



STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION
NON-COMPETITIVE COMMERCIAL USE PERMIT
Kenai River Rental Boat Business Permit

A **Commercial Use Permit (CUP)** is required for anyone conducting **commercial activities** (as defined in 11 AAC 12.340(19) *) within any unit of the State Park system. Examples of commercial activities include guided activities, charter services, transportation services, outfitting, supply, or equipment sales or rentals within a park.

A person may not provide commercial activities services within the Kenai River Special Management Area without first obtaining a valid Kenai River permit issued by the Division. This permit is only valid for the calendar year in which it was issued. Requirements for a Kenai River Rental Boat permit can be found under 11 AAC 20.890.

Please completely fill out the application below. You must include copies of the following:

- A Certificate of Commercial Liability Insurance with the State of Alaska as additionally insured (see General Stipulation #3 for more details). *Please send a copy to the park email address below. Include your permit number (LAS #) in the description box.*
- Rental boat businesses are required to administer the **Watercraft Rental Orientation** to persons renting boats for use on the Kenai River. A copy of the form, which was developed to provide a standardized operator orientation is enclosed with this letter. Before customers operate your rental boat on the Kenai River, you must familiarize them with the items listed and sign and date the watercraft rental orientation form. The boat operator must carry the completed form on-board while boating on the Kenai River and will be required to present this proof of orientation at the request of a law enforcement officer. A copy of the completed form must also be maintained at your place of business.
- Please ensure that your boats have all the necessary safety equipment, current state boat registration and numbering, and proper rental vessel identification that include your **business name and two-digit number**.

Please submit the completed application to parkpermitting@alaska.gov. Only complete applications will be processed. Allow 30 days for permit processing. Instructions for payment will follow.

Permit Fees:

- A non-refundable permit application processing fee of **\$100**
- Annual permit fee of **\$350**
- Annual fee of **\$200** per rental boat (excluding kayaks, canoes and stand up paddle boards)

For additional information, contact the Division at: parkpermitting@alaska.gov or call the Public Information Center at: 907-269-8400.

*11 AAC 12.340(19) "commercial activity" means the sale of, delivery of, or soliciting to provide, goods, wares, edibles, or services in exchange for valuable consideration through barter, trade, or other commercial means; a service offered in conjunction with another sale of goods, wares, edibles, or services, which service involves the use of state park land or water, is a commercial activity whether or not it is incidental to, advertised with, or specifically offered in the original sale; all guide, outfitter, and transportation services are commercial activities if any payment or valuable consideration through barter, trade, cash, or other commercial means is required, expected, or received beyond the normal and customary equally shared costs for food and fuel for any portion of the stay in the park.



**STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION
Kenai River Rental Boat Non-Competitive Commercial
Permit 11 AAC 20.885**

LAS Number: _____ (StateAssigned-Land Administration System, Permit Number)

**** A copy of this permit and stipulations must be on the rental boat while operating in a State Park ****

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Business _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Guide Phone Number (include area code) _____ Guide Email Address _____

Field/Emergency Contact (Name and Cell Phone): _____

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Alaska Business License Number: _____ Expiration Date of Business License: _____

Per [AS43.70.020\(a\)](#) a business license is required for the privilege of engaging in a business in the State of Alaska.

Kenai River Rental Boat Information

List additional Park Name units you will be operating in:

Applicant Acknowledgment

I attest the information submitted on this form and any attachments are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing this form, the permittee, its agents, and employees agree to have read and agreed to the terms of the permit and understands that the breach of any term is cause for suspension or revocation under 11AAC 20.885. Further, it is expressly understood and agreed that this permit may be revoked in accordance with 11AAC 20.885 (j) at the discretion of the Director, or his/her designee without compensation to the permittee.

Applicant Signature

Date

Permit Authorization (for State use only, permit not valid unless signed)

By the signing of the Authorized State Representative below, the Director of DPOR has reviewed this application and the applicable management plan and has determined that this permit and the activities associated under this permit is consistent with the provisions under 11 AAC 18.025 and 11 AAC 18.030 as well as the applicable management plan.

