



Sunday, November 30, 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 Morning Glass Fisheries, LLC, DBA Equinox
Primary Contact Cameo Padilla
Address [REDACTED]
Sitka, AK, 99835
Phone Number [REDACTED]
Email [REDACTED]

DETAILS OF TOUR OR GUIDED ACTIVITY

Season Start Date Friday, May 1, 2026
Season End Date Saturday, September 12, 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	24
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.

Baranof Warm Springs:

Equinox, our 60ft expedition yacht, would anchor up or utilize the dock in Baranof Warm Springs Bay. A maximum of 6 guest and 2 guides would utilize the trail to access the natural hot springs, lake and river. We would like to offer professionally guided nature tours and freshwater fishing excursions as well as allow our guests to enjoy the natural hot springs.

We would like to utilize the trail between May 1st and September 12th, 2026. We would utilize the trail roughly 4 times in 2026. We have a capacity of 6 passengers, so we estimate we will have 24 guests this season on the trail.

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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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

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Signature

Morning Glass Fisheries, LLC DBA Equinox – City and Borough of Sitka – 2026

Hot Spring Etiquette Policy

General Conduct

- Bathing Suits are Required
- Respect the Tranquility: Keep conversations at a low volume and avoid loud behavior or boisterous play, running, or diving.
- No Outside Speakers: Out of respect for others, personal speakers are prohibited.
- Share the Space: Be welcoming to new arrivals, find a comfortable spot that gives a few feet of distance, and be mindful of the capacity. If tubs are full, wait until a later time to enjoy them.
- Photography with Permission: Mindful photography is acceptable but be extremely considerate of others' privacy.

Hygiene and Health

- This is Not a Bathtub: Do not use soaps, shampoos, or any bath products within the hot spring pools themselves.
- Stay Out if Sick: Do not use the hot springs if you are feeling unwell, have an infectious condition, or an open wound.
- Tie Back Long Hair: If you have long hair, tie it up to keep it out of the water.
- Stay Hydrated: The heat can dehydrate you quickly. Drink plenty of water before, during, and after your soak.
- Limit Alcohol Consumption: Soaking in hot water magnifies the effects of alcohol, which can lead to dizziness, nausea, or fainting. Limit your intake and stay hydrated with plenty of water.

Site Preservation

- No Glass Containers: Glass is prohibited in and around the pools, as broken shards are difficult to clean up and present a safety hazard. Opt for reusable plastic or metal bottles/cups instead.
- Respect the Landscape: Stay on designated paths to avoid damaging the surrounding environment.