

Park Specific Conditions for Scientific Research & Collecting Permit

Kenai Fjords National Park

Submitted research applications will be reviewed by the Research Coordinator, Chief of Resource Management, Management Team, and Superintendent. Once a research proposal is received and has been deemed to be an appropriate activity in the context of this National Park, the next step in the approval process involves compliance with applicable NPS regulations, policy and law. We have established an integrated compliance process for all proposed research activities. The primary compliance requirements that must be addressed prior to project approval include: potential environmental impacts (NEPA), potential impacts to cultural resources (NHPA Section 106), potential to impact subsistence activities or the resources upon which they depend (Section 810, Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act), and a Minimum Requirement determination for wilderness lands (Section 4(c) of the 1964 Wilderness Act). If you are planning to conduct your work in designated or eligible wilderness within the park, some useful information for planning your work can be found by navigating to <http://www.nps.gov/akso/nature/science/research.cfm> and selecting the link to the Guide to Conducting Wilderness Research in Alaska's National Parks.

Researchers should allow at least 30 days for this review process.

- If a proposed project depends upon NPS staff, equipment, aircraft, housing, office space, etc., or otherwise indicates special needs, the NPS ability to accommodate those needs will also have to be considered prior to approval.
- All researchers must notify Laura Phillips (907-422-0540) or a park designated liaison when they expect to be in the park. You may leave a message at (907-422-0500).
- While within Kenai Fjords National Park, all food and scented or odorous items must be stored in a manner that is secure from bears and other wildlife. Use of park approved bear-resistant food containers is required of researchers for any overnight travel.
- All camping must utilize minimum impact techniques such as Leave No Trace to protect park resources.
- To prevent the spread of invasive plants into the park, clothing and gear, including boats, camping gear and other equipment, should be free of soil and plant material before entering the park.
- Specific authorization must be obtained before using hazardous materials (including fuels) in Kenai Fjords National Park. Material Data Safety Sheets (MSDS) for the hazardous materials must be provided to park

personnel and be in your possession while you are in the park, and any spill of the material must be reported immediately to Laura Phillips or your park designated liaison.

- Researchers authorized to collect Natural History specimens for permanent retention must contact the Park Collection Manager (Shannon Kovac 907-422-0541; shannon_kovac@nps.gov) for instructions, via telephone or email, prior to collection of specimens, prior to preparing and submitting catalog data, and prior to submitting specimens and associated records. The researcher will provide the Collection Manager with their contact information.
- All records generated from research conducted on NPS lands including, but not limited to, plans, field notes, field maps, drawings, raw data sheets, tape recordings, photos, photo logs, instrument charts, map overlays, negatives, and remote sensing data (records) are, and remain the property of the NPS. The investigator will contact the Park Collections Manager (Shannon Kovac; 907-422-0541; shannon_kovac@nps.gov) to ensure that these records are properly accessioned. Final disposition of all records will be specified by the NPS in accordance with approved Park policies and procedures.
- All geospatial data, metadata or applications to be delivered to an Alaska Park must be in a format compatible with the Parks current GIS software and must be delivered to the Park on media that are compatible with the Parks current GIS hardware. You need only submit final GIS data layer(s) developed as a result of your research at the Alaska Park.
- The investigator will mail three copies of all project reports to the Park Superintendent. Reports are defined as information, records, publications or other documentation based wholly or in part on data obtained through the permitted research. In addition, each year the investigator is required to submit to the NPS an Investigator Annual Report (IAR), an on-line report of research activities.
- This permit does not authorize the applicant to enter or conduct activities on private lands within the boundaries of Kenai Fjords National Park. Separate permission to conduct research on private lands must be obtained from the landowner. It is the investigators responsibility to learn the location of these lands and obtain permission prior to entry as much of the coast is privately owned.
- Other park-specific permit stipulations will depend upon the specific activities associated with a project, and may be appended to the specific permit.

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