Reference Guide: Commercial Use Permit for Watercraft Livery, Rental or Demonstration

This reference guide provides information on the permit required to deliver, rent or demonstrate the use of watercraft for commercial purposes on Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks land (FWP). Please note that commercial use on FWP land is a privilege, not a right. Authorization may be denied, amended, or revoked at any time for cause.

Permit Requirements

• A Commercial Use Permit is required for watercraft livery, rental or demonstration:
  o Businesses that deliver (or pick up) watercraft at FWP fishing access sites or state parks for paying customers.
  o Businesses that rent watercraft at FWP fishing access sites or state parks.
  o Businesses that demonstrate watercraft at FWP fishing access sites or state parks to buyers or potential buyers.

• A Commercial Use Permit is not required for businesses that rent watercraft off-site and do not enter or otherwise use a FWP site.

Permit Authorization

The Commercial Use Permit for watercraft livery, rental or demonstration is an annual permit that expires at the end of the calendar year.
The permit authorizes the permit holder to use any FWP fishing access site or state park for the purpose of delivering, renting or demonstrating the use of watercraft unless otherwise posted.

Permit Application and Fee

The Commercial Use Permit application for watercraft livery, rental or demonstration is available on the FWP web site or at any FWP regional office. See the Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule for the current fee schedule.

Terms and Conditions

The terms and conditions for watercraft livery, rental or demonstration will be printed on your permit. Your compliance is important to ensure future opportunities to obtain a permit.

For questions regarding commercial use, please contact the following:

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• Montana State Parks: Pat Doyle, (406) 444-3818, pdoyle@mt.gov
• Wildlife Management Areas: Rick Northrup, (406) 444-5633, rnorthrup@mt.gov

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