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3 **State of Alaska**  
4 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
5 **DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

6 **BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD**  
7 **Minutes of the meetings from Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Thursday, April 4, 2019**  
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9 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS44.62,  
10 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was held at the Ted Stevens  
11 Anchorage International Airport, Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Thursday, April 4, 2019.  
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13 **The Chair brought the meeting to order at 8:35 am on Tuesday, April 2, 2019**  
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15 **Agenda Item - Roll Call**  
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17 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum:**  
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19 Henry Tiffany-Licensed Registered Guide-Board Chair  
20 Larry Van Daele-Board of Game Representative  
21 Michelle Heun-Licensed Transporter  
22 Tom Harris-Private Land Owner @8:37 am  
23 Jason Bunch-Registered Guide Outfitter  
24 Cash Joyce – Licensed Transporter  
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26 **Board Members Absent:**

27 Nicholas Jackson- Private Land Owner - UNEXCUSED  
28 Adam Trombley-Public Member-Vice Chair - UNEXCUSED  
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30 **Staff Members present:**

31 Dawn K Hannasch-Records and Licensing Supervisor  
32 Lee Strout-Investigator  
33 Rebecca Powers- Occupational Licensing Examine via teleconference  
34 Robert Auth-Board Counsel @9:45 via teleconference  
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36 **Members of the Public Present:**

37 Jeff Burwell  
38 Dan Montgomery  
39 Loren Karro  
40 Wayne Kubat  
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42 **Agenda Item - Review the Agenda:** The board reviewed the approved agenda. The board was pleased  
43 with the four separate opportunities that the public will have to address the board with their comments.  
44 Board Chair, Henry Tiffany informed the board that they have a full three days of meetings.  
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46 **Agenda Item – Ethics:**

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48 Board Chair, Henry Tiffany, shared that he has been participating in testifying on behalf of the board,  
49 during the legislative session. Board Member Jason Bunch stated that he, too, has been working with  
50 Mr. Tiffany to inform the legislators of the board position to the different house and Senate bills. The  
51 board did not see either of these as ethics violations as everyone was appointed by the board to testify.

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53 Board member Tom Harris – Private landowner, resigned immediately. Mr. Harris states that he believes  
54 a conflict of interest exists between his objectives and the purpose of the Big Game Commercial Services  
55 Board. Mr. Harris plans to continue to foster his relationship with the BGCS board and the industry.  
56 Board member Jason Bunch stated that he would like to see Mr. Harris stay as he brings a unique  
57 perspective to the board. Mr. Tiffany agreed that Mr. Harris' input had been appreciated.

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59 Board member Larry Van Daele stated that while working for fish and game, he was a part of one of the  
60 investigations that the board will be reviewing later that day.

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62 Board Chair Tiffany did not see any of the above statements as ethical issues.

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64 **Agenda Item – Review/Approve Meeting Minutes:**

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66 Hearing nothing further, Mr. Tiffany moved the board's attention to the drafted meeting minutes from  
67 the January 2019 meeting.

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69 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Cash Joyce, with unanimous consent,**  
70 **it was resolved to approve the drafted meeting minutes from the January 2019 meeting.**

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72 **Agenda Item – Division/Fiscal Update:**

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74 Division Administrative Officer Melissa Dumas joined the meeting via telephone at 8:50 am to review  
75 the board's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financial report. Ms. Dumas went through all aspects of the report and  
76 commended the board again on their fiscal conservancy. The division believes that the board may end  
77 the fiscal year with a small positive balance. Ms. Dumas provided the board with a fee analysis that  
78 shows the projections for the next four years. At this time, the division is not recommending a change in  
79 fees. After a vigorous discussion, the board agreed with the division.

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81 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
82 **resolved to recommend no fee changes to the division at this time.**

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84 **Jason Bunch – YES**

85 **Cash Joyce – YES**

86 **Michelle Heun – YES**

87 **Henry Tiffany – YES**

88 **Larry Van Daele – YES**

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90 Records and Licensing Supervisor Dawn Hannasch provided the board with an update on behalf of the  
91 division. Ms. Hannasch introduced the board to their new staff member, Rebecca Powers, who joined  
92 the meeting via teleconference. Ms. Hannasch shared with the board that Ms. Powers has already

93 created some helpful avenues for RGO/MGO & Transporters to upload their hunt/transport records into  
94 their MYLICENSE. She has also worked with RLS Chelsea Childress to provide a way for licensees to pay  
95 their annual filing fee on their MYLICENSE account. Ms. Powers has the program caught up, and most  
96 hunt records processed. Ms. Hannasch stated that Ms. Powers is already an asset to the board and this  
97 industry. The board encouraged the division to continue exploring ways to integrate technology.  
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99 **Agenda Item – Senate Bill 43:**

