



1           Section 11.1703. Legislative Purpose. Kosrae State is aware that the beauty and conditions  
2 prevailing in its marine space are such that Kosrae State is becoming a popular destination for  
3 tourists coming to engage in the pastime of surfboard and bodyboarding. These activities take place  
4 on the reefs surrounding Kosrae. There are only a few prime locations for surfing, most of which  
5 are located between 05 18.672N 162 54.016 E (commonly referred to as Panyacah EMB) and 05  
6 20.568N 162 56.777E (commonly referred to as Trochus Sanctuary EMB), and the number of  
7 available locations is reduced at certain times of the year.

8           (1)     Kosrae State wishes to ensure that these activities contribute to the economic  
9 and social development of Kosrae in a controlled and sustainable manner by limiting the number of  
10 surf tourists exploiting select portions of the marine space through a permit system.

11           (2)     It is vital that the State regulate the numbers of surf tourists utilizing select  
12 portions of the Marine Space in order to protect the environment and to ensure the safety of the  
13 participants.

14           Section 11.1703. Definitions. As used in this Chapter, the following words and phrases  
15 have the meaning described in this section:

16           “Director” is the Director of the Department of Administration and Finance or his  
17 designee.

18           “Protected Surf Zone” means the Marine Space between 05 18.672N 162 54.016 E  
19 (commonly referred to as Panyacah EMB) and 05 20.568N 162 56.777E (commonly referred to as  
20 Trochus Sanctuary EMB).

21           “Surf Camp” means any facility engaged in the business of providing organized  
22 tourist facilities, including but not limited to accommodation, boat transport and equipment rental  
23 specifically or mainly for surf tourists.

24           “Surf Equipment” means surf boards, paddle skis, and bodyboards.

25           “Surf Tourist” is any traveler coming to Kosrae with the intention of participating in

1 surfing.

2 “Surfing” means the sport of wave riding.

3 Section 11.1704. Surf Permits. All tourists entering Kosrae shall be advised of the  
4 requirement for a surf permit to surf in the Protected Surf Zone. Prior to entering the water of the  
5 Protected Surf Zone to participate in surfing, surf tourists to Kosrae are required to purchase and  
6 display a surfing permit.

7 (1) Before entering the water of the Protected Surf Zone, the permit shall be  
8 either attached to the surf equipment, or carried on the person of the permit holder.

9 (2) Permanent residents of Kosrae do not require a surf permit in order to  
10 participate in surfing.

11 (3) Permits shall be issued through the operator of a surf camp, any  
12 accommodation facility, or any licensed transportation service provider, but may be transferable to  
13 clients and guests provided that the number of clients and guests using the Protected Surf Zone is  
14 never more than the number of permits issued to the surf camp, accommodation facility, or licensed  
15 transportation service provider.

16 Section 11.1705. Limitation on Number of Permits. The maximum number of surf permits  
17 issued by the State at any one time shall be twelve (12).

18 (1) No surf camp operator may hold more than 8 permits on a permanent basis.

19 (2) No accommodation facility operator may hold more than 2 permits on a  
20 permanent basis.

21 Section 11.1706. Regulation. The Director of the Department of Administration and  
22 Finance may provide by regulation procedures for the efficient sale and handling of surf permits.

23 Further regulation concerning enforcement of permit system, punishment for violation of  
24 permit system, cost of permits, etc. shall be provided and governed by Kosrae Visitors Bureau.

25 Section 11.1707. Proceeds. All proceeds generated by the sale of surf permits shall be

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1 deposited in the Revenue fund for future use in the furtherance of tourism on Kosrae.”

2 Section 3. Effective Date. This act takes effect upon the approval of the Governor or upon  
3 its becoming law without such approval.

4 PASSED BY THE NINTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
5 OCTOBER 2008

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8 Lyndon H. Jackson  
9 Speaker, 9<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature

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17 Robert J. Weilbacher  
18 Governor, State of Kosrae

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