1	STATE OF ALASKA
2	DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3	DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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5	BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD
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7	MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON
8	December 4 th & 5 th 2017
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10	Monday, December 4 ^{th,} 2017
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12	By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62,
13	Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was held on December 4 th
14	and December 5 th 2017 at the Robert Atwood Building in Anchorage, Alaska.
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19	Board Members Present, Constituting a Quorum:
20 21	Nicholas Jackson, Private Landholder
22	James (David) Jones, Transporter (GUIT1003)
23	Henry D. Tiffany IV, Master Guide (GUIM144)
23 24	Kelly Vrem, Master Guide (GUIM102)
25	Adam Trombley, Public Member
26	Larry Van Daele, Board of Game
27	Thomas Sullivan, Public Member (via teleconference)
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29	Staff Members Present:
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31	Dawn K Hannasch, Occupational Licensing Examiner
32	Sara Chambers, Deputy Division Director
33	Lee Strout, Investigator
34	Greg Francois, Chief Investigator
35	Chase Parkey, Records and Licensing Supervisor (via teleconference)
36	Shalome Cederberg, Office of the Governor
37	Harriot Milks, Board Council
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39	Public/Licensee's Present:
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41	Mark Richards, Registered Hunters Alaska
42	Thor Stacey, GUIR1194
43	Mark Enyeart, GUIR1335
44	Darwin Vander Esch
45	Andy Pevehouse
46	Loren Karro, GUIR941

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47	Dan Moutgomer, GUIN	193
48	Sam Ruhrer, GUIM204	
49	Waybe Kubat, GUIM	
50	Lance Kronberger, GUI	M
51	Tisha Valentine, DNR	
52	Coke WallaceGUIM172	
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55	AGENDA ITEM 2	ETHICS DISCLOSURE
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57		any disclosed an ethics violation that was brought to his attention. In March 2017,
58	-	e Outfitter exam in Fairbanks, Alaska; a Board member and a licensee insisted
59		icant to take the Registered Guide Outfitters exam and the Guide Management
60		ompleted application and fees. Mr. Tiffany went on to express his displeasure
61	with this situation and	that it would not be tolerated in the future. No one can take the exams unless
62	they have completed a	Il necessary requirements in the correct time frame.
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64	No other ethics were d	isclosed.
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66	AGENDA ITEM 3	APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES
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68	In a motion duly made	by Kelly Vrem and seconded by Adam Trombley, with unanimous consent, it
69	was resolved:	
70	to approve	e the meeting minutes from July 17 th , 2017 as written.
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72	In a motion duly made	by Kelly Vrem and seconded by Adam Trombley, with unanimous consent, it
73	was resolved:	
74	to approv	e the meeting minutes from November 16 th 2017 as written
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77	AGENDA ITEM 4	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR
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79	In a motion duly made	by Adam Trombley and seconded by Kelly Vrem, with a unanimous consent, it
80	was resolved:	
81	to move t	he election of the Vice Chair to 2:15 pm and the discussion on the 2 nd offense
82	positional statement la	anguage to 2:20 pm.
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85	AGENDA ITEM 5	FULL BOARD INTERVIEW
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87	The Boards Attorney H	arriot Milks joined the meeting via teleconference at 9:40 am.
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89	In accordance with the	provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c), I, Adam Trombley move to go into
90		he purpose of discussing (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and
91		n, provided that the person may request a public discussion. Seconded by Kelly
92		consent. Board staff to remain in the room.

