

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL
LICENSING**

BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD

**DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING
November 16, 2016**

By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled executive session meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was held November 16, 2016.

The staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing prepared these draft minutes. They have not been approved by the board.

AGENDA ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Kelly Vrem, Chair, at 9:15a.m.

Board members present:

Kelly Vrem, Master Guide-Outfitter, Chair
Karen Polley, Public Member
Michele Metz, Large Private Landowner
David Jones, Transporter
Henry D. Tiffany IV, Master Guide-Outfitter

Board members absent:

Nicholas Jackson, Large Private Landowner
Tom Atkins, Transporter
David Brown, Board of Game Representative
Gene Peltola, Public Member

Board staff present:

Cindy Hansen, Licensing Examiner
Lee Strout, Investigator
Amber Whaley, Probation Monitor

Mr. Jones stated he self-reported a federal halibut regulation violation for fishing on a closed day.

AGENDA ITEM 2 EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion duly made by Ms. Polley, seconded by Ms. Metz and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing Subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion and Matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential and for the purpose of discussing confidential disciplinary matters for the purpose of discussing investigations and reports.

Staff members Ms. Hansen and Investigator Strout remained during executive session.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:20am am and exited out of executive session at 10:21am.

AGENDA ITEM 3 Case No. 2016-000988

Ms. Polley moved to approve the consent agreement and Mr. Tiffany seconded. Mr. Tiffany stated he supports the consent agreement and it's appropriate under the circumstances. Chairman Vrem concurred as well as Ms. Polley.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Polley, seconded by Mr. Tiffany and approved by roll call vote, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve the consent agreement in Case No. 2016-000988, Anthony W. Taranto, A #114344.

Roll Call Vote:

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kelly Vrem	X			
Karen Polley	X			
David Brown				X
Michele Metz	X			
Nicholas Jackson				X
David Jones	X			
Tom Atkins				X
Henry D. Tiffany IV	X			
Gene Peltola				X

AGENDA ITEM 4 Case No. 2016-000902

Ms. Polley moved to approve the consent agreement and Mr. Tiffany seconded. Ms. Polley stated she believes this is a case we can move on, though it's an unfortunate incident, we should accept it. Mr. Tiffany agreed.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Polley, seconded by Mr. Tiffany and approved by roll call vote, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve the consent agreement in Case No. 2016-000902, Michael M. Letourneau, C # 107796.

Roll Call Vote:

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kelly Vrem	X			
Karen Polley	X			
David Brown				X
Michele Metz	X			
Nicholas Jackson				X

David Jones	X	
Tom Atkins		X
Henry D. Tiffany IV	X	
Gene Peltola		X

AGENDA ITEM 5 Case No. 2014-000378

Ms. Polley moved to approve the consent agreement and Mr. Tiffany seconded. Ms. Polley stated this has probation time and fine and she plans to accept it. Mr. Tiffany stated he does too.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Polley, seconded by Mr. Tiffany and approved by a majority of the participating board roll call vote, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve the consent agreement in Case No. 2014-000378, Bruce J. Werba, R # 1223.

Roll Call Vote:

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kelly Vrem			X	
Karen Polley	X			
David Brown				X
Michele Metz	X			
Nicholas Jackson				X
David Jones	X			
Tom Atkins				X
Henry D. Tiffany IV	X			
Gene Peltola				X

AGENDA ITEM 6 Case No. 2016-000904

Ms. Polley moved to approve the consent agreement and Mr. Tiffany seconded. Chairman Vrem stated this is reasonable and he is comfortable with it. Mr. Tiffany

stated this case is identical to Case No. 2016-000902, since both occurred from the same incident.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Polley, seconded by Mr. Tiffany and approved by a majority of the participating board roll call vote, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve the consent agreement in Case No. 2016-000904, Justin R. Hedgecock, A # 6935.

