

(Effective March 1, 2021)

WAC 220-460-020 Commercial whale watching licenses—Application process and deadline. (1) A commercial whale watching license is required for commercial whale watching motorized vessel, sailboat, and kayak operators.

(2) Applicants must be at least sixteen years of age and possess a driver's license or other government-issued identification number and jurisdiction of issuance.

(3) Applicants must be authorized to conduct business within the state of Washington.

(4) The commercial whale watching license application must include the following information regarding the whale watching business:

(a) The applicant must identify the whale watching business: Business name, type of business (i.e., sole proprietor, partnership, corporation), all associated business owner(s), full name(s), physical address, mailing address, email address, telephone number, and Social Security numbers of all business owners.

(b) The applicant must identify and confirm the whale watching business is registered to conduct business within the state by providing the unified business identifier (UBI) number.

(5) The commercial whale watching license applicant must also designate an operator for each motorized or sailing vessel or kayak engaging in whale watching activity. The applicant must identify the operator's name of the associated business, full name, date of birth, Social Security number, gender, hair, eyes, weight, height, physical address, mailing address, email address, and telephone number.

(6) On the commercial whale watching license application, the applicant must designate all commercial whale watching vessels to be used while engaging in commercial whale watching. The applicant must indicate either motorized or sailing vessels or kayaks on the application.

(a) If motorized or sailing vessels are selected, then the applicant must select the appropriate option for the passenger capacity on the designated vessel.

(b) If kayak is selected, then the applicant must select the appropriate option for the number of kayaks engaging in whale watching activities.

(7) The applicant may designate alternate operators to be listed on the whale watching license.

(8) An application submitted to the department shall contain the applicant's declaration under penalty of perjury that the information on the application is true and correct.

(9) Applications must be completed and submitted online through the commercial licensing system, or by mailing the application to:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Attn: Commercial License Sales
P.O. Box 43154
Olympia, WA 98504-3154

(10) If the required fields are blank or omitted from the application, then the department will consider the application to be incomplete, and it will not be processed.

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