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- 94 The Board invited Mr. Darwin Vander Esch and his attorney, Adam Pevehouse to join the Board while in 95 executive session.
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- 97 At 11:26 am the Board exited executive session. At which time the Board Chairmen, Henry Tiffany
- 98 explained to the public, that it's the Boards desire to enter into executive session as little as possible
- 99 during the face to face meetings. The Board understands that it is an inconvenience to the public.
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AGENDA ITEM 7 BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- 102 103 Moving on to the next agenda item, Chairman Tiffany invited Shalome Cederberg to speak to the Board 104 about the 2 vacancies on the Board. Ms. Cederberg explained to the Board that she does have an 105 interview next week with a candidate. Mr. Van Daele asked Ms. Cederberg to elaborate on the vetting 106 process. She explained that all applicants for the Board are thoroughly vetted and must meet the 107 requirements as laid out in Sec. 08.54.501(a).
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- 109 Mr. Trombley indicated that he will accept a reappointment if offered.
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AGENDA ITEM 8 INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

- Hearing nothing further, Mr. Tiffany moved the Board's attention to the hand out by Investigator Lee
- 114 Strout. Mr. Strout reported that the Division opened 47 files and closed 40. 41 matters remain open and
- under active investigation. He also reported to the Board that all probationary licenses are in compliance.
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- 118 Moving on to the next matter before the Board, Mr. Strout presented the Board with case #2013-
- 119 0002382 & #2017-000366.
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121 In a motion duly made by Kelly Vrem and seconded by David Jones, with a roll call vote it was

- 122 resolved to:
- 123 Adopt the revocation order for Clifford F. Smith
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- 125 Nicholas Jackson-Yea
- 126 David Jones-Yea
- 127 Adam Trombley-Yes
- 128 Kelly Vrem-Yea
- 129 Larry Van Daele-Yea
- 130 Henry Tiffany-Yea
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- 132 In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c), I, Adam Trombley move to go into
- executive session for the purpose of discussing (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and
- 134 character of any person, provided that the person may request a public discussion. Seconded by Kelly
- 135 Vrem with unanimous consent. Board staff to remain in the room.
- 136 The Board entered into Executive Session at 11:45 am
- 137 The Board exited executive session at 12:50 pm.

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139 Lunch recess 12:50 – 1:08 pm

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DIVISION UPDATE-FISCAL REPORT AGENDA ITEM 6

143 After a short recess for lunch, the Chair called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm, where Corporation, 144 Business and Professional Licensing Deputy Director, Sara Chambers joined the meeting. Ms. Chambers 145 presented the Board with the end of fiscal year 2017 reports. At the end of FY2017, the Board was in a 146 deficit of over half a million dollars; however, she encouraged the Board to look at the big picture. At the 147 end of fiscal year 2018 1st quarter, the deficit was already under \$500,000. With renewals and the fee 148 structure as is, the Division expects the deficit to be relieved by the end of FY2019. Ms. Chambers 149 explained the financial history for the Board for the benefit of the public. 150 151 The Big Game Commercial Services Board will begin the Sunset Audit process early next year. The Board 152 was given a 2 year extension by the Legislators at its last audit. Ms. Chambers expressed her belief on

- 153 behalf of the Division that the Board should be extended.
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155 The Board expressed its displeasure with staff turnover. Ms. Chambers ensured the board that its new

156 staff member, Dawn Hannasch, volunteered to take this program and brings five plus years of

157 experience to the table. Ms. Hannasch has experience with many difficult and complex programs. The 158 Division is confident that Ms. Hannasch will bring continuity, consistency and accuracy to the BGCS

- 159 program.
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161 Ms. Chambers went on to thank the Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA) for all of its help

162 over the years with promoting the industry. Thor Stacey has been an excellent partner with the BGCS

- 163 board. Ms. Chambers encouraged staff to contact the APHA for information and to provide information 164 for their members.
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166 Henry Tiffany, the Chairmen of the BGCS Board expressed the Boards desire for an Executive

167 Administrator for the BGCS program. The Board would like to have input into who that person would be.

168 The hope is that over the next few years, as the Boards finances improve, this will be a goal that can be

- 169 accomplished between the Division and the board.
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171 As exams will begin the next business day, Ms. Chambers went on to inform the Board that the proctor 172 contract has been updated. Proctors can receive a minimal fee for their time. They will also be signing 173 confidentiality contracts. She also notified the Board that Loren Karro has accepted the job as Exam 174 Superintendent. Ms. Karro will head the subcommittee that is working toward rewriting the exams. She 175 will also assist the Board with exam disputes. The Board thanked Ms. Karro for her diligent work on