Roll Call Vote:

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kelly Vrem	X			
Karen Polley	X			
David Brown				X
Michele Metz	X			
Nicholas Jackson				X
David Jones	X			
Tom Atkins				X
Henry D. Tiffany IV	X			
Gene Peltola				X

AGENDA ITEM 7 Case No. 2016-000367

Ms. Polley moved to approve the consent agreement and Mr. Tiffany seconded. Mr. Tiffany stated he plans to accept it as it is an appropriate consent agreement.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Polley, seconded by Mr. Tiffany and approved by a majority of the participating board roll call vote, it was:

RESOLVED, to approve the consent agreement in Case No. 2016-000367m,

Roll Call Vote:

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kelly Vrem	X			

Karen Polley	X	
David Brown		X
Michele Metz	X	
Nicholas Jackson		X
David Jones	X	
Tom Atkins		X
Henry D. Tiffany IV	X	
Gene Peltola		X

AGENDA ITEM 8 Case No. 2016-001185 (changed to Case No. 2016-0001187)

Ms. Polley moved to table the application and Mr. Tiffany seconded. Mr. Jones stated this should be tabled until resolution of 2016-00087, another related case that will provide necessary information about 2016-001185. Ms. Polley and Mr. Tiffany accepted the amendment to change the case number from 2016-001185 to 2016-001187.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Polley, seconded by Mr. Tiffany and approved by a board roll call vote, it was:

RESOLVED, to table Case No. 2016-001187, an Assistant Guide license application for Israel Hale.

Roll Call Vote:

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kelly Vrem	X			
Karen Polley	X			
David Brown				X
Michele Metz	X			
Nicholas Jackson				X
David Jones	X			
Tom Atkins				X
Henry D. Tiffany IV	X			
Gene Peltola				X

AGENDA ITEM 9 OAH No. 13-0589-GUI, Case No. 1750-10-004 & 1702-10-001

Ms. Polley moved to respond to the inquiry of Mr. Hill that he participate in a teleconference interview and web seminar instead of attending a board meeting and a seminar put on by the board. Mr. Jones seconded. Ms. Polley stated the board can meet its requirement, reduce the amount of time spent on this case and thus benefit both the board and the licensee.

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Polley, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by a board roll call vote, it was:

RESOLVED, to respond to the inquiry of Mr. Hill that he participate in a teleconference interview and web seminar instead of attending a board meeting and a seminar put on by the board for Craig E. Hill, R # 1348.

Roll Call Vote:

	APPROVE	DENY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Kelly Vrem	X			
Karen Polley	X			
David Brown				X
Michele Metz	X			
Nicholas Jackson				X
David Jones	X			
Tom Atkins				X
Henry D. Tiffany IV	X			
Gene Peltola				X

AGENDA ITEM 10 REGULATION PROPOSAL AAC 75.400

Chairman Vrem stated he is in agreement with Mr. Atkins. Most transporters take clients, without submitting a transporter activity report (TAR) form, to a registered

guide, who submits a hunt report (HR) form. This regulation proposal is more housekeeping than anything.

Mr. Jones stated he also supports the regulation proposal. The industry has always operated in this manner, since it avoids double contracting and duplicate TAR and HR reporting. Transporters also transport guides to hunts, which would result in double reporting. He wants clarification for a transporter transporting a registered guide or another transporter. Chairman Vrem stated he wants to hear public comment before the board votes on have a legal review of the proposal. Mr. Tiffany stated he agrees with them and also wants to follow the proper procedures. Mr. Jones volunteered to flesh out the language in preparation for the December meeting. Chairman Vrem stated this proposal will be tabled until the December meeting.

Mr. Jones reminded everyone that the Transporter subcommittee had met several times and the board approved a legal review of the two documents. Also tabled were proposals by Transporter Rolan Ruoss. Mr. Jones wants to bring forth proposals #1 and #3 at the December meeting because these suggest ways to streamline the contracting and reporting transporter in conjunction with Mr. Atkin's proposal. Chairman Vrem agreed.

Chairman Vrem stated he has a regulation he will be submitting for a transporter charter at a specific location, through FAA. Mr. Jones stated he believes Rolan's Proposal #1 is related to that.

AGENDA ITEM 11

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Vrem adjourned the meeting of the Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board at 10:53am.

Respectfully submitted:

Cindy Hansen, Licensing Examiner

Kelly Vrem, Chairperson
Big Game Commercial Services Board

Date _____

Approved Date: _____

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