

## Commercial Use of WDFW Public Access Areas

Attention rafting and power boat guides and outfitters:

If you are using WDFW water access sites or boat launch facilities for commercial activities, you must obtain a commercial use permit from WDFW's regional office in Spokane:

2315 N. Discovery Pl., Spokane Valley, WA 99216  
or call or email Brian Trickel at (509)892-7854 or [brian.trickel@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:brian.trickel@dfw.wa.gov).

The sites along the Grande Ronde and Snake Rivers that require a permit include WDFW sites commonly referred to as Couse Creek, Heller Bar, Snyder Bar (at the bottom of the Schumaker Road), Boggan's Oasis and Cougar Creek. Additional sites may be added if they are developed and designated as water access/boat launch facilities.

The fee for the WDFW Commercial Use Permit is:

- \$150/season/river: limited to 15 trips and 100 clients per season.
- \$250/season/river: limited to 25 trips and 200 clients per season.
- \$500/season/river: unlimited trips and clients.

Your request for a permit must include: the name of the WDFW site(s) you intend to use, the appropriate fee, and your Certificate of Insurance Coverage. The insurance policy must be sufficient to insure you and your business and WDFW against liability for bodily injury and property damage from your activities and use of vehicles and equipment. Minimum amounts of insurance are one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for injury to any one person and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) property damage for each occurrence. All policies must include the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife as an additional insured and carry a ten-day notification-of-cancellation clause.

In addition, a Discover Pass must be displayed on all vehicles that use the areas in any way. This includes launching/retrieving boats and rafts and parking vehicles on the WDFW water access/boat launch facility.

Included with this notification is a copy of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Title 232 Chapter 13 the Legislature passed into law that governs public conduct in Wildlife Areas and Access Sites owned or controlled by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Note: Fishing Guide trips do not need a commercial use permit if the guide carries a valid WDFW Fishing Guide license.