



Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Commercial Recreational Land Use Permit Application

As required by Sitka General Code 14.10 No person may conduct commercial recreational activities on city and borough of Sitka lands subject to this title except as authorized by a permit issued by the municipal staff as designated by the administrator.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Business Name Alaskan Song Charters
Primary Contact Jonathan Yoors
Address [REDACTED]
Auke Bay, AK, 99821
Phone Number [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]

DETAILS OF TOUR OR GUIDED ACTIVITY

Season Start Date Friday, May 15, 2026
Season End Date Friday, September 25, 2026

Commercial Allocations: For each area, the commercial carrying capacity is indicated in the far left column next to the area name, denoted as (maximum client group size/maximum groups per week). For each area at which you would like to request commercial recreational use, check the "Area of use" box. Additionally, provide your maximum proposed group size (clients only, not including guides) for each area; may not exceed commercial carrying capacity maximum group size. For groups per week, provide your estimated number of groups per week based on a season average that will use each area. Enter an estimated total client number using each area in the far right column.

	Area of use	Group Size	Groups per week	Total Clients
Cross Trail North (12/26)				
Cross Trail South (8/23)				
Gavan Hill Access (7/19)				
Indian River (7/23)				
Thimbleberry/Heart Lake (14/24)				

	Area of use	Group Size	Groups per week	Total Clients
Herring Cove/Beaver Lake (7/18)				
Herring Cove Beach (6/24)				
Blue Lake Road (12/26)				
Blue Lake (6/20)				
Green Lake Road (8/26)				
Green Lake (6/20)				
Swan Lake (6/16)				
Eagle Beach ("Back Beach") (6/18)				
Sitka Sound Islands (6/18)				
Baranof Warm Springs (6/18)	✓	6	1	70
Goddard Hot Springs (6/14)				
Other (please list area below)				

Details of tour or guided activity: Fully describe tour or activity in each area, including guided activity, outfitting resources provided, typical areas of use, etc.

We offer walking tours of the Warms Springs trail from the dock to the lake and then to the natural warm spring pools. We always have a guide accompany the guests with a VHF radio and emergency medical gear. The main vessel stays in contact with the guide during the excursion.

Please include the following information and attachments with your application.

Certificate of Insurance (City & Borough of Sitka named as additionally insured)

Safety & Operating plan

Additional documentation (as needed/if applicable):
Copy of permit(s) from other agencies for use of joint-jurisdiction areas. If use of Baranof Warm Springs or Goddard Hot Springs is requested, attach copy of bathing instructions/etiquette provided to clients.

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Warm Springs Operatating Plan.pdf



City & Borough of Sitka, 100 Lincoln St....pdf



APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commercial Use Regulations:

- Applications and permits issued under [SGC 14.10 COMMERCIAL RECREATIONAL USE OF MUNICIPAL LANDS AND FACILITIES](#)
- Guidance provided by the [2026 Commercial Recreational Land Use Plan](#)
- Permits shall expire on December 31st of each calendar year.
- Permits are valid only for the dates, times, activities, and areas specified.
- Permits are not automatically renewable. Issuance of a permit shall not entitle any priority or preferential consideration for subsequent, new, or additional permits for the same area or for related uses.
- Permit Fees will be invoiced after January 4, 2026 application closure.

Upon acceptance of a permit, all permittees shall execute an instrument under the terms of which the permittee shall agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City and Borough of Sitka from any and all claims for injury or damage to persons or property suffered in connection with the permittee's activities unless such injury or damage is caused by the gross negligence of the City and Borough of Sitka.

I certify that the business/operator(s) are registered with the CBS Sales Tax Office, unless specifically exempt from collecting and remitting sales taxes for sales outside of City and Borough of Sitka jurisdiction, and have no outstanding judgements to the City and Borough of Sitka.

Terms and Conditions

Accepted

Date

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Signature



Captain Jonathan Yoors

[REDACTED] Auke Bay, AK 9982

[REDACTED]

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Alaskansongcharters.com

We offer weeklong adventure tours onboard Motor Vessel Alaskan Song. One of our weekly stops is Baranof Warm Springs. We offer a guided tour of the lake and natural warm spring pools. We take a maximum of 10 guests guided by a minimum of 1 guide. The tour starts at the dock where we disembark from our skiff. Then we proceed up the dock and follow the board walk to the trail and up to the lake. Once at the lake the guests take a few pictures before we head back down the trail to the warm spring pools. This tour last between 1 and 3 hours depending on the guest's activity level.

We always spend the night anchored out in the bay and we will choose a time for the lake tour when the dock has an available spot for our skiff. Whenever possible we will choose a time when there are less people on the dock and in town. We have a strict leave no trace policy. Our groups will never leave trash on shore, all trash created will be carried back to Alaskan Song and stored until the end of the weeklong trip when we will dispose of it at either the Juneau or Sitka marina. Before we leave Alaskan Song for the lake tour, we brief all the guests on our leave no trace policy, safety while on shore and we make sure that all our guests and guides know there is no restroom facility on shore. Our guide or guides always carry a full suite of safety equipment including bear spray, handheld VHF radio, medical kit and personal EPRIB. The guide is required to check in with Alaskan Song every hour by VHF radio. All our guides are trained in basic first aid, CPR and we do an extensive wildlife safety training with all of our guides.

The rates for a 7-night 8-day trip on Alaskan Song start at [REDACTED] for four guests and [REDACTED] per additional guest. We pay a commission of [REDACTED] to any charter broker or travel agent who we work with.

All these tours are operated off M/V Alaskan Song a 1944 96' custom vessel with a 1984 15' Boston Whaler and a 2023 16' Stryker. All these vessels are registered with the state of Alaska, are fully insured and have all safety equipment up to date.



Baranof Warm Springs Bath House Instructions

1. If the Bath House is full wait in line until one to become available.
2. When you are finished with your bath drain and clean the tub with provided cleaning supplies.
3. Replace the fill hose to ensure the tub is full for the next guest.
4. Remove any garbage and personal belongings.
5. Leave the door and curtains open when you leave.
6. Always be respectful to the facility and others.

Baranof Warm Springs Natural Pools

1. Be respectful of anyone who is in the pools.
2. Always wear a bathing suit.
3. Be careful when entering or exiting the pools as the rocks are very slippery.
4. Make sure you bring all trash and personal belongings with you when you leave.