

## **Coolwater Studios Copyright Policy**

### **What does copyright mean?**

Images taken by anyone are automatically protected by copyright laws. No one can claim to be the originator of any image where they are not the originator. Only the originator can legally display, print or sell their images.

Coolwater Studios customers who receive image files with their contract are legally entitled to view and make prints of these images for themselves and their immediate relatives. Giving prints and/or image files to anyone else would deprive Coolwaterstudios of possible income so this is not allowed. Full copyrights purchase fees help cover the loss of income from lost print sales.

Images taken by Coolwater Studios remain the property of Coolwater Studios with the exceptions noted below.

### **Copyright exceptions:**

#### **Weddings and other events**

Images taken for paying customers with a contract receive a copy of the images taken at their event. These customers are legally entitled to view and make prints of these images for themselves and their immediate relatives.

Giving prints and/or image files to anyone else would deprive Coolwaterstudios of possible income so this is not allowed.

Full copyright privilege is available that entitles customers to do what they please with the images they receive. This extended privilege can be purchased for an additional fee of \$200.

#### **Portrait Photography**

Images taken during portrait sessions remain property of Coolwater Studios.

Purchase of image files with full copyright privilege is available with specific contracts. The images included in contracts entitles customers to do what they please with the images they receive.

#### **Commissioned Business Shoots**

Commissioned shoots generally imply full copyright privileges for the customer as the purpose of the shoot is to produce images for sales and marketing purposes.

For further information or questions, please contact Coolwater Studios at 508-667-7012 or email us at [eis@coolwaterstudios.com](mailto:eis@coolwaterstudios.com).