



SPECIAL AREA PERMIT FH17-I-0090-SA-GP

Yakataga State Game Refuge – Motorized Access

ISSUED: August 16, 2017
EXPIRES: December 31, 2018

General Public:

The Yakataga State Game Refuge was established pursuant to Alaska Statute 16.20.033(b) to protect fish and wildlife habitat and populations and public uses of those resources. The Alaska Department of Fish and Game has determined special area uses and resources are properly protected through issuance of a General Permit authorizing motorized access subject to permit terms.

Permit Terms

Members of the public accessing the Yakataga State Game Refuge with off-road vehicles, aircraft, and airboats, must maintain equipment to prevent fluid leaks, not harass wildlife, and leave no trace.

Off-Road Vehicles

Wheeled or tracked all-terrain vehicles or snowmobiles may be used on established trails or seaward of coastal vegetation. During winter, snowmobiles may operate off trails when soils and vegetation are protected from damage by frozen ground or more than 12 inches of snow.

Aircraft

Float planes may land on Midtimber Lake or Vitus Lake. Fixed wing aircraft equipped with tundra tires may land anywhere. Fixed winged aircraft without tundra tires may use Moose International airstrip located close to the east-southeast shoreline of Vitus Lake or the airstrip adjacent to the Sam Fejes Tsiu River Lodge.

Airboats

Airboats may transit areas with water depths greater than six inches from May 1 to August 10.

For any activity that deviates from this General Permit, you shall notify the Division of Habitat and obtain written approval in the form of an individual permit before beginning the activity. Any action that negates, alters, or minimizes the intent or effectiveness of the terms of this permit will be deemed a significant deviation from the approved plan. The final determination as

to the significance of any deviation and the need for an individual permit is the responsibility of the Division of Habitat.

This letter constitutes a permit issued under the authority of 5 AAC 95.770 and 16.20.060 and a copy must be retained when conducting the permitted activity. Please be advised that this determination applies only to activities regulated by the Division of Habitat. This determination does not relieve you of your responsibility to secure other permits; state, federal, or local. You are still required to comply with all other applicable laws.

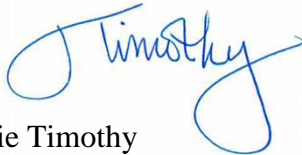
In addition to the penalties provided by law, this permit may be terminated or revoked for failure to comply with its provisions or failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations. The department reserves the right to require mitigation measures to correct disruption to fish and game created by the activities and which was the direct result of the failure to comply with the terms of this permit.

Any person operating under this General Permit shall indemnify, save harmless, and defend the department, its agents, and its employees from any and all claims, actions, or liabilities for injuries or damages sustained by any person or property arising directly or indirectly from permitted activities or your performance under this permit. However, this provision has no effect if, and only if, the sole proximate cause of the injury is the department's negligence.

Pursuant to 5 AAC 95.920, an interested person may initiate an appeal of a decision made under this chapter in accordance with the provisions of AS 44.62.330-630.

Any questions about this permit may be directed to Habitat Biologist Johnny Zutz at (907) 465-6474 or emailed to johnny.zutz@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,
Sam Cotten
Commissioner



By Jackie Timothy
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Attachment: FH-I-0090-SA-GP Topo Map

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