



Categorical Exclusion Form

Project: Addition of Water-based Activities to Park Commercial Use Authorized Activities List

PEPC Project Number: 57411

Project Description:

Lake Clark National Park and Preserve is proposing to add water taxis and water based activities, including snorkeling, scuba diving, and underwater wildlife photography, to the list of authorized commercial use activities allowable within the park and preserve. These activities occur at relatively low levels on Lake Clark and its associated tributaries but may be expanded to other areas in the future. Current commercial use authorization stipulations are sufficient to mitigate any potential environmental concerns these activities may pose. Water taxis are also licensed by the U.S. Coast Guard to ensure compliance with vessel and passenger safety regulations.

Project Locations:

Location 1

County:	Lake and Peninsula Borough	State:	AK
District:		Section:	
Geo. Marker:		Other:	

Location 2

County:	Kenai Peninsula Borough	State:	AK
District:		Section:	
Geo. Marker:		Other:	

Location 3

County:	Bethel Census Area	State:	AK
District:		Section:	
Geo. Marker:		Other:	

Mitigation(s):

- No mitigations identified.

Describe the category used to exclude action from further NEPA analysis and indicate the number of the category (see Section 3-4 of DO-12):

A.5 Issuances, extensions, renewals, reissuances or minor modifications of concession contracts or permits not entailing new construction.

Explanation:

On the basis of the environmental impact information in the statutory compliance file, with which I am familiar, I am categorically excluding the described project from further NEPA analysis. No exceptional circumstances (e.g. all boxes in the ESF are marked "no") or conditions in Section 3-6 apply, and the action is fully described in Section 3-4 of DO-12.

Signature
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