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## MEMORANDUM

DATE : June 4, 2018  
TO : CNMI Commercial Marine Sports Operators (MSO)  
FROM : Director, DCRM  
SUBJECT : MSO Permit Reissuance, Card Policy, and Next Steps

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) has re-issued updated permits to commercial marine sports operators and appreciates the coordination and support of the MSO to facilitate this process. Working with the Marine Sports Operators Association and other resource management partners, DCRM has identified numerous best practices and policies that are reflected in these updated permits. Please observe all best practices outlined in these permits in order to minimize impacts on coastal resources. Additionally, please note that each permit holder has been issued two marine sports operations cards.

As each permit indicates, **MSO cards must be kept in the physical possession of each permitted operator at all times of commercial operations.** If additional cards are needed to perform authorized activities, or if a replacement card is needed because a card was lost, please submit a letter or email to the DCRM Permitting Section indicating the permit number, specific activity, and number of cards being requested. The processing fee for each additional card is \$15.00. Upon approval of the request, the Permittee will be contacted to pick up a payment voucher and remit payment to the CNMI Treasury before additional or replacement cards are released.

Please note, updated CRM Rules and Regulations (NMIAC 15 § 205(h)(4)) provide for opportunities for discounted permit fees for Marine Sports Association members as well as members with no violations.

Please feel free to contact DCRM Permitting at (670) 664-8300 should you have any questions.

Thank you,



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