Application Fee: _____ Annual Permit Fee: _____ (per 11 AAC 05.70 and Director's Order)

Signature of Authorized State Representative

Date of Issuance

Expiration Date

BOAT INFORMATION

1. AK# _____ AK# Exp Date _____

HullID# _____ Make/Model _____ Length _____

2. AK# _____ AK# Exp Date _____

HullID# _____ Make/Model _____ Length _____

3. AK# _____ AK# Exp Date _____

HullID# _____ Make/Model _____ Length _____

4. AK# _____ AK# Exp Date _____

HullID# _____ Make/Model _____ Length _____

5. AK# _____ AK# Exp Date _____

HullID# _____ Make/Model _____ Length _____

6. AK# _____ AK# Exp Date _____

HullID# _____ Make/Model _____ Length _____

7. AK# _____ AK# Exp Date _____

HullID# _____ Make/Model _____ Length _____

8. AK# _____ AK# Exp Date _____

HullID# _____ Make/Model _____ Length _____

9. AK# _____ AK# Exp Date _____

HullID# _____ Make/Model _____ Length _____

General Permit Stipulations for Kenai River Rental Boat Permits

1. **Rental Vessel Identification:** Rental Boats shall be identified by two Commercial Operator stickers placed on both sides of the vessel(s) just aft of the midpoint of the vessel. All vessel identification will be placed above the water line.
2. **Insurance Required.** Without limiting indemnification, the liability insurance required of commercial operators that provide guiding, outfitting, touring, education expeditions, equipment rentals or other recreational services in State Park Units shall be comprehensive (commercial) general liability insurance with coverage limits not less than \$100,000 per person / \$300,000 combined single limit per occurrence and annual aggregates where generally applicable, and shall include premise operation, independent contractor's products/completed operations, broad form property damage, blanket contractual and personal injury inducements. The director may require higher increments of liability insurance for activities that carry a higher degree of risk to the participants. The liability insurance policy must also list the State of Alaska as additional insured and provide for a 30-day notification to the State of cancellation, non-renewal, or material alteration of insurance. A copy must be sent to: parkpermitting@alaska.gov. Please include your permit number (LAS #) in the description box. If also being mailed, it can be sent to the following address:

State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources
Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation
550 West 7th Ave., Suite 1380
Anchorage, AK 99501
3. **Outboard Motors Inspections:** All Kenai River Operators must permit the random inspection of their outboard motors by any Peace Officer for verifying the prop shaft horsepower rating. Failure or refusal to comply with an outboard motor inspection may result in an immediate permit suspension.
4. **Boater Education:** The permittee must administer the Kenai River Rental Boat Operator Pre-Departure Checklist. Both the permittee and operator must sign the Kenai River Rental Boat Operator Pre-Departure Checklist form issued by Alaska State Parks prior to the vessel being operated. The permittee must maintain the signed copy on board the vessel while it is operated on the Kenai River and must maintain a signed copy for their records. Failing to have the signed copy onboard the vessel is a violation of the boat rental stipulations, and the permittee will be held liable.
5. Neither the permittee nor his employee or any other person receiving any form of valuable consideration through barter, trade or other commercial means may provide guide services or accompany or direct client activities, whether shared-cost or fully paid, for any portion of a trip or activity within the Kenai River Special Management Area. These services include operating a boat to provide transportation for any compensation beyond the normal and customary equally shared costs for food and fuel; instructing in the use of any equipment while clients are engaged in fishing activities; netting or cleaning fish for clients; preparing meals for clients while on the river; assisting clients with rod and reel operation; assisting clients in the taking of fish and wildlife; choosing routes, paths or recreation use methods for clients. These restrictions shall apply to guests or clients of the permittee should they receive any form of valuable consideration but not limited to discount for any portion of the regular shared cost rate charged other guests or clients, privileges or accommodations not afforded other regular guests or clients, material for financial benefits not afforded other regular guests or clients, or tips or gratuities from anyone, whether solicited or not. The permittee or his/her employees or any other person receiving any form of valuable consideration through barter, trade or other commercial means may operate a rental vessel with clients aboard only for the purpose of incidental instruction as to safe equipment operation. This instruction period may not exceed 30 minutes per trip and no fishing activity may occur. The permittee may not carry any fishing poles, tackle, or other fishing equipment aboard the permitted vessel during the instruction period.
6. **Compliance with Government Requirements.** The permittee shall, at its expense, comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances directly or indirectly related to this permit. The permittee shall ensure compliance by its employees, agents, clients, licensees, or invitees.

