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Subject: filming permit at Skaftafell and Jökulsárlón

The Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland has received an application from Kim Soo, dated July 28th 2025, for filming permit within Vatnajökull national park.

Vatnajökull National Park is protected according to act no. 60/2007. According to art 15(a) of act no. 60/2007, permission must be obtained from the park ranger for organized events and projects that require facilities, manpower, or the use of equipment in the national park, such as film production, art events, gatherings, and research. The park ranger is authorized to set any conditions for the granting of permits that are deemed necessary, as per paragraph 2.

Drone flying is generally prohibited in Skaftafell. An exception is made for flying drones in front of Skaftafellsjökull, but only early in the morning or in the evening, before 9:00 or after 18:00.

Jökulsárlón and Fellsfjara – Drone flying is only permitted early in the morning or in the evening, before 9:00 or after 18:00.

Description of the project:

Filming would take place both on the ground and with a drone at Skaftafell and Jökulsárlón. Drone would be used in front of Skaftafellsjökull and at Jökulsárlón. Number of employee would be 4-5 persons. Filming would take place in the period of September 6th – 8th 2025.

Impact assessment:

The Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland considers the project not likely to have negative impact on nature or conservation value at the time requested. Droneflight might have negative impact on other visitors but if conditions of the permit are followed the impact can be reduced.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland hereby grants Kim Soo permission on its behalf to film and fly a drone at Skaftafelljökull and Jökulsárlóns within Vatnajökull national park as described above on September 6th – 8th 2025 on the following conditions:

- Keep this letter with you on site during the project. The permit conditions should be introduced to the staff of the project before work begins.

- The applicant shall inform rangers in the area about their arrival and departure. This is to be done 24 hours before entering the area and again before leaving it.
- If the project dates or description changes the Nature Conservation shall be notified as soon as possible.
- Crew members should always stay on authorized paths/tracks/roads.
- The crew must follow rules of conduct that apply to the area.
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 556 6800.
- The project's staff is required to prevent all disturbance to the environment and make sure that all litter is removed from the sites.
- The crew should be conscious of other guests on the sites and make sure that filming causes as little disturbance as possible to other visitors.
- If the material is meant for public viewing it must be noted in the video/subtext that permission from the Nature Conservation Agency was obtained for the filming/photography.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- Off-road driving in Iceland is strictly prohibited.
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown in close proximity to people. Please take precaution not to disturb people's experience, their safety or personal privacy nor the general peace of the protected areas being filmed.
- Flight time should be kept to a minimum and flight should be avoided during the area's busiest times of the day.
- If the use of unmanned aircraft causes disturbance to wildlife in the area, its use should be ceased at once.
- The conductor of the unmanned aircraft is responsible for the aircraft within the protected area. This includes taking responsibility of any possible risk of harm to people, fauna and nature and leaving no permanent marks on the site in question. Should the aircraft crash, all components from it must be collected and removed from the area.
- **Droneflight is not allowed at Skaftafellsjökull and Jökulsárlón between 9:00-18:00.**
- **Droneflight is not allowed within areas where drones are not allowed and are marked with red on maps shown in Vatnajökuls national park website <https://www.vatnajokulsthjodgardur.is/en/the-national-park/drone-rules>**

If the licensee causes damage to nature, according to art. 87 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013, the Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland can, according to the Nature Conservation Act, f.e. order the licensee to fix damage to nature and vegetation and/or stop the project.

The Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland can according to art. 89 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 change conditions of the permit, add new conditions or withdraw the permit in order to prevent damage to nature if environmental conditions change.

According to art 89. in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013 the Nature Conservation Agency can withdraw the permit if conditions of the permit are not complied to.

Unmanned aircraft should take off and land in a safe distance from other visitors according to regulation 1360/2024 on unmanned aircrafts.

The usage of a drone shall be according to regulation no. 1360/2024 on the operation of remotely piloted aircraft (<https://www.icetra.is/aviation/drones/>).

Please note that according to the regulation all drones need to be registered at the Icelandic Transport Authority. You can register them at the webpage flydrone.is

Permission fee:

The Nature Conservation Agency of Iceland charges a fee for processing applications for permits in protected areas based on Article 21 of Act no. 60/2007 on Vatnajökull National Park. The fee is for the cost of processing the application. The fees are charged according to regulation no. 324/2025 on rates and tariffs in Vatnajökull National Park. The permit fee is 50.000 ISK according to the park's tariff no. 324/2025.

Supervision:

The Nature Conservation Agency will supervise the project. The supervisor will be a ranger from the Nature Conservation Agency.

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