176 exams and for her invaluable assistance to the Board on exam disputes. The Board stated on the record

- 177 that they will refer to Ms. Karro's expertise whenever there is an exam dispute.
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180 AGENDA ITEM 10 **ORAL TESTIMONY**

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182 Hearing no further comments or question from the Board, the Chair opened the meeting for oral public

183 testimony regarding 12 AAC 75.205, 12 AAC 75.210 & 12 AAC 75.400. Master Guide GUIM147 Wayne

104	Kubat made his statement in summ	aut hafays the Decyd vectorial the year hout vectored as we and
184		ort before the Board regarding the new hunt record purposed.
185	Chairmen Tiffany, thanked Mr. Ku	bat for his time and comments.
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188	AGENDA 4	ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR
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190	•	o the Chair moved the Board's attention to the election of a new Vice
191	•	ial candidates for the position. A nomination was made for Adam
192	Trombley. Mr. Trombley accepted	the nomination.
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194		an Daele and seconded by Nicholas Jackson, with a unanimous
195	consent it was resolved	
196	to elect Adam Tror	nbley as the Vice Chair
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198	Break 2:16-2:28 pm	
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201	AGENDA ITEM 9	2 ND OFFENSE LANGUAGE
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203	· · · · · ·	ven the floor by Chairmen Tiffany to present the Board with the
204	drafted 2 nd offense language that	he and Mr. Vrem drafted.
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206	"It is the position of the Big Gar	ne Commercial Services Board that in cases where a person
207	licensed under this board is fou	nd to have committed a violation, when and where appropriate
208	and applicable, they will be san	ctioned using the published Guideline and Precedence (G&P) as a
209	guideline for their sanction.	
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210	A violation shall be considered of	a second violation so long as the violation is within the same
211		t is necessary for the second violation, or any following
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212		ature as the first, or previous violations, for the second to be
213		By extension, should this same licensee be found to have
214	committed a third, subsequent	violation that is of the same nature as the first and second
215	violation then it will be consider	red a third violation and the appropriate third violation column
216	of the G&P can be used to adm	inister a sanction"
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217	Mr. Tiffany believes that the guide	line makes sense and are clear as written. Mr. Trombley will work
218	with the Boards Investigator, Lee S	Strout, to determine the categories that each offense will fall into, (i.e.
219	administrative, field violation, etc.)
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221	In a motion duly made by Kelly Vi	rem, and seconded by David Jones, with a roll call vote, it was
222	resolved to:	
223	Adopt the Boards posit	ion statement for second offenses as written.
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225	Nicholas Jackson-Yea	
226	David Jones-Yea	