Watercraft Rental Orientation

Cold Water and Life Jackets



I understand the number one threat to boaters in Alaska is cold water, regardless of swimming ability or experience. Wearing a life jacket is the single most important factor in surviving a cold-water immersion event.

I understand passengers and I should each wear a properly fitted and fastened, U.S. Coast Guard always approved life jacket when in the boat. Each life jacket should be in serviceable condition:

- no rips or holes in fabric
- no broken zippers, buckles, or straps
- flotation material not compressed

Alaska law requires children under the age of 13 wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket when in an open boat or on the deck of a boat.

Renter Initial

Preventing Cold Water Immersion



I understand that **five out of six of Alaska's fatalities involve a capsizing, swamping or a fall overboard, resulting in a cold-water immersion related drowning.**

- maintain three points of contact when inside a small boat
- avoid standing in or moving around inside the boat
- avoid overloading the boat
- balance and secure loads to avoid shifting, adjust for water conditions
- do not reach overboard for objects

Renter Initial

I understand under federal and state law it is my responsibility as the boat operator to ensure all legal requirements are met.

Renter Initial

ALASKA REQUIREMENTS SUMMARY

Requirements	Boats under 16 feet	Boats 16 feet to less than 26 feet	Boats 26 feet to less than 40 feet	Boats 40 feet to less than 66 feet
Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)	One USCG-approved Type I, II, III or V PFD for each person on board. Must be in serviceable condition. Persons under 13 must wear a PFD when in an open boat, on the deck of a boat or when waterskiing.			
Throwable Devices (Type IV)	Recommended but not mandatory.	Except for canoes and kayaks, one USCG-approved Type IV (seat cushion or throw ring) device must be carried.		
Sound Producing Devices	Boats less than 39.4 feet (12 meters) in length must be able to make an efficient sound signal (such as that made with a whistle or horn) to signal intentions and to signal position in periods of reduced visibility.			Boats 39.4 feet (12 meters) or more in length must carry on board a whistle or horn.
Visual Distress Signals	USCG-approved night signals required between sunset and sunrise.	USCG-approved visual distress signals for both day and nighttime use must be carried. Exception: boats and open sailboats not equipped with mechanical propulsion and under 26 feet in length are <u>not</u> required to carry day signals. <i>Note: Pyrotechnic devices, if used to meet this requirement, must be current, serviceable, and readily accessible. At the minimum, a total of three day/night combination devices or three day and three-night devices must be carried.</i>		
Fire Extinguishers	At least one USCG-approved B-I required for boats with inboard engines, living spaces, permanent fuel tanks or enclosed storage areas or hull voids not sealed or filled with flotation material.		At least two B-I or one B-II USCG-approved fire extinguishers.	At least three B-I or one B-I and one B-II USCG-approved fire extinguishers.
Navigation Lights	Display required between sunset and sunrise and during periods of restricted visibility. International configuration required (varies with length and mode of operation). See the International Navigation Rules.			
Backfire Flame Arrestors	One USCG-approved backfire control device on each carburetor of all inboard gasoline engines.			
Ventilation	Boats with permanently installed engines, closed compartments or permanent fuel tanks must have efficient natural or mechanical ventilation.			
Registration	Undocumented boats equipped with mechanical propulsion (gas, diesel or steam engines, and electric motors) and any undocumented vessel used in sport fishing charter activities must be registered with the Division of Motor Vehicles. Certificate of Number must be carried onboard. Registration numbers and validation decals must be properly displayed on hull of boat.			

Communication and Signaling



I understand the importance of carrying communication and signaling devices ON MY PERSON.

In an emergency, items such as a whistle, a cellular phone in a waterproof case, a marine VHF radio or an emergency locator beacon may shorten rescue response time considerably.

Renter Initial

Float Plan

Complete float plan:

- 1. Description of boat and equipment:.....
- 2. Names of persons on boat:.....
- 3. Planned destination and route:.....
- 4. Expected date and time of return:.....
- 5. When and who to contact if overdue:.....

Renter Initial

Operator and passengers have received instructions on how to safely operate the boat.

Renter Initial

Boat Operator (print)

Boat Operator (signature)

Date

Vendor (print)

Vendor (signature)

Date



State of Alaska Office of Boating Safety
www.alaskaboatingsafety.org
907-269-8706



Renter's Receipt: Watercraft Rental Orientation



Boat Operator: _____

Company Name _____

Date: _____

The above named boat operator and vendor has completed the Watercraft Rental Orientation