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101 Board chair, Henry Tiffany, explained that SB 43 was introduced by Senator Wilson and is a  
102 reauthorization of the board. The Sunset Audit recommended the board be renewed for 6 years, which  
103 Senator Wilson has carried. Amendments have been added to SB 43.  
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105 Public comment regarding renewing the board for six years: Loren Karro, GUIR941 – In favor of  
106 extending the board. Wayne Kubat, GUIM147 – Supports reauthorization for six years. Dan  
107 Montgomery, GUIM173 – Supports reauthorization for six years. Lyle Becker, GUIR1276 – Supports  
108 reauthorization for six years.  
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110 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, it**  
111 **was resolved to support extending the Big Game Commercial Services Board another six**  
112 **years.**  
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114 **Jason Bunch – YES**

115 **Cash Joyce – YES**

116 **Michelle Heun – YES**

117 **Henry Tiffany – YES**

118 **Larry Van Daele – YES**  
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120 Amendment 4: An amendment to insert the word “hold” - If a person is convicted of a state or federal  
121 hunting, guiding, or transportation violation with a certain prison sentence or fine, currently, they  
122 cannot receive or renew their license. By adding the word “hold” in, if a person is convicted of such  
123 criminally, the board is authorized to immediately suspend license and activities until the civil  
124 investigation has been completed.  
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126 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, it**  
127 **was resolved to support including the word “hold” under AS08.54.605.a.**  
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129 **Jason Bunch – YES**

130 **Cash Joyce – YES**

131 **Michelle Heun – YES**

132 **Henry Tiffany – YES**

133 **Larry Van Daele – YES**  
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135 Amendment 5: Regarding eligibility for Master Guides – Recommends applicants hold licenses for 15  
136 years rather than 12 of the last 20, must submit 45 names and a higher percentage must come back  
137 positive, and no violations or been under any disciplinary action within the last 15 years of the date of  
138 application.  
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140           **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, it**  
141           **was resolved to support the concept of Amendment 5 and articulate the board’s discomfort**  
142           **with #4 and what the board’s original intent and the suggestion was and continue to be.**

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144           **Jason Bunch – YES**  
145           **Cash Joyce – YES**  
146           **Michelle Heun – YES**  
147           **Henry Tiffany – YES**  
148           **Larry Van Daele – YES**

149  
150 Board Chair Tiffany will write a letter to Senator von Imhof on the board’s behalf stating they  
151 unanimously support reauthorization of the board for six years, unanimously support the inclusion of  
152 the word “hold”, and that they unanimously support the concept of the changes in A5, but #4 is not  
153 worded the way the board intended so other board members will offer to help develop language that  
154 does not include the “paperwork violations” stipulation.

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156           **Break: 10:09 – 10:19**

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158           **Agenda Item – Public Comment:**

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160 Board Chair Tiffany stated the board is making an effort to open public comment more regularly, with  
161 three additional opportunities available.

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163           • Wayne Kubat – Master Guide GUIM147  
164           Mr. Kubat thanked the board for their service and the opportunity to speak. He provided  
165           handouts of his testimony and statutes from 1994 and 1997. His opinion is that the current  
166           Statutes & Regulations as a whole are more dysfunctional, confusing, and contradictive of each  
167           other than anything he’s ever seen. He believes part of that is because the board was sunset in  
168           1995 through 2005. Many things changed from 94-97 without board oversight. He strongly  
169           disagrees with the conclusions reached in the flow chart on page 58 of the board packet. A lot of  
170           different people can get a lot of different viewpoints. The flowchart concerns Statute and Regs  
171           08.54.610(e) – regarding Registered Guides, and 12 AC 75.240(f) – supervision regulations  
172           requiring a supervising contracting or Class-A Guide in the same GUA if using an Assistant Guide.  
173           75.240 (f) went into effect in 1997. The “one size fits all approach” might work for marine  
174           operations, but not for interior operations that require bushcraft access. Mr. Kubat feels 12 AC  
175           75.240(f) contradicts, conflicts, and confuses the statute 08.54.610(e), 08.54.630(b)(3),  
176           08.54.790(7), and 12 AAC 75.240(i) and all of its subsections. 08.54.610(e), references a  
177           contracted hunt and doesn’t exclude contracted hunts when an Assistant Guide is in charge.  
178           08.54.630(b)(3) says that an Assistant Guide can take charge of a camp if the contracting guide is  
179           in the field and participating in the hunt. 08.54.790 defines “in the field” as off a road system–  
180           pretty much anywhere in the state as long as you are not in conflict with a city, town, or village.  
181           12 AAC 75.240(i) is a new regulation added in 2014 that specifically refers to 08.54.610(e)  
182           talking about the supervision of a contracted hunt. Bunch states that F section references the  
183           Assistant Guide, but if you look in statute 08.54.610(e), it says a Registered-Guide Outfitter  
184           contract hunts as a contracting guide for a guided hunt shall be primarily in the field, and in the  
185           field means off the road system, supervising and participating in the contracting hunt – it  
186           doesn’t say contracted hunt run by Class-A or Registered – it doesn’t rule out an Assistant –it’s