227	Adam Trombley-Yes
228	Kelly Vrem-Yea
229	Larry Van Daele-Yea
230	Henry Tiffany-Yea
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233	Once the final draft is ready, OLE Dawn Hannasch will put the information onto the Boards website.
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235 236	AGENDA ITEM 11 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
230	AGENDA ITEM II GENERAL PODLIC COMMENTS
238	The Chair, Mr. Henry Tiffany, invited the public to speak for three minutes each. They made the
239	following comments and suggestions:
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241	Wayne Kubat:
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243	Mr. Kubat started by saying that he was very disappointed that the Board had approved some
244	recommended regulations changes to go to the next step in the process last December and they are still
245	not completed. Mr. Vrem informed Mr. Kubat that after the recommendations from law came back, the
246	Board did not have as much time as they needed to discuss them at the March meeting. Mr. Kubat went
247	on to say that he is not in favor of a "merit point" system for proctors of the exams. Being a proctor
248	should be part of the culture, not done with a reward expected. Mr. Kubat commended OLE Dawn
249	Hannasch on a job well done.
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251	Mark Richards:
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253	Mr. Richards spoke out against the Boards support of the Guide Concession Program. Mr. Richards
254	provided the Board with a handout from Resident Hunters of Alaska (RHAK). The handout outlined
255	Alaska Resident Hunters financial impact on the industry.
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257	Thor Stacey:
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259	Mr. Stacey is a Registered Guide Outfitter, License #GUIR1194 and is the Lobbyist for the APHA (Alaska
260 261	Professional Hunters Association). Mr. Stacey thanked the Board for their diligent volunteer work and
261	spoke on the support that the Board has from the APHA. Mr. Stacey also spoke out in support of the Guide Concession Program on behalf of the APHA and shared some history of past programs. Mr. Stacey
262	also addressed the Department of Natural Resources Land Use Lease and offered support from APHA on
263	the federal receipt authority budget amendment added by the legislature
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269	Mark Enyeart:
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271	Mr. Enyeart, Registered Guide outfitter GUIR1335, spoke to the Board about his proposed regulation
272	changes to 12 AAC 75.460 (B) (2). He believes that the Board should consider a "grandfathering in"

273 274 275	process for people like himself that have been hunting in Alaska for many years, but does not meet the requirements.
275 276 277	Sam Rohrer:
277 278 279 280 281 282	Mr. Rohrer, Master Guide #GUIRM204 who is also the President of the Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA), offered testimony as a licensee. Mr. Rohrer offered his support to the Board in having the Boards Counsel attend all Board meetings. He also spoke on the Board acquiring an Executive Administrator and his opinion that this would be a great benefit to the Board and the license base.
283 284	AGENDA ITEM 10 REGULATIONS PROPOSED AND READY FOR BOARD ADOPTION
284 285	AGENDA TIEM 10 REGGEATIONS PROPOSED AND READT FOR BOARD ADOPTION
285 286 287 288	After reviewing all written public comments, oral testimony and suggestions by the Department of Law; the Board decided to move as follows:
289	In a motion duly made by Kelly Vrem and seconded by Adam Trombley with a roll call vote, it was
290	resolved to
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292	Adopt 12 AAC 75.205(b) as purposed in the drafted language: (b) the hunt records must be
293	used [ONLY] by the assigned registered guide-outfitter.
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295	Blank hunt [HUNT] records may [NOT] be transferred to another registered contracting
296	guide, provided the transferee notifies the department within 60 days that a transfer has
297	taken place [SHARED].
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299	Nicholas Jackson-Yea
300	David Jones-Yea
301	Adam Trombley-Yes
302	Kelly Vrem-Yea
303	Larry Van Daele-Yea
304	Henry Tiffany-Yea
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306	In a motion duly made by Kelly Vrem and seconded by Adam Trombley, with a roll call vote, it was
307	resolved to
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309	Adopt 12 AAC 75.210(a) as amended with corrections to the form to provide consistency
310	and accurate wording according to regulations:
311	Update the contact information
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314	• Add a line for the date to confirm that the requirements of 12 AAC 75.240 was
315	completed
316	 Remove the "(" next to the words warning
317	Update revision date
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319	Nicholas Jackson-Yea	
320	David Jones-Yea	
321	Adam Trombley-Yes	
322	Kelly Vrem-Yea	
323	Larry Van Daele-Yea	
324	Henry Tiffany-Yea	
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326	In a motion duly made by Kell	y Vrem and seconded by Adam Trombley, with a roll call vote, it was
327	resolved to	,
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329	Adopt 12 AAC 75.40	00(e) as written: (e) During portions of a hunt, a transporter, who is also
330	-	axi, should not report air transportation services for a client to, from, or
331	-	a marine transporter, a ground based transporter, or a registered guide
332		hunt record or a transporter activity report for this same hunt with this
333	same client.	
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335	Nicholas Jackson-Yea	
336	David Jones-Yea	
337	Adam Trombley-Yes	
338	Kelly Vrem-Yea	
339	Larry Van Daele-Yea	
340	Henry Tiffany-Yea	
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342	AGENDA ITEM 12	REGULATIONS PROPOSED-REQUIRING FURTHER REVIEW
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344		12 AAC 75.260 Guide contracts
345		12 AAC 75.400 Transporter activity reports
346		12 AAC 75.450 Transporter contract requirements
347		12 AAC 75.920(b) Guiding experience
348		12 AAC 75.920(c) Guiding experience
349		12 AAC 75.920(d)(4) Guiding experience
350		12 AAC 75.920(e) Guiding experience
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358	AGENDA ITEM 12 R	EGULATIONS PROPOSED BY THE PUBLIC AND REQUIRE FURTHER REVIEW
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360	The Board moved on to a prop	osed regulations change to 12 AAC 75.460 (B) (2)-Guide harvest affidavit.
361		rmed the public and stated on the record that just because someone
362	makes a proposal to change re	gulations doesn't mean that the Board will take action. The Board needs

