

# COMMERCIAL ACTIVITES SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION National Wildlife Refuge System



Section	on 1: Site Information				
R	efuge:		For Official Use Only:		
Ad	dress:		Permit #:		
E	E-Mail:		Station #:		
Ph	one #:		Permit term:	from	to
Note:	We do not require all information for each use See instructions at the end of the notice and of		etermine applicability o	f a particular item	ı.
1a) Ide	entify which type of permit you are applying	for: New	Renewal	Modification	
			Other		
1b) Ha	ve you applied or do you intend to apply to	any other refuges fo	or this same activity?	<b>&gt;</b>	Yes No
1c) If y	es, which refuges?				
Section	on 2: Applicant Information				
2) Full	Name:		3) Title:		
4) Bus	iness Name:				
5) Phy	sical Address:				
Cit	y/State/Zip				
6) Mail	ing Address:				
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7) Bus	iness Phone #:		8) Fax #:		
9) Ema	ail:		10) Business Tax	ID #:	
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11b) If y each vio	ou answered "YES" to question #11a, provide tholation.	e individual's name, d	ate of charge, charge(s	s), location of inci	dent, court, and action taken for
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	Name/Business	Address		Phone#	

Section 3: Activity Information				
	Guided Recreation	Audio/Vis Recording		Events
13a) Choose an Activity Type:	Transportation Services	Food/Beverage Vend	ina	Fishing/Frogging
	Agricultural Use	Marine Salvage/Stora		Other
13b) Specify activity if "Other" was choser	-		-9-	
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14) Describe the specific dates, times, an	d frequency of activities. Prov	ide an occupancy time	line showing	how the activity is expected
to <mark>proceed:</mark>				
15) Specifically identify location(s) and/or	attach a map: (GPS location(	s) preferred)		
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16) If unmanned aerial vehicles or similar	devices will be used, describ	e why the device is nee	eded and pro	vide specifics on how it will b
used:				
17) For Guided Operations estimate numl	per of clients if applicable:			
		Per Day		Per Season
18) Inquire with refuge if Plan of Operation	n is required. Is a Plan of Ope	eration attached?		
		Yes	No	N/A
19) Inquire with refuge if a trip schedule is	required. Is a trip schedule a			
		Yes	No	N/A
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### Section 4: License/Insurance Coverage/Certification/Permit

Note: Contact the refuge where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if we will require any type of license(s), insurance(s), certification(s), or permit(s). We may process this Special Use Permit while the applicant obtains them.

20) List and attach a copy of any licenses you have for equipment operation (i.e., aviation or commercial boats), pesticideapplication(s), transporters, or others, if required

License Type	Number	Expiration Date

21)List and attach any insurance coverage(s) you have such as general liability, aviation, grounding liability, contaminants applicator,medical evacuation, or others, if required:

Insurance Type	Carrier	Expiration Date

22)List and attach any certifications you have such as rat free, hull inspections, CPR/First Aid, or others, if required:

Certificate Type	Expiration Date

23)List and attach other Federal, State, or Tribal permits, if required:

Permit Type	Permit Number	Expiration Date

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27a) Is fuel cache needed?	Yes	No	N/A		
27b) Specific location(s) of fuel cac	hes: (GPS Coo	rdinates prefei	red)		
28)Is a Safety Plan attached?	Yes	No	N/A		
Section 6: Work and Living A	ccommodatio	ons			
29)Specifically describe onsite work	c and/or living a	ccommodation	s, including spike c	amps:	
30)Specifically describe on or offsite fuel caches)	e hazardous ma	iterial storage	or other on or offsite	e material storage space: (Including on and	offsite
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#### **NOTICES**

No Members of Congress or Resident Commissioner shall participate in any part of this contract or to any benefit that may arise from it, but this provision shall not pertain to this contract if made with a corporation for its general benefit.

The Permittee agrees to be bound by the equal opportunity "nondiscrimination in employment" clause of Executive Order 11246.

#### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

Authority: The information requested is authorized by the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (16 U.S.C. 668dd-ee) and the Refuge Recreation Act (16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4).

