



Guide Concession Program (GCP) Workgroup

July 6, 2023, at 9:00 AM via Zoom

Members: Jason Bunch, Chair of the Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB); Registered Guide; DCCED
Christy Colles, Division Director, Mining, Land, and Water; DNR
Rick Green, Special Assistant; DFG
Coke Wallace, Master Guide
Ted Spraker, Public Member

Facilitator: Thomas Bay, Executive Administrator for the BGCSB; DCCED

The meeting convened at 9:02 a.m. Many members of the public observed via Zoom.

Mapping

Mr. Bunch recommended the board follow the mapping provisions outlined in the 2013 Guide Concession Program Management Framework Document (ADL 230869). If the workgroup decides to utilize a recommendation from the Board of Game to implement a concession offering via Game Management Subunit(s), boundaries of Guide Use Areas can be considered at that time. The BGCSB currently has authority to adjust GUA boundaries when required. Considering boundaries in this manner provides for the most detailed inspection, ensuring the least amount of errors. It also provides for a transparent public process, which is necessary as agencies, and boards cannot be expected to evaluate every GUA statewide. Mr. Bunch reminded the workgroup that the 2013 Guide Concession Program Management Framework Document (ADL 230869) was constructed with public input.

Members of the work group agreed the maps were completed with diligence by DNR during that process and the areas and boundaries of each recommended concession should be adopted with our recommendation.

The group opened the floor for public comment.

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Tim Booch

Mr. Booch mentioned that the same guides are commenting every meeting and that he wanted younger guides to provide comment because they are the future of the industry. He asked how the camps are going to be issued, suggested mapping out the camps in each guide use area, and said there will be issues if the guide use areas are joint-use. Mr. Booch agreed with Sam Fejes' suggestion for exclusive guide camps.

Wayne Kubat

Mr. Kubat said that each area will have their own unique issues when it comes to implementation, such as private landholder boundaries.

Sam Fejes

Mr. Fejes said that GUA boundaries should follow private landholder boundaries to prevent conflict. He said that, instead of arguing about where to put camps, there needs to be exclusive guide camps, which fixes the

question of where to put the camps. He reminded everybody that the reason the GCP workgroup was created is because the game is suffering due to more and more users, and they need to limit them.

Thor Stacey

Mr. Stacey, representing the Alaska Professional Hunters Association, said that the group should give some thought to mapping when it comes to private landholders, and that they are not made less valuable if they span multiple GUA's or concessions.