



IN REPLY REFER TO:

## United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service  
Biscayne National Park  
9700 S. W. 328th Street  
Homestead, Florida 33033-5634



March 13, 2012

Dear Business Owner / Manager,

It has come to the attention of Biscayne National Park that you are advertising and/or conducting group outings within the boundaries of the park and charging a fee to participants. Conducting business in a National Park requires an official Commercial Use Authorization permit issued by the National Park Service. Operating without such special permission is a violation of 36 Code of Federal Regulations as stated below:

36 Code of Federal Regulations 1.6(A) Permits

“When authorized by regulations set forth in this chapter, the Superintendent may issue a permit to authorize otherwise prohibited or restricted activity or impose a public use limit.”

36 Code of Federal Regulations 5.3 Business Operations

“Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, except as such may be specially authorized under special regulation applicable to a park area, is prohibited.”

Please be aware that Biscayne National Park only issues Commercial Use Authorization permits for sightseeing tours in the northern section of the park, no further south than latitude 25° 36'.00. Please refer to the attached boundary map for clarification. No authorization will be issued for island tours, snorkeling, diving, or any other commercial activities within park boundaries. If you would like more information about obtaining a permit for sightseeing tours in the pre-designated areas contact Isaiah Fitzgerald, Commercial Use Authorization Coordinator, via phone or email, 786-335-3671 or [Isaiah\\_Fitzgerald@nps.gov](mailto:Isaiah_Fitzgerald@nps.gov).

We hope that this information serves to clarify applicable park regulations. The continued operation of any such unauthorized activities in the park will result in fines and penalties. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Willie Lopez  
Chief of Visitor and Resource Protection