187 talking about a contract hunt. Mr. Kubat basically feels (f) contradicts two statutes. In the real  
188 world, communication quality and capability are much more important for supervision than is  
189 proximity. Mr. Kubat believes 12 AAC 75.240(f) is an attempt to control guides in the absence of  
190 Guide Use Areas more so than something that improves supervision. Mr. Kubat displayed a map  
191 of Guide Use Areas and pointed out that distances within the same or neighboring GUAs can  
192 vary between 15 and over 200 miles. No consideration is made for the mode of transportation.  
193 Mr. Kubat would appreciate more participation by stakeholders at board meetings and suggests  
194 that any policy changes should include a well-attended subcommittee process. Suggested Policy:  
195 The Board finds that an assistant guide can take charge of a camp and provide guide services if  
196 the contracting guide is in the field in the same or neighboring GMU + up to 50 miles. See  
197 08.54.610(e), 08.54.630(b)(3), and 12 AAC 75.240(i). Proposed changes to 12 AAC 75.240  
198 Supervision – No changes to (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (h). Changes to (f) should state the  
199 contracting registered-guide outfitter or a noncontracting registered guide-outfitter or class-A  
200 assistant guide supervising an assistant guide shall be in the field and participating in the  
201 contracted hunt to direct and monitor the big game hunting services provided to the client...  
202 Changes to (i) should state: For the purposes of the requirement in AS 08.54.610(e) for the  
203 supervision of a contracted hunt, the contracting registered guide-outfitter may plan, direct, and  
204 monitor a contracted hunt... In conclusion, Mr. Kubat does not believe his policy or regulation  
205 recommendations “dumb down” the supervision requirements in any way but instead allowed  
206 the contracting guide to provide a better service.

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208 Board Member Responses: Mr. Bunch thanked Mr. Kubat for his testimony. He spent at least  
209 10-12 hours on this in one day. He has a presentation on supervision and would like for it to be  
210 viewed in a sub-committee setting. Mr. Kubat brings up valid points, but repercussions to  
211 changes have a ripple effect. Supervision is a topic that is one of the higher-level topics of  
212 discussion recently by troopers and the forest service. The top priority of the board once we get  
213 past Sunset.

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215 Board Chair Tiffany: The whole industry and all the different agencies have to get on the same  
216 page to make it clear what can and can't be done. He understands the intent behind Mr.  
217 Kubat's testimony. The system should be cohesive that everyone understands, and it should be  
218 a priority moving forward.

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220 **Agenda Item – Regulation Review:**  
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222 Mrs. Hannasch pointed out that pages 68-71 are the drafts from the regulation specialists from the work  
223 the board did at the January meeting, most significantly regarding the change pertaining to Sworn  
224 Statements and Permits in relation to Guide Use Area Registrations. The regulations process was briefly  
225 explained to the board. This draft is not in the board packet due to the recent date the document was  
226 received. The draft will be sent to licensees via mail, email, and website posting. An explanation of the  
227 public comment process for regulation changes is posted on the Big Game Commercial Services Board  
228 website.

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230 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, it**  
231 **was approved to send drafted regulations 12 AAC 75.230(a)&(f)(g), 12 AAC 75.260(e), 12 AAC**  
232 **75.400(e), 12 AAC 75.450(d), 12 AAC 920(b)(c)(d) & (e) out for public comment.**  
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234 **Jason Bunch – YES**  
235 **Cash Joyce – YES**  
236 **Michelle Heun – YES**  
237 **Henry Tiffany – YES**  
238 **Larry Van Daele – YES**

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240 **Agenda Item - Proposed Regulations:**

241 1. To add language to 75.460(b)(2) says an affidavit signed by the Registered-Guide Outfitters or  
242 another person certifying that the Registered-Guide Outfitters has been involved in a minimum of 3  
243 harvests or hunts on guided or non-guided hunts for that species.

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245 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote,**  
246 **the proposed regulation will not move forward.**

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248 **Jason Bunch – No**  
249 **Cash Joyce – No**  
250 **Michelle Heun – No**  
251 **Henry Tiffany – No**  
252 **Larry Van Daele – No**

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254 Board's Action: None

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256 2. 75.240(i) Supervision - For purposes of the requirements in AS 08.54.610(e) for supervision of a  
257 contracted hunt and in addition to the requirements of this section, the contracting Registered-  
258 Guide may plan, direct, and monitor a contracted hunt 1(a) while primarily in the field and in daily  
259 communication with a Class-A or noncontracting registered guide supervising the hunt.

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261 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, the**  
262 **proposed regulation will not move forward.**

263  
264 **Jason Bunch – No**  
265 **Cash Joyce – No**  
266 **Michelle Heun – No**  
267 **Henry Tiffany – No**  
268 **Larry Van Daele – No**

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270 Board's Action: Pass proposal to subcommittee

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272 3. Statute 08.54.720 – Allow appropriate buffer areas between hunters and camps in order to avoid  
273 disrupting hunts and hunting experiences. In game management Unit 9, a person holding any class  
274 of guide or transporter license may not place a camp within five miles of a legally permitted year-  
275 round structure built before 2010 being used for big game guiding purposes, unless agreed upon a  
276 written agreement between the involved parties.

