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**Date:** Friday, September 25, 2015 11:48:27 AM  
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**Importance:** High

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Hi, Jennifer:

I spoke with Bridgette about your situation. The Branch of Refuge Biology (RRB and I&M) is available to provide support to you and your staff on the aquaculture proposed use.

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*"Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted."*  
Albert Einstein

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Here's what I found for Linda's exercise. All of this activity is occurring on NPS lands though, not within the NWRS.

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"What gets us into trouble is not what we don't know. It's what we know for sure that just ain't so." ~ Mark Twain



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### 2013 Commercial Harvesting Permits

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The 2013 permits are valid from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013. The cost for the permit is \$150. A permit is required for each individual engaged in the commercial harvesting of clams, crabs, fish, oysters, shrimp and bait fish within the boundaries of Canaveral National Seashore and/or Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge. Commercial Harvesting Permits may not be used for Commercial Guide Services.

To obtain a Commercial Harvesting Permit, you may apply at Canaveral National Seashore, 212 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville, FL 32796. Please allow 5 business days for processing.

If applying by mail, attach a legible copy of your SPL fishing license (SPL) and boat registration(s) to your application.

**\*\* PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY \*\***

Payment must accompany your application. Please make your check or money order payable to "National Park Service".



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### COMMERCIAL HARVESTING PERMIT Application Instructions

Commercial Harvesting Permits are valid from October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the permit is \$150. A permit is required for each individual engaged in the commercial harvesting of clams, crabs, fish, oysters, shrimp and bait fish within the boundaries of Canaveral National Seashore and/or Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge. Commercial Harvesting Permits may not be used for Commercial Guide Service.

To apply for a Commercial Harvesting permit, submit your complete application along with the \$150.00 permit fee, to Canaveral National Seashore headquarters office. Payment may be by personal check or money order made payable to: NATIONAL PARK SERVICE. Cash (exact amount only) is accepted when applying in person. (Do not send cash if you are submitting your application by mail).

In the "Description of Proposed Activity" section of this application, please describe the specific types of harvesting you will engage in, i.e., clamming, fishing, crabbing, shrimping, oystering, etcetera.

The following application documents are required:

- Special Use Permit application (completed & signed).
- Signed permit conditions acknowledgement form

The following documents must be presented to obtain a commercial harvesting permit:

- Photo identification
- Valid Commercial Saltwater Products License (SPL) issued to applicant
- Valid Commercial Vessel Registration issued to applicant (if you use a boat)

Persons who apply by mail must provide **legible** photo copies of eligibility verification documents.



(Revised NPS Form 10-930)  
(OMB No. 1024-0026)  
(10-2010)  
Expires 6/30/2013

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**Revised Application for Special Use Permit**

Please supply the information requested below. **Attach additional sheets, if necessary, to provide required information.** You will be notified of the disposition of the application and the necessary steps to secure your final permit. For special events, a non-refundable processing fee should be included and your permit may require the payment of cost recovery charges and proof of liability insurance naming the United States of America as also insured. Pursuant to the 2010 NPS Interim Regulations, parks have up to 10 days to process a fully executed application that seeks to engage in a demonstration or the sale or distribution of printed matter.

Applicant Name:	Organization Name:
Social Security #:	Tax ID #
Street/Address:	Street/Address:
City/State/Zip Code:	City/State/Zip Code:
Telephone #:	Telephone #:
Cell phone #:	Cell phone #:
Fax #:	Fax#:
E-mail:	E-mail:

Description of Proposed Activity (attach diagram, attach additional pages if necessary):

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Requested Location: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Event set up will begin: (date and time)	Event will begin: (date and time)	Event will end: (date and time)	Removal will be done: (date and time)

Maximum Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide best estimate)

Maximum Number of Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach parking plan)

Support Equipment *(list all equipment; attach additional pages if necessary)*

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List support personnel *(Contractors, etc. Include addresses and phone numbers. Attach additional pages if necessary)*. \_\_\_\_\_

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Individual in charge of event on site (include address, telephone and cell phone numbers):

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Is this an exercise of First Amendment Rights?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Are you familiar with/ have you visited the requested area?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Have you obtained a permit from the National Park Service in the past? (If yes, provide a list of permit dates and locations on a separate page.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Do you plan to advertise or issue a press release before the event?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Will you distribute printed material?	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Is there any reason to believe there will be attempts to disrupt, protest or prevent your event? (If yes, please explain on a separate page.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Do you intend to solicit donations or offer items for sale? (These activities may require an additional permit.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N

The applicant by his or her signature certifies that all the information given is complete and correct, and that no false or misleading information or false statements have been given.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Information provided will be used to determine whether a permit will be issued. Completed application must be accompanied by an application fee in the form of a cashiers check or money order in the amount of **\$150.00** made payable to **National Park Service**. Credit card payments may be accepted at some parks. Application and administrative charges are non-refundable. *This completed application should be mailed to the Park address found on the first page of this application.*

**Note** that this is an application only, and does not serve as permission to conduct any use of the park. If your request is approved, a permit containing applicable terms and conditions will be sent to the person designated on the application. The permit must be signed by the responsible person and returned to the park prior to the event for final approval by the Park Superintendent.

