

**PROPOSED CHANGES  
SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM  
2021  
GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE**

The Superintendent is seeking comment on proposed changes to the Superintendent's Compendium. A compendium is a written compilation of designations, closures, permit requirements and other restrictions adopted under the Superintendent's discretionary authority.

Information on how to submit comments is available at:  
<https://www.nps.gov/locations/alaska/proposed-compendiums.htm>

After review and consideration of the need for annual updates, the following changes regarding public use are proposed.

**Electric Bicycles**

Updates are proposed regarding the use of electric bicycles (e-bikes) to reflect recent regulatory changes. The entry under 36 CFR 13.50 will be replaced with the following:

**4.30(i)(1) Designated roads, parking areas, and trails open to electric bicycles, or specific classes of electric bicycles**

- All Park roads and parking areas are open to e-bikes.

**4.30(i)(7) Electric bicycle use restrictions/conditions**

No additional restrictions or conditions in areas designated as open to electric bicycle use. See 36 CFR 4.30(i) for more information.

**Unattended Property**

The NPS is proposing changes regarding storage of personal kayaks and small boats 10ft or less in length to be stored in certain park areas for longer than 4 months.

**13.45(c) Designated areas where personal property may not be left unattended for any time period, limits on amounts and types, manner in which property is stored**

The NPS proposes to establish May 1 – Sept. 15 of each year as a period of time that personal kayaks and small boats 10ft. or less in length may be left at designated locations as long as they are properly identified per regulation. From Sept. 16 – April 30 of each year, individuals may keep their personal kayaks or small boats 10ft. or less in length at designated locations as long as they obtain a permit from the Visitor Information Station and are issued a tag to affix to their kayak or small boat indicating that a permit has been obtained for that year.

The reason(s) for this change is to maintain the visual aesthetic values of this highly visited area, and to prevent proliferation of small craft scattered along the shoreline which impedes wildlife

and human foot traffic, and damages vegetation. Identifying ownership is necessary to manage this permitted storage.

The proposed language is:

Personal kayaks and small boats 10ft in length or less may not be left unattended on beaches within the Bartlett Cove Developed Area outside of designated areas. The designated areas are above the intertidal area on provided racks beneath the fuel dock, or within 150 yards of the Inner Lagoon Administrative Dock.

- May 1st - September 15 – personal kayaks and small boats stored in these areas must be identified per this section with the owner's name, home address, telephone number, and date the personal kayak or small boat was left
- September 16 - April 30 – personal kayaks and small boats stored in these areas must obtain a permit from the Visitor Information Station and will be issued a numbered tag that must be affixed to the kayak or small boat. The permit will be required to be renewed on an annual basis.

### **Private Vessel Permits**

The NPS is proposing changes to the issuance and use of private motor vessel permits.

#### **13.1152(a) Private vessel permits and conditions**

The NPS proposes to rescind the 2020 change to the timeline in which Advance-notice permits may be reserved. The change would allow for 13 of the 25 daily permits to be reserved up to 60 days in advance prior to the entry date.

The reason for this change is due to the return to the established procedures that were in place prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, due to COVID-19 and the rapidly changing situation due to the pandemic, the number of days that advance-notice permits could be obtained was reduced to 14 days. This rescinds that shortened timeline back to the previous timeline of 60 days.

#### **13.1152(a) Private vessel permits and conditions**

The NPS proposes to change permit issuance for vessels that are used as launches, tenders, or dinghies when the vessel that the launch, tender or dinghy is associated with is issued a private vessel permit.

The reason for this change is to expand permits available for private vessels. In the past, some individuals with private vessel permits have obtained a separate permit for their launches, tenders or dinghies. This has reduced the number of permits available to other visitors not associated with the same party. Regulations already exist that allow for a tender or dinghy to be used under certain circumstances without needing a permit at **36 CFR 13.1156(c) Exceptions from vessel**

**permit requirement** A vessel permit is not required in Glacier Bay when: One motor vessel is launched from a motor vessel that has a permit and only while the authorized motor vessel remains at anchor or operated in accordance with a concession agreement from a permitted motor vessel while that vessel is not underway;

The proposed language is:

Vessels used as launches, tenders or dinghies to another vessel obtaining a private vessel permit may not also obtain a private vessel permit.

### **13.1152(a) Private vessel permits and conditions**

The NPS proposes that vessels entering and exiting Glacier Bay at Bartlett Cove must call into KWM-20 Bartlett Cove to open and close their permit upon crossing a line extending from the long axis of the fuel dock.

The reason for this change is due to the fact that vessels are frequently launched, anchored, and/or moored in Bartlett Cove and then enter Glacier Bay on a permit from Bartlett Cove. Per **36 CFR 13.1156(b) Exceptions from vessel permit requirement** A vessel permit is not required in Glacier Bay when: A motor vessel is operating in Bartlett Cove waters east of a line extending from the long axis of the fuel dock to the wilderness boundary of Lester Island. To manage the vessel permit system, vessels entering Glacier Bay from Bartlett Cove will be required to call and announce their arrival or departure just as they do upon entering and exiting Glacier Bay from Icy Straights.

The proposed language is:

Vessels entering and exiting Glacier Bay at Bartlett Cove must call into KWM-20 Bartlett Cove to open and close their permit upon crossing a line extending from the long axis of the fuel dock.

*(Signed original on file, Philip N. Hooge, Ph.D. 01/14/2021)*

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