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**APPLICATIONS FOR VISITOR SERVICES AVAILABLE**

Applications for conducting commercial visitor services on Kenai National Wildlife Refuge are now available from Refuge Headquarters. A special use permit is required for conducting any commercial visitor services on Refuge lands and waters including portions of the Kenai River within Refuge boundaries. Certain areas and commercial visitor services within the Refuge have a limited number of permits that are awarded by competitive selection.

Applications will be accepted for the 2008-2009 permit year in person at Refuge headquarters or postmarked no later than April 1, 2008. The permit year begins May 1, 2008 and runs until April 30, 2009. Permit holders with a multi-year permit expiring later than 2008 must update relevant permit requirements and receive the annual commercial visitor services decal(s). Multi-year permit holders should be certain that all required licenses, employee lists, boats and vehicle registrations, and insurance is current. Multi-year permittees must update relevant information before seasonal activities begin or no later than June 1, 2008.

Application packets and additional information are available by contacting Refuge headquarters at (907) 262-7021 or writing Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 2139, Soldotna, Alaska, 99669.

*The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 548 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.*

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