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February 10, 2026

TO: All Commercial Rental Vessel Operators – Kauai

FROM: Alan Carpenter, Acting Administrator 
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks

SUBJECT: Mandatory Registration: Rental Vessels Operating in Wailua River State Park

This letter serves as official notification regarding new safety and administrative regulations for commercial vessels (including kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, etc.) operating within the Wailua River State Park.

Pursuant to Act 128, to ensure the safety of park users and the environmental protection of the area, all commercial rental vessels must now be officially registered or permitted for use within the park boundaries, effective January 1, 2026.

Requirements for Compliance:

- Vessel Registration:** All rental units must have proper identification markings.
- Registration Process:** Operators must submit a listing of all vessels to be used in the park no later than March 16, 2026
- Operational Compliance:** All renters must receive a safety briefing regarding state park rules, including operating regulations and permitted areas.
- Annual Fee:** Fee for the registration and numbering of a rental vessel is \$75 per vessel/annum.
- Required Documentation (Submit with Application):** Certificate of Good Standing with DCCA, State of Hawaii Tax Clearance, and Current GET License.

Failure to comply with these regulations by March 16, 2026 may result in restrictions on Wailua River State Park transit, or removal of vessels from the area.

Please contact our Property Management team at (808) 587-0289 or (808) 274-3430 to coordinate the registration of your fleet or visit our website at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dsp/> for instructions. Mahalo!

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January 27, 2026

TO: All Commercial Rental Vessel Operators – Kauai

FROM: Alan Carpenter, Acting Administrator
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks

SUBJECT: Commencement of Visitor and Parking Services Management and Fee Collection at Wailua River State Park

This letter serves to inform you that effective February 15, 2026, Republic Parking Northwest LLC will begin its management of visitor and parking services and fee collection within the Marina Area, Kaumuali'i Area, 'Ōpaeka'a Falls (including Poli'ahu Heiau), and Wailua Falls.

Hawaii Administrative Rules establish that entrance and parking fees will be collected in accordance with the following Hawai'i Park System Entrance and Parking Fee Schedule:

Entrance Fees: Hawai'i Residents = Free with Hawai'i ID or Hawai'i Driver's License
Non-Residents = \$5.00 per person (children 3 and under = free)

Parking Fees: Hawai'i Residents = Free with Hawai'i ID or Hawai'i Driver's License
Non-Residents = \$10.00 per vehicle

Per Commercial Vehicle:
(1 to 7 passengers per vehicle) = \$25.00
(8 to 25 passengers per vehicle) = \$50.00
(26 + passengers per vehicle) = \$90.00

Fee payment by private parties will be accepted via credit card only; cash transactions are strictly prohibited. Commercial Vendors and Kayak Tour Operators providing regular transport of guests to and from the Marina Area are encouraged to contact the parking authority to explore alternative payment options.

For questions regarding these changes, please contact the DLNR Property Management team at DLNR.SP.PropertyMgmt@hawaii.gov. To discuss payment logistics, please contact Steven Campos, Operations Manager for Republic Parking Northwest, LLC, at (808) 346-2121 or email at steven.campos@reimaginedparking.com. Mahalo!