



# Guide Concession Program (GCP) Workgroup

September 28, 2023, at 1:00 PM via Zoom  
Meeting Minutes

**Members:** Christy Colles, Division Director, Mining, Land, and Water; DNR  
Rick Green, Special Assistant; DFG  
Coke Wallace, Master Guide

**Absent:** Jason Bunch, Chair of the Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB); Registered Guide; DCCED  
Ted Spraker, Public Member

**Facilitator:** Sara Chambers, Boards and Regulations Advisor; DCCED

The meeting convened at 1:05 p.m. Two members of the public observed via Zoom.

The workgroup set as its only agenda item the review of Chairman Bunch's initial workgroup summary draft (version 1.6). Ms. Chambers offered to lead the walkthrough since Chair Bunch was in the field and unable to attend. She explained that the draft was his attempt to gather the information and ideas gleaned through the workgroup process. He offered it as a starting point and not a final version for vote at this meeting. He expected the workgroup to make revisions, ask questions, and offer additional edits.

Generally, that group agreed that it liked the direction and content. Members provided various minor working edits and suggestions, which will be incorporated in a version 2.0 to be provided for review ahead of the next meeting. Mr. Green and Mr. Wallace expressed excitement that the proposal has a conservation focus and that it would be implemented after a review of wildlife and use criteria in specific guide use areas, not statewide.

Ms. Colles suggested that the workgroup should wait on endorsing DNR as the implementing agency until her suggestions for placing the program in DCCED could be more fully considered. She stated that she would work on alternative proposal that could be reviewed at the next meeting.

Mr. Wallace approved of an advisory board that includes user groups. Ms. Colles agreed and cautioned that the board should remain nimble, including appointment by the implementing agency, and not be granted rulemaking authority itself.

Mr. Wallace said these fees might actually be low and that guides would be willing to pay more, especially if it is a larger flat fee instead of the more complicated scaled approach in the proposal.

The workgroup agreed to meet next via Zoom at 1:00 p.m. on October 19. Ms. Colles agreed that she would provide her summary ahead of the meeting so members could review and be ready with any questions.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:50 p.m.