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278 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, the**  
279 **proposed regulation will not move forward.**

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281 **Jason Bunch – No**

282 **Cash Joyce – No**  
283 **Michelle Heun – No**  
284 **Henry Tiffany – No**  
285 **Larry Van Daele – No**

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287 Board’s Action: Pass proposal to the subcommittee. Board Chair Tiffany proposed to establish an Ethics  
288 subcommittee to explore 75.440(13). Cash Joyce volunteered to chair the subcommittee. The first  
289 subcommittee meeting will be held at the December board meeting.

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291 4. Add a new regulation, perhaps in our regulations under the stipulations to renew any class of guide  
292 license, that if a licensee has been convicted of a criminal violation and received a fine of XX amount  
293 and/or received a sentence of XX amount, then their license is immediately suspended until which  
294 time the Big Game Commercial Services Board can formally review and consider their case.

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296 After much discussion with Mr. Robert Auth via teleconference:

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298 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, the**  
299 **proposed adoption of a regulation mirroring the proposed amendment in A4 of SB43 will**  
300 **move forward.**

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302 **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
303 **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
304 **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
305 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
306 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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308 Board’s Action: Hold off until HB43 outcome.

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310 **Lunch Break: 12:00 – 1:15**

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312 **Agenda Item: Master Guide Requirements:**

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314 Returning from the lunch recess, Mr. Tiffany brought the group’s attention back to the task of reviewing  
315 the suggested regulation changes concerning Senate Bill 43. The board will send a letter to Senator Von  
316 Imhof supporting the 6-year renewal, with concerns regarding renewal, specifically with #4.

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318 Public Comments Related to SB 43:

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- 320 • Clarification – Guides must have a clean record for 15 years to get their Master Guide License.
  - 321 • Lorren Karro - Guides should not be penalized for paperwork errors.
  - 322 • Concerns from GUI Supervisor Hannasch – Define knowingly. How do you prove knowingly, in  
323 regard to paperwork violations?

324 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, the**  
325 **board approves a letter to senator Von Imhof as written and expressed to the board by**  
326 **Chairman Tiffany. Regarding SB 43 with an amendment letter, the Big Game Commercial**  
327 **Services board unanimously supports the reauthorization of the board for six years. The**  
328 **board unanimously supports the A4 amendment, which will add the word “hold” to AS**

329           **08.54.605 (a). The board unanimously accepted the concept of the A5 amendment and was in**  
330           **support of all aspects of it except the proposed change to (b)(4). As it is currently written, the**  
331           **board believes A5 (b)(4) was misinterpreted by legal services which drafted the proposed A5**  
332           **(b)(4) language and was not written as the board originally intended, and as such the board**  
333           **cannot support (b)(4) as currently written. The board intent behind this proposed statutory**  
334           **change is to raise the standards and requirements for the licensee to obtain a Master Guide**  
335           **license to ensure they have not had any substantial violations or convictions under AS**  
336           **08.54.720 and to provide authority to the board to deny a licensee who does not qualify. The**  
337           **board would like to respectively suggest the following language to (b)(4), which the board**  
338           **could unanimously support as written “(b)(4). Has not been the subject to disciplinary action**  
339           **under this chapter or been convicted of a violation of any state or federal law or regulation**  
340           **related to hunting or to the provision of big game hunting or transportation services under AS**  
341           **08.54.720 within the 15 years preceding the date of application and.” To be consistent, the**  
342           **board recommends the following language be struck from (f)(2) and added in the A5**  
343           **amendment to Section 3 AS 08.54.610 (f)(3), “Who is convicted of a violation under AS**  
344           **08.54.720 of any state law or federal or regulation related to hunting or the provision of big**  
345           **game hunting or transportation services.”**  
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347           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
348           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
349           **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
350           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
351           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**  
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353           **Agenda Item: Survivorship:**  
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355           The board appreciates all of the work Former Board Member Sullivan put into his survivorship  
356           presentation, it was not productive to send multiple through, but just one. Survivorship is a top priority.  
357           Mr. Joyce commented that position statements are a “may” rather than a “shall.” Ms. Hannasch  
358           reminded the board that position statements cannot be written about Statutes and Regulations that do  
359           not exist. They are provided, so the public, law enforcement, and the division have a clear understanding  
360           of the board’s stance and interpretation of issues. Mr. Bunch proposes the board tackles survivorship  
361           with legislatures in an exception under one of the current Statutes, then clarify the exception under  
362           Regulation for that Statute. The subject of survivorship will be tabled until the board can look at and  
363           discuss other routes of implementation that aren’t as complicated. Board Chair Tiffany is very proud of  
364           the guide industry for helping out one another in tragic situations.  
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366           **Agenda Item: Subcommittee Meetings:**  
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368           Board Chair Tiffany commended Mr. Bunch for his efforts on the supervision flow chart.  
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370           After Mr. Sullivan’s resignation, the Statutes & Regulations subcommittee is now without a chair. Board  
371           Member Jason Bunch offered to chair the Statutes & Regulations subcommittee but would have to give  
372           up the education/exam subcommittee. Board Chair Tiffany will chair the education/exam subcommittee.  
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374           **Agenda Item: Exam Rewrite**  
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376           Mr. Bunch informed the board that GMU exams 1-5 have been reviewed by Master Guides in those