**Purpose:** To collect the applicant's information to process permits allowing for commercial activities such as: guiding hunters, anglers or other outdoor users; commercial filming; agriculture; rental of cabins and trapping while on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Routine Uses: The information will be used by the refuge's administrative office for processing Commercial Activity Special Use permits. More information about the routine uses maybe found in the Systems of Records Notice, FWS-5 National Wildlife Refuge Special Use Permits.

**Disclosure:** Providing the information is voluntary. However, submission of information is required to process and approve commercial activity usage on the National Wildlife Refuge System.

#### PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to evaluate the qualifications, determine eligibility, and document permit applicants and to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act of 1974. The information that you provide is required to obtain or retain a benefit; however, failure to provide all required information is sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny a permit. False, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations made in the application may be grounds for revocation of the Special Use Permit and may be punishable by fine or imprisonment (18 U.S.C. 1001). According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this information collection and assigned control number 1018-0102.

#### **ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT**

We estimate public reporting for this collection of information averages:

Original submission - paper-based: 4 hours Original submission - electronic: 3.75 hours Amended submission - paper based: 1 hour Amended submission - electronic: 45 minutes

Renewals - paper based: 2 hours Renewals - electronic: 1.5 hours

These estimates include time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at Info\_Coll@fws.gov. Please do not send your completed form to this address.

#### **GENERAL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Responsibility of Permittee: The permittee, by operating on the premises, shall be considered to have accepted these premises with all facilities, fixtures, or improvements in their existing condition as of the date of this permit. At the end of the period specified or upon earlier termination, the permittee shall give up the premises in as good order and condition as when received except for reasonable wear, tear, or damage occurring without fault or negligence. The permittee will fully repay the Service for any and all damage directly or indirectly resulting from negligence or failure on his/her part, and/or the part of anyone of his/her associates, to use reasonable care.

Operating Rules and Laws: The permittee shall keep the premises in a neat and orderly condition at all times, and shall comply with all municipal, county, and State laws applicable to the operations under the permit as well as all Federal laws, rules, and regulations governing national wildlife refuges and the area described in this permit. The permittee shall comply with all instructions applicable to this permit issued by the refuge official in charge. The permittee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent the escape of fires and to suppress fires and shall render all reasonable assistance in the suppression of refuge fires.

Use Limitations: The permittee's use of the described premises is limited to the purposes herein specified and does not, unless provided for in this permit, allow him/her to restrict other authorized entry onto his/her area; and allows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to carry on whatever activities are necessary for: (1) protection and maintenance of the premises and adjacent lands administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and (2) the management of wildlife and fish using the premises and other U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands.

Transfer of Privileges: This permit is not transferable, and no privileges herein mentioned may be sublet or made available to any person or interest not mentioned in this permit. No interest hereunder may accrue through lien or be transferred to a third party without the approval of the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the permit shall not be used for speculative purposes.

Compliance: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's failure to require strict compliance with any of this permit's terms, conditions, and requirements shall not constitute a waiver or be considered as a giving up of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's right to thereafter enforce any of the permit's terms or conditions.

Conditions of Permit not Fulfilled: If the permittee fails to fulfill any of the conditions and requirements set forth herein, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall retain all money paid under this permit to be used to satisfy as much of the permittee's obligation as possible.

Payments: All payment shall be made on or before the due date to the local representative of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by a postal money order or check made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Termination Policy: At the termination of this permit the permittee shall immediately give up possession to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representative, reserving, however, the rights specified in paragraph 11 below. If he/she fails to do so, he/she will pay the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as liquidated damages, an amount double the rate specified in this permit for the entire time possession is withheld. Upon yielding possession, the permittee will still be allowed to reenter as needed to remove his/her property as stated in paragraph 11 below. The acceptance of any fee for the liquidated damages or any other act of administration relating to the continued tenancy is not to be considered as an affirmation of the permittee's action nor shall it operate as a waiver of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's right to terminate or cancel the permit for the breach of any specified condition or requirement.

