

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve Commercial Use Authorization Activity-Specific Stipulations

Attachment XX – 2015 Guided Sportfishing Stipulations

1. Freshwater sportfishing guide services are authorized only in Glacier Bay National Preserve and the section of Glacier Bay National Park along the outer coast north and west of Lituya Bay. "Sport fishing guide services," as defined under Alaska Statute (AS16.40.299 - Definitions) "means assistance, for compensation or with the intent to receive compensation, to a sport fisherman to take or to attempt to take fish by accompanying or physically directing the sport fisherman in sport fishing activities during any part of a sport fishing trip;" Therefore the permittee, employees, or their representatives may not accompany or physically direct sport fisherman in freshwater fishing activities in those areas where freshwater sportfishing guide services is prohibited.
2. Guided salt water sport fishing is authorized only if the Permittee posts on board each vessel, or provides each client, a copy of the State of Alaska "Guide to Eating Fish" (<http://www.epi.alaska.gov/eh/fish/FishConsumptionCalc.pdf>).
3. All charter captains are required to review the National Park Service Glacier Bay Fishing Regulations webpage: <http://www.nps.gov/glba/planyourvisit/glacier-bay-fishing-regulations.htm>
Fish not meeting size or species restrictions or that the angler chooses not to keep shall be carefully and immediately released to the water from which it was taken (36 CFR 2.3 (d)(7)). NOAA and ADFG guidelines, which provide guidance on appropriate release methods, are listed below:
http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/management/recreational/documents/catch_release_web.pdf
<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingSportFishingInfo.rockfishconservation>
Fish so released shall not be included in the catch or possession limit: *Provided*, that at the time of catching the person did not possess the legal limit of fish (36 CFR 2.3 (d)(7)). In other words, anglers cannot catch and release additional fish once they have obtained their legal limit of the target species. This regulation is intended to minimize injury and release mortality effects on released fish.
4. The Permittee must submit a completed Sportfish Survey using the appropriate forms posted at http://www.nps.gov/akso/management/commercial_authorizations.cfm within five (5) days after the end of each month during which sportfishing activities took place. The permittee must report fishing effort for all areas of the park, including the portions of the Gulf of Alaska, Cross Sound, North Inian Pass, North Pass, Icy Passage and Excursion Inlet that are within the park boundary. Send the completed forms to: Glacier Bay National Park, Attention Concessions Office, P.O. Box 140, Gustavus, AK 99826 or by fax to: (907) 697-2654, or by email to: glba_concessions@nps.gov