363 364 365 366	to determine how crucial a change is and if it is the best use of Board resources at this time. At this time the Board decided to take no action on the proposed changes to 12 AAC 75.460 (B) (2).
367 368 369 370	Having completed the Boards work for the day, the Chair recessed the meeting at 5:15 pm, until 8:00 am on Tuesday December 5 th .
371	STATE OF ALASKA
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378	December 4 th & 5 th 2017
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387	James (David) Jones, Transporter (GUIT1003)
388	Henry D. Tiffany IV, Master Guide (GUIM144)
389	Kelly Vrem, Master Guide (GUIM102)
390 391	Adam Trombley, Public Member
391	Larry Van Daele, Board of Game
393	Staff Members Present:
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395	Dawn K Hannasch, Occupational Licensing Examiner (Absent from the meeting 1:45-3:15)
396	Sara Chambers, Deputy Division Director
397	Lee Strout, Investigator
398	Chase Parkey, Records and Licensing Supervisor (via teleconference)
399	Harriot Milks, Board Council (via teleconference)
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401 402	Public/Licensee's Present:
402	Mark Richards (Registered Hunters Alaska)
404	Thor Stacey, GUIR1194
405	Mark Enyeart, GUIR1335
406	Loren Karro, GUIR941
407	Dan Montgomery, GUIM93
408	Sam Ruhrer, GUIM204

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409	Waybe Kubat, GUIM147
410	Lance Kronberger, GUIM
411	Tisha Valentine, DNR
412	Coke Wallace, GUIM172
413	Doug Malone
414	Tom Bickauakas
415	Cabot Pitts
416	David Lazer, GUIM175
417	Bruce Dale
418	Joe Klutsch
419	James Smith
420	David Griffin, Trust Land Office
421	Nikki Potter, DNR
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424	AGENDA ITEM 10 & 12 BOARD DISCUSSION ON REGULATIONS (CONTINUED)
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426	The Board called the meeting to order at 8:10 am and brought the Boards conversation back to the
427	proposed regulation changes that they began to discuss at the close of yesterday's meeting. Harriot
428	Milks joined the meeting via telephone 9:41-9:50 am.
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430	It was decided that 12 AAC 75.920 (b), 12 AAC 75.920 (c) and 12 AAC 75.750 would go to the
431	Subcommittees later this afternoon for discussion.
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433	In a motion duly made by Adam Trombley and seconded by Kelly Vrem with a roll call vote, it was
434	resolved to:
435	Send the following regulation change to the Division Regulations Specialist, Jun Maiquis, for
436	the next step in the regulations process. 12 AAC 75.260 (e) A contract may be amended at any time
437	before the conclusion of the hunt with the signature of the Contracting Guide and the Client
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440	Nicholas Jackson-Yea
441	David Jones-Yea
442	Adam Trombley-Yes
443	Kelly Vrem-Yea
444	Larry Van Daele-Yea
445	Henry Tiffany-Yea
446	
447	In a motion duly made by Adam Trombley and seconded by Kelly Vrem with a roll call vote, it was
448	resolved to:
449	Send the following regulation change to the Division Regulations Specialist, Jun Maiquis for
450	the next step in the regulations process. 12 AAC 75.920 (e) for the purposes of the requirements in AS
451	08.54.630 (d) (1), a person who is licensed as a registered guide-outfitter may be employed by another
452	registered guide-outfitter to provide the services of a Class A Assistant Guide, statewide.
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454	Nicholas Jackson-Yea