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Revocation Policy: The Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may revoke this permit without notice for noncompliance with the terms hereof, or for violation of general and/or specific laws or regulations governing national wildlife refuges, or for nonuse. It is at all times subject to discretionary revocation by the Director of the Service. Upon such revocation the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, by and through any authorized representative, may take possession of said premises for its own and sole use, and/or may enter and possess the premises as the agent of the permittee and for his/her account.

Damages: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall not be responsible for: any loss or damage to property including but not limited to crops, animals, and machinery; injury to the permittee or his/her relatives or to the officers, agents, employees, or any other(s) who are on the premises from instructions; the sufferance from wildlife or employees or representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service carrying out their official responsibilities. The permittee agrees to hold the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service harmless from any and all claims for damages or losses that may arise to be incident to the flooding of the premises resulting from any associated government river and harbor, flood control, reclamation, or Tennessee Valley Authority activity.

Removal of Permittee's Property: Upon the expiration or termination of this permit, if all rental charges and/or damage claims due to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have been paid, the permittee may, within a reasonable period as stated in the permit or as determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service official in charge, but not to exceed 60 days, remove all structures, machinery, and/or equipment, etc., from the premises for which he/she is responsible. Within this period the permittee also must remove any other of his/her property including his/her acknowledged share of products or crops grown, cut, harvested, stored, or stacked on the premises. Upon failure to remove any of the above items within the aforesaid period, they shall become the property of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING APPLICATION

You may complete the application portion verbally, in person, or electronically and submit to the refuge for review. Note: Please read instructions carefully as not all information is required for each activity. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine applicability of a particular item. We may add special conditions or permit stipulations to permit prior to approval.

- 1a-c) Identify if permit application is for new, renewal, or modification of an existing permit, whether or not you have or will be applying to another refuge for the same activity, and for which refuge(s). Permit renewals may not need all information requested. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine applicability of this requirement.
- 2-9) Provide applicant and/or business full name, organization or business name (if applicable), physical and mailing address, phone, fax, and e-mail.
- 10) Provide tax identification number of business or individual.
- 11a-11b) Check box answering the question regarding any violations of State, Federal, or local law, or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities, if required. If you answered yes to question 11a, supply the detailed information requested in question 11b. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if we require information on violations of State, Federal, or local law, or regulations related to fish and wildlife or permit activities.
- 12) Provide the names and addresses of known assistants, subcontractors, or subpermittees. We may require names and address if the assistants, subcontractors, or subpermittees will be operating on the refuge without the permittee being present. Volunteers, assistants, subcontractors, or subpermittees that are accompanied by the permittee need not be identified.
- 13) Activity type: identify commercial activity type (such as, guided recreation, audio/visual recording, events, agriculture activities such as haying, grazing, crop planting, logging, beekeeping, and other agricultural products, building or occupying cabins, or other commercial uses). Describe other commercial uses if not one of the listed categories. Applicants in Alaska should contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted if you have questions regarding commercial or subsistence activities.
- 14) Describe Activity: provide detailed information on the activity, including timing and occupancy timeline, frequency, how the activity is expected to proceed, etc. Permit renewals may not need activity descriptions if the activity is unchanged from previous permit. Most repetitive activities do not require an activity description for each visit. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine applicability of this requirement.
- 15) Location: identify specific location (GPS coordinates preferred) if not at a named facility, and/or attach a map with location. Most repetitive activities may not require identification of a location. In addition, permit renewals may not require a location if the activity is essentially unchanged from the previous permit. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if a location is required.
- 16) If a drone will be used for this activity, describe in detail why the drone is necessary to complete the activity and provide specifics on how the drone will be used.
- 17) Estimate number of clients per day or per season.
- 18) Attach a Plan of Operation, if required. Most repetitive activities do not require a Plan of Operations for each visit. In addition, permit renewals may not require a Plan of Operations if the activity is essentially unchanged from the previous permit. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office listed where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if a Plan of Operations is required.
- 19) Attach trip schedule, if required. Most repetitive activities will require trip schedules for each visit. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if trip schedules are required.
- 20) Specifically identify types and numbers of licenses and attach a copy, as required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine the types of licenses required, and to coordinate the simultaneous application for multiple types of licenses. We may process this Special Use Permit while licenses are being sought, but we may or may not issue the Special Use Permit until appropriate licenses are obtained.
- 21) Specifically identify names, types, carriers of insurance, and attach copies if required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine the types of insurance required, and to coordinate obtaining several types of insurance simultaneously with this permit. We may or may not issue this Special Use Permit while other types of insurance are being obtained.
- 22) Specifically identify types and numbers of other certifications and attach copies if required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine the types of certifications required, and to coordinate the simultaneous application of multiple certifications. We may or may not issue this Special Use Permit while other certifications are being obtained.
- 23) Specifically identify types and numbers of other State, Federal or tribal permits and attach copies, if required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine the types of permits required, and to coordinate the simultaneous application of multiple State, Federal or tribal permits. We may process this Special Use Permit while other State, Federal or tribal permits are being sought, but we may or may not issue the Special Use Permit until other appropriate State, Federal or tribal permits are obtained.

