who camp within WTSP are reminded that state regulation 11AAC 12.230(l) limits the occupation of campsite to no more than 10 days. A person may not camp at the same location for more than 10 consecutive days. After 10 days, the camp must be removed and may not be set up within one-mile of that location during the next 10 days

Boats moored within WTSP must be identified on the permit application. On line 14 of the permit application you will need to list the locations of boat moored within the park. Your 2009 commercial use permit will authorize you to moor the listed boats. **Boats that are cached in the Park must be identified with the name of the lodge or permit holder that is clearly marked on both the port and starboard sides of the boat in 6 inch high letters that are contrasting to the hull in color.** Abandoned watercraft may be impounded.

Watercraft and **Snowmachines** must be registered and display current State of Alaska registration and numbering. Vehicles can be registered at the Division of Motor Vehicles in Dillingham.

Mooring of boats on the shore of Lake Aleknagik near the boat launch will be limited: To ease congestion and provide opportunity for all users, boat and airplane parking will be limited to 20 minutes on either side of the boat launch. Boat mooring will continue to be allowed in other areas along the beach.

Fueling of airplanes and boats on Lake Aleknagik and within WTSP: Be conscientious of contamination that results from fuel spills and drips. Instruct your operators about handling fuel safely and develop a plan that eliminates fuel spillage from your fueling operation. Have mop-up materials on hand to assist should a spill occur. Lake Aleknagik Ranger Station has a spill kit available for emergency use.

Anchoring in the main navigation channels of the Agulowok and Agulukpak Rivers: To provide a safer boating environment for the public and your clients the primary traffic channel should not be obstructed by anchored or drift fishing boats. Please instruct your guides of the importance of keeping the primary traffic channels of the rivers of WTSP unobstructed for other boaters.

Wood Tikchik State Park Orientations: State Park Rangers will conduct a guide orientation at a location to be determined on Lake Aleknagik in early June 2009. Attendance is not mandatory but is an opportunity for rangers, commercial operators and your staff to meet prior to the fishing season. Park issues and resources, Agulukpak River Allocation, guide stipulations and safety are a few of the topics to be discussed. Contact me if you would like rangers to stop by your lodge to meet personally with you and your staff. I may be calling you to solicit your input as well.

Insurance binders need to be sent to the Dillingham Parks Office. Please change or instruct your insurance carrier to send copies of the insurance binders to: Wood-Tikchik State Park, PO Box 1822, Dillingham, Alaska 99576. In the past, some insurers have been sending the copies to the Anchorage Parks Office thus delaying the permitting process.

Under Title 11 of the Alaska Administrative Code, all commercial activities conducted within a unit of the state park system require, **in advance**, a permit issued by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

As authorized by AS 41.21.026, a \$12.00 daily per client fee will be applied to all Commercial Use Permit holders in Wood-Tikchik State Park. This fee is in addition to the non-refundable \$50.00 application fee and a \$250.00 permit issuance fee, as authorized by 11 AAC 05.010. For the purposes of fee assessment, a client day is defined as the provision of services, for the remuneration of any kind, on state park land or water for any part of the day. The fee assessed will be based upon the "Seasonal Use Estimate" you file with this application packet. Payment of 50% of the total client day fee will be required prior to the issuance of the permit. A statement of the amount due will be included with the copies of the permit we send you prior to issuance. Payment should be returned with the signed permits. Make all checks payable to the State of Alaska. The balance of the total day fee will be due on December 31, 2009. This amount will be derived from your "End of Season" report due November 15, 2009 which will document the actual number of client days.

Carefully review the permit stipulations that accompany the application. **PERMITTEES ARE REQUIRED BY REGULATION TO COMPLY WITH THE STIPULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THEIR ACTIVITY.** If you have questions call me at the Aleknagik Ranger Station at (907) 842-2641.

Good luck and best wishes for a safe and successful season in 2009!

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