377 units and provided excellent feedback. He has a map recommendation but is a time-consuming project.  
378 Board Chair Tiffany has rewritten 12 of the GMU exams but still needs to work on the maps. During the  
379 January exam, Ms. Hannasch reported that no questions were challenged on the new RGO exam.  
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381 **Break: 2:45 – 2:54**

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383 **Agenda Item: Tongass National Forest Collaborative Review MOU**

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385 Mr. Bunch presented the board with the details of the Collaborative Review MOU between the Tongass  
386 National Forest and the guiding community in Southeast Alaska. Inadequacies following policy in the  
387 transfer of permits/land use authorizations prompted testimony and discussion in order to get on the  
388 same page with CBPL.  
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390 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, the**  
391 **board agreed to send their recommendations and support of the MOU to the director of CBPL.**

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393 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

394 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

395 **Michelle Heun – Yes**

396 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

397 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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399 **Agenda Item: Public Comments**

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401 Board Chair Tiffany opened the floor to public comments, giving ten minutes to speak.

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- 403 • Loren Karro – Registered Guide GUIR941

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405 Ms. Karro thanked the board for their work, time, and effort. She will miss Dawn at the board  
406 meetings. Ms. Karro would like to address fieldcraft standards that Mel proposed. Many years  
407 ago, Mel suggested after some tents were tied to his cabins, and the board passed a two-mile  
408 buffer just for unit 9. However, what happened after that was – a cabin was built that could  
409 have conceivably been within two miles of someone’s long-standing land-use agreement with  
410 the state, meaning they were permanent by DNR and would have to be vacated. That was  
411 changed and taken out, with Mel’s agreement that would not work because people could build a  
412 cabin, and not only could no one else put a camp there, but existing long-standing LAS’s would  
413 be defunct. If someone wants to build a cabin, DNR will send out a notice of the request for  
414 permission to build to anyone that has a nearby LAS, to the village, and to the native  
415 corporations – but they have never denied one unless it’s something that’s already been  
416 identified by board of game as critical habitat. DNR could say it doesn’t matter who has a 20-  
417 year LAS and has been operating for 20 years there – they would have to go on. Before 2010  
418 they were told it was illegal. When they were discussing these, they talked about putting it  
419 everywhere, but different areas required different separations – for instance, a 2 or 5-mile  
420 separation on a mountain may not only not be necessary; it’s not even conceivable. Each area is  
421 quite a bit different. The restriction only applies to put in camps – they can still come up and  
422 hunt next to the cabin, but they couldn’t put a camp there. She understands Mel’s problem and  
423 is willing to work on that sort of thing. She just wanted to put the history out there and why it

424 wasn't applied across the board. She also wanted to bring up testing – every year, the written  
425 RGO exam has to be reviewed very slightly. She will ask the Board of Game if they have any easy  
426 ways around those changes. We have to look for any changes to the Board of Game Regulations  
427 and Big Game Commercial Services Board Regulation. If there's anything on the test regarding  
428 the change of regulation, they have to change the question or add questions. Her original idea  
429 with the committee with the test was to change the questions a little every year. There was  
430 only supposed to be 124 questions, with questions rotated in and out. With Regulations, this is  
431 necessary, and she does not mind doing it because it wouldn't take her very long.

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433 Board Chair Tiffany thanked Ms. Karro for all her work on the exam, the background clarification on the  
434 2-mile and 5-mile perimeter, and for all the time she's put in being a participant at the board meetings.

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436 Ms. Hannasch informed the board that the Regulations Specialist sent a FAQ Worksheet that the board  
437 will need to fill out for every regulation just put forward to him.

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439 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c), I, Larry Van Daele, seconded by Cash**  
440 **Joyce, with unanimous consent, move to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the**  
441 **decision of the judicatory proceeding, in the matter of Stephen Hicks, agency number 2017001107 and**  
442 **201800018. The Office of Administrative Hearings case # 18-0539-GUI. The parties, their attorneys,**  
443 **and all members of the public will be excluded from this deliberative session. The Administrative Law**  
444 **Judge will be invited to remain with the board during the deliberative session.**

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446 **Executive Session 3:35 – 4:08**

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448 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Cash Joyce, with unanimous consent, the**  
449 **board moves to adopt the decision of the ALJ as modified under 44.64.060(e)(3). The modification to**  
450 **make this a permanent revocation per statute and regulations 08.54.710(c)(1).**

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452 **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
453 **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
454 **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
455 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
456 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

457 Board Chair Tiffany expressed his concerns that this particular case is egregious. There were many  
458 violations, and the State and ALJ have made a strong case, and he will certainly support the  
459 recommendation of the ALJ with the amended language that this is to include a permanent revocation.

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461 There was a lot of thought put into this particular record and decision and looked at by many different  
462 angles. It's been investigated by the State Troopers as well. This issue needs to be addressed to keep the  
463 industry professional and safe.

