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**COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION FOR GUIDED STREAM & SHORELINE FISHING OPERATING PLAN -
EXHIBIT B**

OVERVIEW

The CUA for Commercial Stream and Shoreline Fishing trips allows the CUA holder to conduct guided walk and wade fishing trips in park streams and lakes.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1) Maximum group size is 6 people, including guides. The CUA holder may offer multiple trips per day but is limited to a maximum of 15 clients per day. Each group must include at least one guide. Groups must be dispersed and may not congregate in one area.
- 2) All clients and guides must have a Yellowstone National Park fishing permit and must obey park fishing regulations which can be found <https://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/fishing.htm>. Fishing permits are required for anyone 16 years and older.
- 3) The CUA holder is responsible for ensuring that all guides and clients are safely equipped and properly clothed for the activity and current and forecasted weather conditions prior to the trip.
- 4) Fish that are kept should be cleaned at a cleaning station if possible. Otherwise, all entrails should have the air bladders punctured and then be thrown into the deepest water possible where they were caught. It is prohibited to bury, burn, or leave fish entrails on shore.
- 5) Float tube use is permitted in lakes and the section of the Lewis River between Lewis Lake and Shoshone Lake with this CUA Float tube users must have a Yellowstone National Park watercraft permit, an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) inspection, and abide by the park's Boating Regulations found at https://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/upload/yell_boating_regs-5-16-2013.pdf.
- 6) Float tube users must wear a Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) at all times, carry an accessible whistle to use during emergencies, and a United States Coast Guard approved visual distress signal (pocket sized) for guide use during emergencies.
- 7) Any inflatable or float tube authorized for use under this CUA and associated water recreational articles must undergo an AIS inspection prior to entering any water within Yellowstone National Park. AIS inspections must be done at the same time a watercraft permit is issued and conducted only by authorized National Park Service (NPS) AIS staff.
- 8) Any article immersed in park waters known to contain AIS, shall be thoroughly inspected and cleaned prior to entering any other waters within the park. This would include waders, hip boots, nets, and other associated fishing gear. Felt soled boots are not permitted in the park. Given the presence of AIS is not always known, it is a best management practice to decontaminate and clean all surfaces when moving from one water body to another.
- 9) Packs with food or other bear attractants may not be left unattended on shore and must be properly stored or kept on person while fishing.
- 10) For further backcountry guidelines and regulations, please refer to the information provided in "Beyond Road's End" available in any Backcountry Office or found https://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/upload/BeyondRoadsEnd_2017_compressed.pdf.
- 11) One guide on each trip must have previous, relevant outdoor experience including previous experience on the trails, lakes, or streams they are guiding.
- 12) The guide for any trip within the park must have a basic knowledge of map reading and carry a topographic map for the area of their trip if they are guiding in the backcountry. It is recommended the guide have a compass and knowledge of compass use.
- 13) Each guide must carry a minimum of one can of bear spray and know how to use it. Bear spray for clients is recommended.

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- 14) A separate CUA for motorized or non-motorized boating CUA is required for the use of watercraft other than float tubes.
- 15) Guided activities such as biking, boating, photography instruction, and/or overnight backcountry trips are not authorized under this permit. You may day hike to locations under this permit for the purpose of fishing.

I have read and agree to the Stream & Shoreline Fishing CUA conditions. I hereby confirm that myself, all guides, and all relevant employees will be trained in the requirements of this CUA, the Yellowstone CUA Special Park Conditions, and this Operating Plan.

CUA Holder's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Company Name: _____