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455 456	David Jones-Yea Adam Trombley-Yes	
450 457	Kelly Vrem-Yea	
458	Larry Van Daele-Yea	
458	Henry Tiffany-Yea	
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461	AGENDA ITEM 16	BOARD BUSINESS
462		BOARD BOSINESS
463	Occupational Licensing	Examiner Dawn Hannasch thanked the Board for the opportunity to provide
464	them with an update.	
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466	• The Regist	tered Guide and Master Guide application have been updated and posted:
467		\checkmark Format updated
468		\checkmark Contact info updated
469		✓ Change in processing for recommendations-applicant responsibility
470		✓ Updated/corrected wording
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472	March 20	18 Meeting:
473		\checkmark Please refer to the next page for information on cost savings.
474		Recommendation-move meeting to Anchorage
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476	Mrs. Hannasch provideo	the Board with a snapshot of the cost of meeting in Anchorage vs Fairbanks.
477	The savings would be ov	ver \$6000. The Board opened the floor to public comment regarding this
478	subject. Thor Stacey sta	ted that he believed this could potentially cause an issue with the license bases
479		ties. He encouraged the Board to communicate clearly the reasons for the
480	-	ssure the public that this topic will be revisited for the March 2019 meeting. The
481	Board, working toward	fiscal solvency, agreed that a change was necessary for the March 2018 meeting.
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483	-	by Larry Van Daele and seconded by Adam Trombley, with unanimous consent,
484 485	it was resolved to	e March 2018 Board meeting from Fairbanks to Anchorage and to change the
485 486		march 20 th and 21 st 2018, with testing on the 21 st and the 22 nd 2018.
480	uales to	
488	Staff com	munication
489		\checkmark Staff will email the Board regularly with important information
490		\checkmark Please feel free to call or email if you need something from staff or if you
491		need information conveyed to the other Board members.
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493	Break 10:00-10:18 am	
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496	AGENDA ITEM 13	SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS
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498	At 10:30 am the Board b	proke out into the following subcommittees, along with members of the public:
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500	 Exam rewrite w 	ith Loren Karro