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465 Mr. Bunch stated that he would vote in favor. When registered guides fail to exercise the standard of  
466 care, it reflects poorly on and can negatively impact the profession as a whole. Additionally, because  
467 the work of guides is necessarily carried out in remote areas where oversight is minimal, licensee  
468 integrity and honesty are paramount to the efficient regulation of the industry. When licensed guides  
469 act in a manner that causes their honesty into question, violating hunting laws and engaging in a way to  
470 disguise their illegal activities, they impair the trust that is necessary to the regulation of the industry.

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467 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Cash Joyce, with unanimous consent, moves**  
468 **to The Big Game Commercial Board moves into deliberative session under AS 44.62.31(d), seconded**  
469 **by Jason Bunch, with unanimous consent, solely to make the decision in the following judicatory**  
470 **proceeding in the matter of Thomas Shankster, agency number 2018000561, Office of Administrative**  
471 **Hearings case number 180734GUI. The parties, their attorneys, and all members of the public will be**  
472 **excluded from this deliberative session. The Administrative Law Judge will be invited to remain with**  
473 **the board during the deliberative session.**

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475 **Executive Session: 4:13 – 5:22**

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477 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, in regard to**  
478 **the case of Mr. Shankster, with regard to the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge,**  
479 **Alaska Statutes 08.605(a)(a)(1), Alaska Statute 08.710(c)(1), Alaska Statute 08.710(a)(1), he**  
480 **recommends that a fine of \$20,000 is imposed with \$10,000 stayed. The stayed portion will be paid if**  
481 **the first \$10,000 is not paid by January 2025. He also recommends that there be immediate**  
482 **revocation of the license, and the individual cannot reapply until January 2025. He also recommends**  
483 **a public reprimand.**

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485 **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
486 **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
487 **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
488 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
489 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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491 Board Chair Tiffany appreciates and supports Judge Lebo’s assistance with this case. There is a lot to  
492 this case. Fortunately, in this industry, we don’t have a lot of cases that are as big or egregious as this,  
493 so, there is not a lot of precedence to fall back on to compare to a similar case. Mr. Shankster clearly  
494 has a pattern over 14 years, 2002-2016, of violations that definitely justify this immediate revocation of  
495 his license. It is within the board’s authority under 08.54.710, as mentioned in the motion. Under the  
496 circumstance, this is an appropriate action by the board. It should be noted that this is higher, or a  
497 more severe action than the division or Administrative Law Judge recommended, but when violations of  
498 this nature occur against the resources, which are a public resource, and against many clients and public  
499 trust over many years, it justifies this level of action.

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501 Mr. Bunch stated that he would vote in favor of this motion. When registered guides fail to exercise the  
502 standard of care, it reflects poorly on and can negatively impact the profession as a whole. Additionally,  
503 because the work of guides is necessarily carried out in remote areas where oversight is minimal,  
504 licensee honesty and integrity are paramount to the efficient regulation of the industry. When licensed  
505 guides act in a manner that causes their honesty into question, violating hunting laws and engaging in a  
506 way to disguise their illegal activities, they impair the trust that is necessary to the regulation of the  
507 industry.

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509 Mr. Joyce will vote to approve. Obviously, there is a failure. He exhibited a failure to uphold the statutes  
510 and regulations set forth.

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512 Ms. Heun will vote in favor of board actions. Clearly, this board needs to continue to uphold the  
513 integrity of the industry. The actions committed by this individual, the violations, circumstances clearly

514 support the disciplinary action the board has agreed upon.

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516 Mr. Van Daele agrees that this is a serious violation, and they are raising the penalty above what the  
517 Administrative Law Judge suggested because there is no precedent. When he wrote his  
518 recommendation, he went with the matrix, which is based on precedent. This case will set a precedent  
519 and can be used in the future. It's not a total revocation for a lifetime for this individual. It allows him  
520 to reapply in January 2025, but it is still a fair assessment of the seriousness of this situation and a  
521 balanced approach to it.

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523 **Recess: 5:30**

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525 **State of Alaska**

526 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

527 **DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

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529 **BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD**

530 **Minutes of the meetings from Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Thursday, April 4, 2019**

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532 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS44.62,  
533 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was held at the Ted Stevens  
534 Anchorage International Airport, Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Thursday, April 4, 2019.

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536 **The Chair brought the meeting to order at 8:40 am on Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

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538 **Agenda Item - Roll Call**

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540 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum:**

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542 Henry Tiffany-Licensed Registered Guide-Board Chair

543 Larry Van Daele-Board of Game Representative

544 Michelle Heun-Licensed Transporter

545 Jason Bunch-Registered Guide Outfitter

546 Cash Joyce – Licensed Transporter

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548 **Board Members Absent:**

549 Nicholas Jackson- Private Land Owner-UNEXCUSED

550 Adam Trombley-Public Member-Vice Chair - UNEXCUSED

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552 **Staff Members present:**

553 Dawn K Hannasch-Records and Licensing Supervisor (RLS)

554 Lee Strout-Investigator

555 Rebecca Powers- Occupational Licensing Examine via teleconference

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557 **Members of the Public Present:**

558 Wayne Kubat

559 Gary Wall

560 Jeff Burwell

561 Dan Montgomery  
562 Coke Wallace  
563 Tom Atkins  
564 Tim Nelson  
565 Joe Frantz  
566 Mel Gillis  
567 Kathy Frederue

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569 **Agenda Item: Review Agenda:**

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571 The board reviewed the agenda.

