



**GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR GRANTING OF AUTHORIZATIONS AND CONCESSIONS IN STATE FORESTS, NATURAL RESERVES, WILDLIFE REFUGES, AND MARINE RESERVES**

Pursuant to Regulations No. 7241 of November 2, 2006, the *Regulations for the Administration of Uses granted through Authorizations and Concessions in State Forests, Natural Reserves, Wildlife Refuges, and Marine Reserves of the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources*, the Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER) notifies the general public that we will be accepting proposals to grant authorizations or concessions in following designated areas:

**Authorizations for the following activities:**

1) Embarkment, disembarkment and/or aquatic taxi in the following designated areas:

- a) Aguirre State Forest in Guayama
- b) Aurora Cay (Guilligan Island) in Guánica State Forest
- c) Ratones Cay in the Boquerón State Forest in Cabo Rojo
- d) La Cordillera Reef Natural Reserve in Fajardo
- e) Caja de Muerto Natural Reserve in Ponce
- f) La Parguera Natural Reserve in Lajas
- g) Isla de Mona Natural Reserve

2) Tour service and interpreter in the following designated areas:

- a) Aguirre State Forest in Guayama
- b) Boquerón State Forest in Cabo Rojo
- c) Susúa State Forest in Sabana Grande
- d) Toro Negro State Forest in Villalba
- e) Maricao State Forest in Maricao
- f) Carite State Forest between Cayey and Patillas
- g) Piñones State Forest in Loíza
- h) Vega State Forest in Vega Alta
- i) Cambalache State Forest in Arecibo
- j) Guánica State Forest in Guánica
- k) Guilarte State Forest in Adjuntas
- l) Río Abajo State Forest in Utuado
- m) Guajataca State Forest in Quebradillas
- n) Tortuguero Lagoon Natural Reserve in Manatí
- o) Mona Island Natural Reserve
- p) Caja de Muerto Island Natural Reserve in Ponce
- q) Maricao Fish Hatchery

3) Guided tours in kayaks and/or boats (as applicable) in the following designated areas:

- a) Aguirre State Forest in Guayama
- b) Aurora Cay (Guilligan Island) in Guánica State Forest
- c) Boquerón Wildlife Refuge in Cabo Rojo
- d) Caño Tiburones Natural Reserve in Arecibo
- e) Tortuguero Lagoon Natural Reserve in Manatí
- f) La Parguera Natural Reserve in Lajas
- g) Puerto Mosquito Bioluminescent Bay Natural Reserve in Vieques
- h) La Cordillera Reef Natural Reserve in Fajardo
- i) Espíritu Santo River Natural Reserve in Río Grande

4) Sale of non-alcoholic beverages (bottled water, soft drinks, juices, etc.) and /or snacks (cookies, chips, chocolates, etc.) in the following designated areas:

- a) Lighthouse Area in the Boquerón State Forest in Cabo Rojo
- b) La Playuela Recreational Area in the Boquerón State Forest in Cabo Rojo
- c) Little Manglillo, Jaboncillo, Big Manglillo, Tamarindo, Atolladora and Meseta recreational areas of the Guánica State Forest.
- d) Aguirre State Forest in Guayama
- e) Aurora Cay (Guilligan Island) in the Guánica State Forest
- f) Boquerón Wildlife Refuge in Cabo Rojo
- g) Cerrillos Dam Wildlife Refuge – Embarkment Recreational Area in Ponce
- h) La Plata Dam Wildlife Refuge in Toa Alta
- i) Lucchetti Dam Wildlife Refuge in Yauco
- j) Guajataca Dam Wildlife Refuge in Quebradillas
- k) Caño Tiburones Natural Reserve in Arecibo
- l) La Parguera Natural Reserve in Lajas
- m) Tortuguero Lagoon Natural Reserve in Manatí

5) Charters Boats in the following designated areas:

- a) Piñones State Forest in Loíza
- b) Boquerón State Forest in Cabo Rojo
- c) La Cordillera Reef Natural Reserve in Fajardo
- d) Caño Tiburones Natural Reserve in Arecibo
- e) La Parguera Natural Reserve in Lajas

6) Kayaks and/or boat rental in the following designated areas:

- a) Aurora Cay (Guilligan Island) in the Guánica State Forest
- b) Cerrillos Dam Wildlife Refuge – Embarkment Recreational Area in Ponce
- c) Guajataca Dam Wildlife Refuge in Quebradillas
- d) Lucchetti Dam Wildlife Refuge in Yauco
- e) La Plata Dam Wildlife Refuge in Toa Alta
- f) La Cordillera Reef Natural Reserve in Fajardo
- g) Tortuguero Lagoon Natural Reserve in Manatí
- h) Espíritu Santo River Natural Reserve in Río Grande
- i) Cabezas de San Juan Natural Reserve (Yegua Cove) in Fajardo
- j) La Parguera Natural Reserve in Lajas

7) Bicycle Rental in the following designated areas:

- k) Piñones State Forest in Loíza
- a) Cambalache State Forest in Arecibo
- l) Boquerón Wildlife Refuge in Cabo Rojo

**Concessions for the following activities:**

1) Sale of different articles, such as: fishing gear, (fishing rod, line, reel, fishing hooks, lures and baits, tackle box, etc.), souvenirs, environmental and biology books, binoculars, disposable cameras, maps, sun block, t-shirts, caps, hats, arts and crafts and post cards of the town where the natural area is located, sherbets or ice cream, batteries for cameras, and others in the following designated areas:

- a) Boquerón State Forest in Cabo Rojo
- b) Lucchetti Dam Wildlife Refuge in Yauco
- c) Guajataca Dam Wildlife Refuge in Quebradillas
- d) Cerrillos Dam Wildlife Refuge – Embarkment Recreational Area in Ponce
- e) La Plata Dam Wildlife Refuge in Toa Alta
- f) La Parguera Natural Reserve in Lajas

2) Sale of fast food (“hot dogs”, hamburgers and/or sandwiches) in the following designated areas:

- a) La Playuela Recreational Area in Boquerón State Forest in Cabo Rojo
- b) Cerrillos Dam Wildlife Refuge – Embarkment Recreational Area in Ponce
- c) Guajataca Dam Wildlife Refuge in Quebradillas
- d) Lucchetti Dam Wildlife Refuge in Yauco
- e) La Plata Dam Wildlife Refuge in Toa Alta

- f) La Cordillera Reef Natural Reserve in Fajardo, sale will only be allowed from snack boats.

The purpose of these authorizations or concessions is to provide a variety of activities and uses through which the general public can acquire knowledge about the existing resources, and through which conservation and consideration of these resources is promoted. Also in order to guarantee the aesthetic and scenic values of these natural areas, the DNER, upon completing the analysis, will establish the limit of acceptable changes for each activity proposed.

The information and documents needed to submit a proposal for authorization or concession will be available in the Office of the Clerk of the DNER, located at El Cinco Sector, Road 8838, Km. 6.3, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico, as well as in the Regional Offices of the Department. There is a five dollars (\$5.00) cost for the information package.

The proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope at the Office of the Clerk of the DNER, starting from November 24, 2010.