# 2013 NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY PHOTO COMPETITION OFFICIAL RULES AND ENTRY FORM

Thank you for your interest and participation in Sitka National Historical Park's amateur photo contest to celebrate National Public Lands Day. Please be aware, due to spatial restrictions it may not be possible to display all entries in our resulting exhibit, *Perspectives: Sitka National Historical Park*.

Each visitor to park, whether they've lived in Sitka all their lives or visited for an afternoon, perceives the dynamic landscape in a different way. The park's color palette changes as the days progress from sunrise to sunset, and its personality alters in the rain, sun, and snow.

The photo exhibit, *Perspectives: Sitka National Historical Park*, illustrates these changes in scenery and seasons, and the slightly different lens through which each visitor views and experiences the park.

All entries must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at the Visitor Center front desk, or e-mailed to jasa\_e\_woods@nps.gov

### Photos may be submitted in the following categories:

- 1. Native Heritage: Any aspect of Southeast Alaska Native culture relevant to the park.
- 2. Sitka NHP Wildlife: Alaskan wildlife in their natural habitat relevant to the park.
- 3. Sitka NHP Scenery: Capture an image of Southeast Alaska's beauty relevant to the park.
- 4. Small Perspectives: A category for children 13 years of age and under. Take a picture of your favorite place, or activity in Sitka National Historical Park.

### Rules and Details:

- 1. Entrants must be amateur photographers. For the purpose of the competition, an amateur photographer is one who derives less than 25% of their income from the sale of their photos.
- 2. The National Park Service reserves the right to reject any photograph or to place a photo in a different category.
- 3. A maximum of three (3) photographs may be submitted per contestant.
- 4. Photo entries for other photo contests or previous Sitka NHP contests may not be reentered.
- 5. Photographs may be in color or in black and white. There will not be separate categories, black and white and color photographs will be judged together.
- 6. Photographs should not be altered other than reasonable adjustments to tone and contrast.
- 7. Entries delivered to the visitor center or mailed should include one completed, signed entry form for each entry.
- 8. Electronic entries should include the photo release statement in the body of the email. (See section 4 below).
- The National Park Service assumes no responsibility for damage or loss that might occur.

## Submitting photos electronically:

- 1. Entries will be accepted via email at jasa e woods@nps.gov
- 2. Attach a photo, or share a link, that is at least 4" x 6" at 300 dpi. The maximum size is 11" x 14" at 300 dpi. Accepted file formats include jpeg, tiff, and png.

- 3. In the body of the e-mail include: your name, location (city, state), category, title of work (or leave untitled), e-mail and/or mailing address (preferred contact), and daytime phone number.
- 4. Copy and paste the following photo release phrase into the body of the e-mail: "I attest that I own the copyright to the attached photo(s) and agree to release the photo(s) to the public domain under Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 licensing."

## Submitting entries at the park visitor center and by mail:

- 1. Printed photographs will be accepted at the visitor center and must be accompanied by a completed entry form. Entry forms are available at the visitor center and online.
- 2. Minimum photo size is 4"x 6", maximum size is 11"x 14".
- 3. Photographs may be mounted or matted for hanging purposes, but it is not required.
- 4. Photos or photo media can also be mailed to:

Sitka National Historical Park

Attn: Photo Contest 103 Monastery Street Sitka, AK 99835

**Prizes:** There will be three first place ribbons awarded for the adult categories, and a People's Choice award for the most popular photo on the park's Facebook account. Every entrant in the children's category will receive a participation ribbon.

#### **Important Dates:**

August 25 – September 15	Entries will be accepted by e-mail, mail, or at the park visitor center.
September 23 – 27	Local judges will evaluate submissions and determine category winners, taking into consideration originality, artistic composition, technical quality, and whether the photos showcase Sitka NHP resources.
September 21 – 27	Voting on the Sitka NHP Facebook page for the People's Choice Award.
September 28	Winners announced during National Public Lands Day Celebration.
September 21 – October 18	Photographs will be displayed in the Sitka NHP visitor center.
October 19 – 30	Photographs may be picked up at the Sitka NHP visitor center daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Submissions will not be mailed back to contestants.
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