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573 **Agenda Item: Regulations Project:**

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575 • The board reviewed the recommended statute and regulations changes from the public:

576 12 AAC 75.460(b)(2) from Mark Enyert

577 12 AAC 75.240 from Lance Kronberger

578 AS 08.54.720 from Mel Gillis

579 Continuing education requirements from Henry Tiffany

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581 The board chose not to move on any of the recommendations at this time, as they would like to  
582 complete the projects that they are currently working on before creating new ones. The board thanked  
583 the public for their recommendations.

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585 • Master Guide Requirements

586 Board member Larry Van Daele provided the board with his research concerning the requirements for a  
587 master guide outfitter license. The board will revisit the topic at its December 2019 meeting.

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589 • Survivorship

590 The board had reviewed the statute & regulations subcommittee recommendations for statute changes  
591 concerning survivorship at the January 2019 meeting. Lance Kronberger provided the board with  
592 recommendations. The board decided that this is not a topic that they can tackle right now, but will  
593 revisit in the future.

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595 **Break 9:30 – 9:48**

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597 **Agenda Item: Public Comments:**

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599 Wayne Kubat addressed the board. He commented on the first sunset from 1995-2005, recommended  
600 that the board attempt to make the regulations more to that time frame since the legislators placed all  
601 regulations into statute when the board sunset, and he encouraged the board to be more like  
602 Department of Natural Resources, “making the requirements about keeping licenses in compliance not  
603 about catching people doing things wrong.”

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605 **Agenda Item: Subcommittee Reports:**

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607 • Examination re-write – Jason Bunch informed the board that his goal is to begin updating the 26

608 GMU exams in the next year. The RGO written exam could also use a brief update now that it  
609 has been used a few times.

- 610 • Supervision – Jason Bunch presented the supervision flow chart
- 611 • Transporter – The committee is working on a proposal to the board on creating a new class of
- 612 transporter license. Board member Cash Joyce stated that the Federal FAA laws trump state
- 613 laws and requested that staff add the information for part 91 to the website.

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615 The other subcommittees had nothing to report.

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617 **Lunch break 12:00 – 1:20**

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619 **Agenda Item: Old Business:**

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- 621 • Felons and Firearms – tabled until July 2019
- 622 • UVC – Jason Bunch and Dawn Hannasch stated that this is a work in progress. The board will re-
- 623 visit at its July 2019 meeting.
- 624 • Wildlife videos as part of sanctions – the board will revisit this topic at a later date.

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626 **Agenda Item: New Business:**

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- 628 • Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regulations change – The board reviewed the
- 629 submitted changes to the DNR regulations. There were no changes that would affect the board
- 630 or its licensees.
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- 632 • Position Statement - Guide Licenses Can Only Be Held By A Natural Person – the board reviewed
- 633 the drafted position statement. The approved statement will be placed on the board website.

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635 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, it**  
636 **was resolved to adopt the drafted position statement on a natural person holding a license, as**  
637 **written.**

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639 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

640 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

641 **Michelle Heun – Yes**

642 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

643 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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- 645 • Annual Report – the board reviewed the drafted 2019 annual report.

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647 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
648 **resolved to adopt the drafted 2019 Annual Report as written.**

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650 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

651 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

652 **Michelle Heun – Yes**

653 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

654 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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**Agenda Item: Public Comments:**

Coke Wallace – Mr. Wallace explained to the board and the public that he received a “Non-disciplinary Letter of Advisement” for the division on February 12, 2019. Mr. Wallace gave his opinion on the situation and believed that DNR is harassing him. He also stated that DNR should not be in charge of the concession program.

**Agenda Item: Investigations & RLS delegation**

- Investigator Lee Strout presented the board with the investigative report for November 27, 2018 – March 28, 2019. Investigator Strout opened 60 matters and closed 39. Currently, there are 44 individuals on probation. Nine are on “hold,” and six are in the process of being released due to completion.
- Investigator Strout and Board Investigator Robert Auth explained to the board what a “Non-disciplinary Letter of Advisement” is. The letter is only information to the licensee and does not go into their file.

**Break 3:42 – 4:00**

Once the board came back from a brief break, RLS, Dawn Hannasch explained to the board, that the way their regulations are written, if there is a “yes” answer or a non-disclosure in an initial or renewal application, the board has to review and either approve or deny the license. Ms. Hannasch recommended that the board consider allowing the division to review the application, and if no further need for investigations is required per the division's policy and procedural manual #28, the Records and Licensing Supervisor can approve the license issuance. Allowing the RLS to do this will lessen the files that the board has to review, get individuals to work faster, and allow staff to continue with processing.

