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RULE SUMMARY: Create a white water exemption for specific waterways.

CHANGES TO RULE:

250-010-0760

Waterway Access Permit

(1) The following vessels or classifications are exempt from the requirement to carry a Waterway Access Permit:¶

(a) Eleemosynary-owned boats which a supervising adult can confirm through documentation are engaged in an organization-related activity.¶

(b) A ship's lifeboat used solely for lifesaving purposes.¶

(c) Surfboards, sailboards and kiteboards.¶

(d) Boats owned and operated by liveries and those used for group-guided activities by Outfitters and Guides which have purchased discounted permits and have received a certificate of compliance from the Board.¶

(e) Nonmotorized boats operating on the Snake River with a valid Idaho Invasive Species Permit.¶

(f) Nonmotorized boats less than 10 feet in length engaging in whitewater recreation activities while operating on Whitewater Exempt Waterways as identified on OSMB's Boat Oregon Online Map. ¶

(A) Division 010 incorporates by reference the current Boat Oregon Online Maps Whitewater Exempt Waterway layer. Therefore, persons must consult the current Boat Oregon Online Maps Whitewater Exempt Waterway layer to determine all applicable whitewater exempt waterways. ¶

(B) Changes to exempt waterways may be adopted in this rule division from time to time. ¶

(2) Clubs or organizations that possess or own boats for communal use by members, participants, racing teams, or for public educational purposes except as exempted under this rule, may purchase Waterway Access Permits under the name of the organization.¶

(3) For nonmotorized boats engaged in competitive events, Waterway Access Permits numbering not less than the maximum number of boats in use on the water at any given time may be held by the event organizer, coach or other designated person at the event site as long as the permits are readily available for inspection by a law enforcement officer.¶

(4) A person is considered in violation of the provisions contained in this rule and subject to the penalties prescribed by law when they:¶

(a) Alter a Waterway Access Permit; or¶

(b) Produce or possess an unauthorized replica of a Waterway Access Permit; or¶

(c) Exhibit an altered Waterway Access Permit to a peace officer.¶

(5) The Waterway Access Permit expires on December 31 of the year indicated on the permit.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 830

Statutes/Other Implemented: 2019 SB 47, 2025 HB 2982