

FISHING STANDARDS (10-FIS)

Description - Guided fishing services provide opportunities to pursue and harvest fish with experienced, technically proficient, registered guide-outfitters. Services may also involve transportation, equipment, camping, and meal services. Camps are established according to Leave-No-Trace (LNT) principles. Meals are in accordance with Backcountry Food and Beverage standards (10-FBK). Fishing Field Observation forms may be used to collect information in the field.

***Standards that can mostly be observed in the field are marked with an asterisk (*).**

In general, the following definitions apply to these terms throughout the standards:

Adequate:	As much as necessary for the intended duration of use
Appropriate:	Suitable to the level of service or as specified in the operating plan
Clean:	Free from dirt, marks, stains, or unwanted matter
Neat:	Arranged in an orderly, tidy manner
Operational:	In use or ready for use
Sufficient:	Enough for the number of persons
Well-maintained:	Kept in good order or condition

Standard Number	EQUIPMENT STANDARDS	A, B, C Ranking
	Vessels	
1	<u>Vessel Condition</u> - Vessels are operational, clean, and well-maintained. Railings and casting braces are sturdy enough to support visitor use.	A
2	<u>Registration, Licensing, and Insurance</u> - Boats and operators are licensed and insured in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations. USCG vessel certificate of inspection is current.	A
3	<u>Vessel Identification</u> - Vessel identification and registration are in accordance with federal, state, or local laws. The company name and logo are visible.	A
4	<u>Marine Toilets</u> - Heads are clean, ventilated, operational, and well-maintained. Marine toilet tissue (rapid dissolving 1-ply) is provided. Heads have a covered waste receptacle, and signage indicating the restrictions of on-board sewage systems.	A
5	<u>Fenders/Bumpers</u> - Fenders and bumpers are appropriate, adequate, and well-maintained.	B
6	<u>Dock Lines</u> - Dock lines are adequate (size, material, rating) and well-maintained. Ropes are kept coiled or orderly, and away from visitor foot traffic as much as possible.	B
7	<u>Anchors</u> - Boat anchors and anchor ropes are appropriate, well-maintained, and of adequate size.	B
8	<u>Additional Equipment</u> - Throw bags and other appropriate auxiliary safety equipment are provided.	A

9	*	Smoking Policy - No smoking is permitted in the vessel cabin. Outdoor smoking area is located at the rear (aft) of the vessel, clearly designated, and a weather and windproof receptacle is provided.	A
10		Rod Holders - Rod holders are appropriate, secured, and well-maintained.	B
		Equipment	
11		Fishing Equipment - Fishing equipment is appropriate, adequate, operational, and well-maintained.	A
12		Packing Equipment - Fish packing equipment is appropriate, adequate, operational, and well-maintained.	B
13		Overnight Camping - Overnight gear and equipment is adequate, clean, and well-maintained.	B
		Shuttles	
14		Condition - Shuttle vehicles/aircraft are adequate, operational, clean, and well-maintained. Gear is secured. Boat trailers are adequate, appropriate, and well-maintained.	B
15		Registration, Licensing, and Insurance - Shuttle vehicles/aircraft and operators are licensed and insured in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.	A
16		Identification - The company name and logo are visible and appropriate permits and documentation are available.	C
17		Safety Belts - Safety belts are appropriate, adequate, and well-maintained. Safety belt use is enforced.	A
		Safety	
18		Fire Extinguishers - Fire extinguishers are accessible, appropriate, marked, and correctly located, with operating instructions and current inspection tags.	A
19		Communication - Emergency marine VHF radios, satellite telephones, navigational and signaling equipment is adequate and operational in accordance with USCG, state, and local regulations.	A
20		Personal Flotation Devices - USCG approved personal floatation devices (PFDs) are appropriate, adequate, and well-maintained. Sufficient child PFDs are available. PFD storage is clearly marked.	A
21		First Aid Kit - A first aid kit is available, stocked, and marked.	A
		OPERATIONAL STANDARDS	
		Services	
		Reservation Services	
22		Availability - Reservation services are available via telephone, mail, and fax during business hours; and internet 24/7 if available.	B
23		Knowledge of Reservation Staff - Guides or staff provide accurate trip information. Matching information is posted on the concessioner's website if available.	B

