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Subject: permit to film foxes in Hornstrandir nature reserve

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Humble Bee Pictures, dated January 15th 2021, for a filming permit within Hornstrandir nature reserve.

Hornstrandir is protected as a nature reserve by act no 60/2013 on nature conservation, cf. Regulation no 332/1985. Disturbance to geological formations, vegetation and wild animal life in the protected area is prohibited. According to the management plan for Hornstrandir, filming and photography that can affect wildlife and visitor experience and flying an unmanned aircraft/drone within the boundaries of the protected site is subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency.

Description of the project:

The purpose of the project is to film the natural behaviour of arctic fox cubs and their parents, as well as their interactions with seabird colonies. The film crew will follow the guidance and advice of Dr. Ester Rut Unnsteinsdóttir on how to minimize impact on the animals. The crew will film using cameras on the ground only. No shelters or tents will be used as hides. No drone or any other type of aerial photography will be required. Camera equipment will always be rested on sandbags or tripods during filming to avoid direct impact on the landscape. A minimum distance of 40 meters from the foxes and other wildlife will be practiced by the crew at all times. Filming will take place in between 8 am and 8 pm in the period of 24th June to 3rd July; and 12th to 21st August 2021. Basecamp will be situated in the existing camping grounds at Hornvík Bay. A generator will be present in the basecamp and used only within permitted hours, e.g. generators will not be used past the hours of 8pm. The film crew consists of 3 persons from Humble Bee plus one local fixer.

Conclusions and conditions:

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants Humble Bee Production permission on its behalf to film foxes within Hornstrandir nature reserve as described above in the period of 24th June to 3rd July; and 12th to 21st August 2021 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 48 hours before entering the area and again before leaving it.
- If the project dates or description changes the Environment Agency shall be notified as soon as possible.
- When it is necessary to go off-path, extra care must be taken not to cause damage to terrain, including vegetation, soil and geological formation. All traces of activity must

be removed afterwards. When operating off path the crew must place a sign at the place that indicates that a permit to film has been obtained from the Environment Agency or wear clothing labelled with the identity of the film company/project.

- The crew must follow rules of conduct that apply to the area.
- Keep a 40 meters distance from dens and foxes that occupy them.
- No filming is allowed from 8 pm until 8 am near the dens.
- The generator can only operate when other visitors are not in the campsite. That often happens between 11 am and 4 pm.
- 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 Environment Agency was obtained for the filming/photography.
- All disturbance to animals and wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- The project's staff is required to prevent all disturbance to the environment and make sure that all traces of the project and litter is removed from the site when the project is over.
- If any complications occur during the project, please contact the ranger or the Environment Agency of Iceland, tel. +354 591 2000.

If the developer causes damage to nature, according to art. 87 in the Nature Conservation Act no. 60/2013, the Environment 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 Environment 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 Environment Agency can withdraw the permit if conditions of the permit are not complied to.

Permission fee:

Environment Agency of Iceland charges a fee for processing applications for permits in protected areas based on Article 92 of Act no. 61/2013 on Nature Conservation. The fee for cinematography and/or photography is 52.600 ISK according to art. 24. b. in the agency's tariff no. 535/2015.

Supervision:

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

Sincerely

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