501	 Transporters with David Jones 	
502	 Assistant Guide Qualifications w 	vith Adam Trombley
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505	Lunch 11:33-1:00 pm	
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507	The Board reconvened at 1:00 pm, and	went back in to subcommittee discussion.
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509	AGENDA ITEM 5	FULL BOARD INTERVIEW
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511	With subcommittee meetings wrapped	up, the Board moved onto the review of a consent agreement.
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513		ley and seconded by Larry Van Daele, with a roll call vote it
514	was resolved to	
515	Adopt the consent agree	ement as written with Darwin Vander Esch, case #2017-0001223
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517	Nicholas Jackson-Yea	
518	David Jones-Yea	
519	Adam Trombley-Yes	
520	Kelly Vrem-Yea	
521	Larry Van Daele-Yea	
522	Henry Tiffany-Yea	
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	AGENDA ITEM 14	
524	AGENDA ITEM 14	STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCY REPORTS
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546	• Lieutenant Frenzel is the new Alaska Wildlife Trooper liaison. His mission and role is to	enforce
547	sport fishing and hunting laws.	
548	• At this time there are 89 Alaska Wildlife Troopers, including only 50 in the field. It is the	
549	Departments goal to be proactive. The Department has closed posts and lost a few PCN	ľs.
550	 Sub-legal moose and sheep are consistently problematic in the field. 	
551	Board member Vrem encouraged public comments from Lt. Frenzel and his colleagues	
552	regarding the statutes and regulations of the Big Game Commercial Services Board. This	
553	allow the Board to consider the opinion of other Departments in their adoption of Statu	utes and
554	Regulations.	
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556	Department of Fish and Game Director Bruce Dale informed the Board of the following:	
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558	Division of Wildlife Conservation enforcement is the most powerful conservation tool.	
559	resources for this important tool are very limited. The Department has the revenue but	
560	spending authority to add more personal, they will be addressing this during Legislative in 2018.	esession
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562 563	• The Department will be adding 7 new PCN's, however they will primarily be to address disease threats and increase bear research, also to improve the departments IT.	wiidine
564 565	• Hunting revenue in the lower 48 are down but holding steady here in Alaska.	
565 566	David Griffin, representing the Department of Natural Resources-Mental Health Trust reported:	
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568	• Mr. Griffin walked the Board through the handout that he provided. This information is	عادم
569	available on the DNR website.	0 0150
570	 Mr. Griffin explained to the Board the issue that DNR is seeing with Big Game Hunters. 	For
571	example, unauthorized guiding on Mental Health Trust land. This land is not public land	
572	private land. They hear licensees say "I didn't know" when a violation happens. This e	
573	does not work on multiple infractions.	
574	 Adding the topic of the Mental Health Trust land to the written exam is a way that awa 	reness
575	can be raised with new licensees.	
576	• The Board requested that any changes to guide use area, marking MHT land, come thro	ough the
577	Board.	U
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579	The last to address the Board was Cliff Larsen, representing the Department of Natural Resource	es
580	Southcentral Regional Land Office:	
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582	• Mr. Larsen notified the Board that there are vacancies in their department that persist.	
583	• DNR requested that the Board keep them abreast of any improvements or changes to e	existing
584	permissions.	
585	Alaska Mapper Systems is a robust, great tool to ensure Guides know where they are. T	here is
586	training available on December 17 th , 2017.	
587	The Mapper System is also a helpful tool for Mental Health Trust (MHT) to help prove o	wner
588	ship in cases of trespass.	
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591	Break 3:35-3:55 pm	

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594	AGENDA ITEM 11 SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
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596	• Exam Re-write Committee-Loren Karro
597	After taking a break, the Chair brought the meeting back to order. Mr. Tiffany invited Loren Karro to
598	address the Board regarding the exam re-write committee. The exam re-write committee is working to
599 600	weed out any old and outdated information on the exams. They have also worked to update the oral questions for the practical portion of the exam. OLE Dawn Hannasch reminded the Board and Ms. Karro
600 601	that the Board has planned to be working on exam re-writing at the March 2018 meeting. It is the
602	Boards hope to have an updated, complete and accurate exam by the December 2018 exams.
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604	Transporter Committee-David Jones
605	This committee requested the following language "on or before 2/1/of each year a Transporter shall
606	submit all transport reports completed during the last calendar year". Mr. Jones also requested that 12
607	AAC 75.400 (a) be amended. Ms. Chambers was requested to speak, she gave a brief history that the
608	form used to say that, but many Transporters stated that this did not work for them either. Settling on a
609	specific time period seemed to be the best practice. She also stated that re-printing the forms will incur
610	several thousand dollars. Mr. Jones confirmed with staff that there are only three boxes left. So before
611	ordering more, they would like these changes to be put into place.
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613	In a motion duly made by David Jones and seconded by Nicholas Jackson, with a roll call vote, it was
614	resolved to
615	Update the Transporter Report as follows: strike the 60 day language and add on or before
616	February 1 a transporter shall submit all required transport records completed during the last
617	calendar year. It was also motioned to change 12 AAC 75.400 (a) to reflect the new date on the
618	updated transport report.
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620	Nicholas Jackson-Yea
621	David Jones-Yea
622	Adam Trombley-No
623	Kelly Vrem-Yea
624	Larry Van Daele-Yea
625 626	Henry Tiffany-Yea
627	Assistant Guide Qualification Committee-Adam Trombley
628	This subcommittee worked on two drafted regulations, 12 AAC 75.920 (c) and 12 AAC 5.920 (b). The
629	committee Chair, Adam Trombley, gave the Board a brief overview and then the Board decided to go
630	ahead and act on the suggestions from the Subcommittee.
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632	In a motion duly made by Adam Trombley and seconded by Kelly Vrem with a roll call vote, it was
633	resolved to:
634	send the following regulation change to the Division Regulations Specialist, Jun Maiquis, for
635	the next step in the regulations process. 12 AAC 75.920(c) (c) For purposes of satisfying the
636	requirements in AS 08.54.630(a)(2), the applicant must document at least 60 days of big game hunting
637	activity during 2 or more calendar years. A minimum of 30 days must be spent in a guide camp or