24		Deposits - Deposit policies are approved by the park; and deposit information is disclosed at the time of the reservation.	B
25		Trip Cancellation - Trip cancellation policy includes notification and refund procedures, and is approved by the park.	B
		Fishing Services	
26		Safety and Activity Orientation - Safety briefing at a minimum includes: • Nature and demands of trip • Weather conditions • Proper use of PFDs • Man-overboard procedures • Sanitation procedures • Gear recommendations (shoes, hats, sunglasses, etc.) • Park regulations (wildlife, trash, etc.) Safety briefings are given for daily activities and excursions.	A
27	*	Bait/Flies - Bait and/or flies are appropriate and sufficient.	B
28	*	Cleaning - Fish are cleaned at appropriate locations.	B
29		Packing and Shipping - Fish are packed and shipped in accordance with state laws and as specified in the contract.	B
30		Group Size - Fishing trip group sizes do not exceed authorized limits.	B
31		Client/Guide Ratios - Client-to-guide ratios are adhered to.	B
32	*	Use Allocation - Use allocation and assigned area restrictions are adhered to.	A
33		Permits - Fishing permit registration and closeout are accurate and timely.	A
34		Catch Record - Catch records are submitted to the state and the park in accordance with the law and as specified in the contract.	A
35	*	Campfires - Where allowed, only dead or downed wood is used for campfires. Fires are built only on gravel bars, mineral soil, or in a fire pan; and are never left unattended.	A
36		Interpretive Content - Information on natural and cultural resource, and park history is accurate. Messaging is consistent with the park mission, goals, and long range interpretive plan. Interpretive content is approved by the park.	B
37		Activities - Advertised activities are available. Visitor acknowledgment of risk form is approved by the park. Waivers of liability are not used.	C
		Food and Beverage – Day Trips	
38		Tableware/Drinkware - Tableware and drinkware are disposable. Recyclable, compostable, and/or bio-degradable materials are preferred. Styrofoam is not permitted.	B
39		Temperatures - Food and beverages are maintained at appropriate temperatures, and are properly labeled and packaged.	A
40		Alcohol - Alcoholic beverages are consumed on board in accordance with park regulations.	A

		Environmental Protection	
41	*	<u>Garbage and Trash</u> - Garbage is collected, contained in appropriate wildlife-proof containers, and transported out of the park. No fishing line is left behind.	A
42	*	<u>Hazardous Materials</u> - Fuel and other hazardous materials are handled, stored, and disposed of in compliance with state and federal laws, and in accordance with park-approved risk and environmental management plans.	A
43		<u>Lead</u> - Equipment (anchors, sinkers, lures, etc.) do not contain lead.	A
44		<u>Aquatic Invasive Species</u> - AIS early detection and rapid response programs are adhered to in accordance with park requirements, state, and local laws.	A
45	*	<u>Sanitation</u> - Human waste disposal procedures are followed in accordance with Backcountry and Leave-No-Trace (LNT) policies, as well as other park and public health requirements.	A
46	*	<u>Protection of Natural and Cultural Resources</u> - Except for appropriate fish limits, natural and cultural resources or artifacts are not disturbed or removed.	A
		Personnel	
47		<u>Guide/Crew Qualifications and Licenses</u> - Guides have the level of skill and experience required by the contract. Licenses and certifications are available upon request.	A
48		<u>Employee Attitude</u> - Employees project a friendly and helpful attitude, and are capable and willing to answer customer questions (about both job and general park information).	B
49		<u>Employee Appearance</u> - Employees wear visible apparel (hats, etc.) or name tags (over their PFDs) identifying them as concession staff. Apparel is approved by the park.	B
50		<u>Training</u> - Guides are trained in: • Communications • Swift water • Bear safety • Fire safety • Catch and release • Leave-No-Trace Training is documented and available upon request.	A
		Rates	
51		<u>Approved Rates</u> - Rates and other customer charges do not exceed those approved by the superintendent.	A

Ranking Definitions

Major: First Priority (A) conditions or practices create or have the potential to exert a **significant** impairment to visitor or employee health and safety, park resources, visitor services or visitor enjoyment, Concession Facilities, or associated personal property.

Moderate: Second Priority (B) conditions or practices create or have the potential to exert a **moderate** impairment to visitor or employee health and safety, park resources, visitor services or visitor enjoyment, Concession Facilities, or associated personal property.

Minor: Third Priority (C) conditions or practices create or have a potential to exert a **minor** impairment to visitor or employee health and safety, park resources, visitor services or visitor enjoyment, Concession Facilities, or associated personal property.