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### **Permit to film at Dynjandi and Hornstrandir reserve**

The Environment Agency of Iceland has received an application from Ása Steinarsdóttir dated 12.08.21, for filming within Dynjandi and Hornstrandir reserve.

*Dynjandi is protected as a natural monument, cf. regulation no. 348/1971. Construction work, disturbance to geological formations and other changes to landscape is subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland. According to the rules of conduct operating an unmanned aircraft/drone within the protected area is subjected to a permit from the Environment Agency of Iceland.*

*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:***

At Hornstrandir, the crew, team of 3ppl will hike from Kvíar with everything carried in backpacks. The crew will be filming people hiking up the mountain from Kvíar. The project will take place some days depending on weather from the 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> of August.

At Dynjandi, the crew (3 ppl) will hike to Dynjandi and film the hike.

#### ***Impact assessment:***

The Environment Agency of Iceland considers the project to be minimal and not likely to have negative impact on the areas if the conditions are met.

#### ***Conclusions and conditions:***

The Environment Agency of Iceland hereby grants Ása Steinarsdóttir

permission on its behalf to film within Dynjandi and Hornstrandir reserve as described above on 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> of August on the following conditions:

- **At Hornstrandir flytime of drone should be kept to a minimum.**
- **At Dynjandi, flight time should be kept to a minimum and flight should be avoided during the area's busiest times of the day.**
- **Do not fly the drone above bird sites, such as the shore or estuaries.**
- **For material published, information regarding the permit has to be visible.**
- 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 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.
- Crew members should always stay on authorized paths/tracks/roads.
- An unmanned aircraft should never be flown near 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.
- According to Icelandic law it is forbidden to fly close to cliffs where birds nest. An unmanned aircraft should never be flown near animals or birds, neither in nesting areas nor during nesting season or any other seasonal time when animals or bird habitats are considered vulnerable.
- 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.

### ***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.

Sincerely

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