- 638 under the supervision of a licensed guide while performing guide-related duties. Documented
- 639 passage of the assistant guide training course described in AS 08.54.630(a)(4)(B) may count for 10 of
- 640 **the 30 days in a guide camp.**
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- 642 Nicholas Jackson-Yea
- 643 David Jones-Yea
- 644 Adam Trombley-Yes
- 645 Kelly Vrem-Yea
- 646 Larry Van Daele-Yea
- 647 Henry Tiffany-Yea
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- In a motion duly made by Adam Trombley and seconded by Kelly Vrem with a roll call vote, it was
 resolved to:
- 651 send the following regulation change to the Division Regulations Specialist, Jun Maiquis, for 652 the next step in the regulations process. **12 AAC 75.920(b)** For purposes of satisfying the *guiding*
- 653 experience requirements in AS 08.54.620 (a)(4)(A)(i), the applicant must document at least 60 days of
- 654 big game guiding activity in 3 or more calendar years. For purposes of satisfying the guiding
- 655 requirements in AS 08.54.620, the applicant must document at least 20 days of big game hunting
- 656 activity in a calendar year to receive credit for one year. Big game hunting activity includes working in
- 657 a guide camp or under the supervision of a licensed guide while performing guide-related duties.
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- 659 Nicholas Jackson-Yea
- 660 David Jones-Yea
- 661 Adam Trombley-Yes
- 662 Kelly Vrem-Yea
- 663 Larry Van Daele-Yea
- 664 Henry Tiffany-Yea
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- Mr. Tiffany provided the Board with a brief history of the work on these particular regulations. It wasnoticed that in the July 2017 meeting minutes, Mr. Vrem noticed a mistake in the comment that he
- 668 made regarding these regulations. The phrase "registered guide" should say "Assistant Guide".
- 669670 The Board Chair thanked those who have participated in the work of the subcommittees. This is valuable
- work that the Board could not accomplish without the help and support of the community.
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674 AGENDA ITEM 15 GUIDE CONCESSION PROGRAM

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- Moving onto the next agenda item, the Chair recognized Kelly Vrem who provided a brief history of the
 guide concession program. Mr. Vren stated that Mr. Stacey has provided the Board, in his public
 comments, with a clear and accurate description of this program. Mr. Tiffany then provided the Board
 with a copy of the letter that will be sent to Commissioner Mack, showing the Boards support for the
 Guide Concession Program. Mr. Tiffany will hand deliver the letter later this week.
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- 683 Hearing nothing further, the Board Chair Adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm

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688	Dawn K Hannasch	March 21, 2018
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69,6	Henry Tiffany	December/11, 2017
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