

Policy

Beach Vehicle

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Policy Objective

To preserve a high standard of safety and enjoyment of persons using beaches within the Tweed Council area.

Definitions

Not applicable

Policy Background

This Policy outlines the conditions for the issuing of permits for persons wishing to access beaches in the Tweed Council area in their vehicles.

Policy

The conditions for the issue of permits to drive vehicles on the beach for Amateur Fisherman shall be:

Council shall offer existing permit holders the opportunity to renew their permits for the commencement of each permit season and exclude to offer permits that have not been renewed by current licence holders.

The fee shall be as determined by Council.

- a) The vehicle must be a conventional four (4) wheel drive vehicle.
- b) The Permit is issued for the purpose of fishing only - joyriding and picnicking are not permitted.
- c) The vehicle is not to be driven above the high tide mark, except when travelling to and from the beach.
- d) Under no circumstances is the vehicle to be driven on or over frontal dunes or foreshore areas not designated as access points.
- e) All vehicles must be registered with the relative State Authority.
- f) The Permit holder must be the holder of either a provisional or full driver's licence, issued by the relative State Authority.
- g) Vehicles must not be driven by persons under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
- h) Vehicles are to be driven only on the beaches specified by the Permit.

- i) The maximum speed limit at any time is 30 kph.
- j) Only the vehicle nominated on the Permit is to be driven on the beach.

Applications for permits will only be accepted in person. Each applicant may only apply for a permit for himself/herself.

The conditions for the issue of Permits to drive vehicles on the beach for Professional Net Fishermen shall be:

- a) Permits will only be issued to Licensed Net Fishermen.
- b) The vehicle nominated on the Permit shall be distinctly marked with the name of the Licensed Fisherman and the words "Net Fisherman" displayed thereon.
- c) The compliance with items of conditions applicable to Amateur Fishermen.
- d) The Fishermen shall not operate through or drive upon pedestrian areas.
- e) Vehicles to be driven onto beaches at specified locations to be designated on the permit.
- f) The Permit fee for Professional Fishermen is set at \$100.00.

Issue of Special Permit

- 1. a) A very small number of permits may be issued by the Director Planning and Regulation in special circumstances considered appropriate such as to paraplegic persons or persons while engaged in Dune Care works.
- b) The current fee shall be applicable.

All general conditions as set out above will apply except for in some instances

Sub-section b) and c) may be waived by the Director Planning and Regulation.

- 2. a) When a Special Beach Vehicle application is submitted, registration details showing proof of ownership of a 4WD vehicle by the applicant or spouse, parent or child (who is the holder of the Roads and Traffic Authority Disabled Parking Permit) are to be provided as part of the application.
- b) Holders of the Roads and Traffic Authority Disabled Parking Permit must be a passenger in the vehicle in the event of a person other than the permit holder driving the vehicle on the beach. Failing to comply with this requirement may result in Council taking action in the form of an infringement notice and/or disqualification of the permit.

Beach Vehicle Permits - Paraplegics

In the situation where a paraplegic requires a vehicle for transport to the sea, a beach licence shall be issued free of charge subject to receipt of supporting information.

Related Legislation

Not applicable.

Compliance

Not applicable.

Forms

Not applicable.

Review Period

This policy will be reviewed within 12 months of the election of each new Council or more frequently in the event of any legislative changes or change in circumstances.

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