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24a-24b) Provide name(s) of any personnel required to stay overnight, if applicable.

25) Identify all equipment and materials that will be used, if required. Most repetitive activities do not require a list of equipment. In addition, permit renewals may not require a list of equipment if the event is essentially unchanged from the previous permit. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if a list of equipment is required.

26a-26d) Describe and provide vehicle descriptions and license plate or identification numbers of all vehicles, including boats and airplanes, if required. Motor vehicle descriptions are only required for permittee vehicle, and/or if the vehicle will be operated on the refuge without the permittee being present. Motor vehicles that are accompanied by the permittee as part of a group (convoy) activity need not be identified if cleared in advance by refuge supervisor. Specifically describe ship-to-shore, intersite (between islands, camps, or other sites) and onsite transportation mechanisms, and license plate or identification numbers, if required.

27a-27b) Identify specific location(s) of fuel cache(s) (GPS coordinates preferred), if required.

28a-28b) Attach safety plan if required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if we require a safety plan.

- 29) Specifically describe onsite work and/or living accommodations, if required. Include descriptions and locations (GPS coordinates preferred) of spike camps or other remote work and/or living accommodations that are not part of the base of operations. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if we require descriptions of on-site work and/or living accommodations.
- 30) Specifically describe onsite or offsite hazardous material storage, or other material storage space (including on and offsite fuel caches), if required. Contact the specific refuge headquarters office where the activity is going to be conducted to determine if we require descriptions of hazardous material storage or other on-site material storage.
- Print the application (if using the fillable version). Date and sign the application and return to refuge for processing. By signing this application, you agree your operations will conform to the information you have provided in this application, and understand that any deviations or changes to this information must receive prior written approval. The refuge official will review and, if approved, fill out a Special Use Permit, sign, and return a copy to you for signature and acceptance.

## SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF FORM 3-1383-C FOR APPLICATIONS FOR COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURE OPPORTUNITIES ON THE NWRS

- 14) Describe how your proposed activity, based on your background, knowledge and experience, meets the objective criteria by which the Service will evaluate your application as outlined in the Service's Notice of Cooperative Agricultural Opportunity (Notice). In addition, if applicable, please identify how your proposed activity is different from the description of the cooperative agricultural opportunity outlined in the Notice.
- 18) Does not need to be filled out at time of application. However, this section must be filled out, in coordination with the Service, after the opportunity is awarded and before applicant begins any cooperative agricultural on the NWRS.

Logistics and Transportation

24a-30) Do not need to be filled out at time of application. However, these sections must be filled out, in coordination with the Service, after the opportunity is awarded and before applicant begins any cooperative agricultural on the NWRS.

THIS APPLICATION FORM IS NOT VALID AS A PERMIT

BUT MAY BE USED AS A REFERENCE DOCUMENT ATTACHED TO THE OFFICIAL PERMIT.

ONLY OFFICIAL REFUGE PERSONNEL MAY ASSIGN A VALID PERMIT NUMBER AND PERMIT TERM

TO THIS APPLICATION FORM AFTER THE PERMIT HAS BEEN APPROVED.