## NOTICES

**Privacy Act Statement:** The Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) provides that you be furnished with the following information in connection with information required by this application. This information is being collected to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. Applicants are required to provide their social security number or taxpayer identification number or activities subject to collection of fees by the National Park Service (31 U.S.C. 7701). Information from the application may be transferred to appropriate Federal, State, local agencies, when relevant to civil, criminal or regulatory investigations or prosecutions.

**Paperwork Reduction Act Statement:** This information is being collected subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to allow the park manager to make a value judgment on whether or not to allow the requested use. This information collection is required to obtain or retain a benefit. All applicable parts of the form must be completed. A Federal agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 45 minutes per response including the time it takes to read, gather and maintain data, review instructions and complete the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspects of this form to the National Park Service, Special Park Uses Program Manager, 1849 C Street NW (2460), Washington, D.C. 20240



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### COMMERCIAL HARVESTING PERMIT CONDITIONS

This Commercial Harvesting Permit covers activities in waters administered by Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and Canaveral National Seashore (Mosquito Lagoon, north Indian River Lagoon, and north Banana River.) Commercial harvesting of seafood products from these waters is authorized with the purchase of this permit, together with applicable Federal, state, and local licensing requirements. The permit fee is \$150.00 and is valid from October 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, annually. Each individual harvesting, handling, or transporting seafood products from these waters must obtain and carry this permit. Commercial activities covered under this permit include, but are not limited to crabbing, clamming, oysters, fishing, and harvesting shrimping for commercial purposes. Commercial Harvesting Permits are issued at Canaveral National Seashore's headquarters office.

#### **Permit Conditions:**

- The Federal government, its agents, and employees, cannot be held liable for property damage, bodily injury, or death caused by the permittee's use of park lands in connection with the permit, and permittee agrees to pay the National Park Service for any costs incurred associated with any claims.
- Commercial harvesting is allowed in the Indian River, Banana River, and Mosquito Lagoon except for Kennedy Space Center security areas. All impounded waters of Merritt Island NWR and Canaveral National Seashore (waters inside a dike) are closed to commercial harvesting.
- A valid Saltwater Products License (SPL) is required to obtain a permit.
- Oysters and clams must be taken by hand and/or hand rake. Mechanical devices are not permitted.
- Certain waters can be closed to shell fishing harvesting periodically. It is your responsibility to keep informed of these changes. The Florida Department of Agriculture publishes maps depicting current closures and area status is available 24 hours a day on their website: [www.floridaaquaculture.com/SEAS\\_maplinks/82.htm](http://www.floridaaquaculture.com/SEAS_maplinks/82.htm), or by calling 850-488-5471.
- Nighttime boat launching (between sunset and sunrise) is permitted only at Bairs Cove, Beacon 42 ramp, and the Public Boat Ramp on A1A at Canaveral National Seashore in New Smyrna Beach.
- Air thrust boats and personal watercraft are prohibited from operation in all Merritt Island NWR waters, and all waters of Canaveral National Seashore (excluding the Intracoastal Waterway {ICW}, from Marker 13 south to Haulover Canal).



- Numerous manatee protection zones are found within the waters of the Refuge and Seashore. All protection zones are clearly identified with signs. Heed all signs and abide by posted limits. Boats are restricted to Idle Speed in Bairs Cove and slow speed/minimum wake in Haulover Canal. All waters of Mosquito Lagoon are regulated under State and Federal laws. A Manatee Sanctuary is established in the Banana River and motorized vessels are excluded from most of these waters. See [Merritt Island NWR Sports Fishing Regulations](#) for more information.
- Permit holder must comply with all Federal and State firearm laws.
- Two "Pole & Troll" Zones exist in Mosquito Lagoon and are delineated with buoys. Internal combustion motors must be shut off within the zones (except in the posted channels) and vessels drafting more than 12 inches at rest must not enter. Boats may operate internal combustion engines only in the posted channels but electric trolling motors may be used anywhere within the zones.
- Monthly catch logs must be maintained and a copy provided to Canaveral National Seashore at the end of each month. (Do not submit a quarterly or annual compilation of monthly reports.)
- Violation of permit regulations or state laws may result in the suspension or revocation of your commercial harvesting permit.

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**SIGNATURE**

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**DATE**

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**- FOR OFFICE USE ONLY -**

Applicant has valid SPL: ( Y / N )

R/S endorsement: ( Y / N )

SPL presented issued to permit applicant: ( Y / N )

Valid commercial vessel registration: ( Y / N )

Boat registered to permit applicant: ( Y / N )

Identification form presented: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\* ILLEGIBLE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED \*\*\***

Note: Please direct questions regarding these conditions, fishing laws, regulations or equipment requirements to a Park Law Enforcement Ranger or Fish & Wildlife officer.