**In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Larry Van Daele, with a roll call vote, it was resolved to allow the division to review the application, and if no further need for investigations is required per the division's policy and procedural manual #28, the Records and Licensing Supervisor can approve the license issuance.**

- Jason Bunch – Yes**
- Cash Joyce – Yes**
- Michelle Heun – Yes**
- Henry Tiffany – Yes**
- Larry Van Daele – Yes**

Investigator Lee Strout and RLS Dawn Hannasch presented the board with applications and other investigative material for their consideration.

**In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c), I, Larry Van Daele, seconded by Michelle Heun, with unanimous consent, move to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion, with board staff to be present.**

702 **Executive Session 4:00 – 5:46**

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704 Once the board went back onto the record, Board Chair Henry Tiffany brought up House Bill 87.  
705 After a vigorous discussion, the board requested that Board Chair Tiffany draft a letter of opposition to  
706 Representative Tuck. Board member Larry Van Daele requested to be excused from the conversation  
707 since HB87 directly affects the Alaska Board of Game, which he is also a member. Chair Tiffany approved  
708 the recusal of member Van Daele.

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710 **Recess at 5:55**

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712 **State of Alaska**

713 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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720 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was held at the Ted Stevens  
721 Anchorage International Airport, Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Thursday, April 4, 2019.

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723 **The Chair brought the meeting to order at 8:37 am Thursday, April 4, 2019**

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725 **Agenda Item - Roll Call**

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727 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum:**

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729 Henry Tiffany-Licensed Registered Guide-Board Chair

730 Larry Van Daele-Board of Game Representative

731 Michelle Heun-Licensed Transporter

732 Jason Bunch-Registered Guide Outfitter

733 Cash Joyce – Licensed Transporter

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735 **Board Members Absent:**

736 Nicholas Jackson- Private Land Owner-UNEXCUSED

737 Adam Trombley-Public Member-Vice Chair –UNEXCUSED

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739 **Staff Members present:**

740 Dawn K Hannasch-Records and Licensing Supervisor (RLS)

741 Lee Strout-Investigator

742 Rebecca Powers- Occupational Licensing Examine via teleconference

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744 **Members of the Public Present:**

745 John D. Wilson

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747 Britt Williams

748 Cliff Larson



749 David Griffin  
750 Loren Karro  
751 Dan Montgomery  
752 Tony Kavaluk  
753 Gary Wall  
754 Dan Montgomery  
755 Jeff Burenezy  
756 Jim Christy  
757 Coke Wallace  
758 Mel Gillis  
759 Tim Nelson  
760 Tom Atkins

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762 **Agenda Item: Review the Agenda:**

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764 The board reviewed the approved agenda.

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766 **Letter of opposition to House Bill 87:**

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768 Chair Tiffany presented the board with the drafted letter of opposition to Rep. Tuck on behalf of the  
769 board.

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771 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
772 **resolved to accept the letter of opposition to HB87 as drafted by Chair Henry Tiffany and have**  
773 **staff forward it as required.**

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775 **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
776 **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
777 **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
778 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
779 **Larry Van Daele – RECUSED**

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781 *“The Big Game Commercial Services Board unanimously voted to oppose SB 87, which is identical to HB*  
782 *137. The Board feels strongly that such a bill, which sets new restrictions on nonresident hunters, should*  
783 *first be recommended by the Board of Game and the advisory committees, allowing for open democratic*  
784 *process and public input. The Board of Game is the regulatory authority that passes regulations to*  
785 *conserve and develop Alaska's wildlife resources. If there is a need to restrict a hunt for conservation*  
786 *purposes, then that decision should remain with the Board of Game. The Big Game Commercial Services*  
787 *Board sees HB 137 setting limits in law and preventing the Board of Game from acting in its authorized*  
788 *capacity on this issue. This is clearly the purview of the State of Alaska Board of Game and not the*  
789 *Legislatures, and so we, the State of Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board, strongly oppose HB*  
790 *137. I would also like to add that Mr. Larry Van Daele recused himself from the HB 87 vote since he is the*  
791 *Board of Game representative on the Big Game Commercial Services Board.”*

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793 **Agenda Item: Investigative Outcomes - On the Record:**

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795 Chair Tiffany requested that the board direct its attention to the investigative matter that they reviewed

796 the previous day.

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798 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
799 **resolved to approve the registered guide outfitters license application for Bradford Burns.**

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801 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

802 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

803 **Michelle Heun – Yes**

804 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

805 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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807 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
808 **resolved to approve the registered guide outfitters license application for Casey Johnson.**

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810 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

811 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

812 **Michelle Heun – Yes**

813 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

814 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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816 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
817 **resolved to approve the registered guide outfitters license application for Daniel Ondersma.**

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819 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

820 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

821 **Michelle Heun – Yes**

822 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

823 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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825 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
826 **resolved to approve the registered guide outfitters license application for Johnny Richardson.**

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828 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

829 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

830 **Michelle Heun – Yes**

831 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

832 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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834 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
835 **resolved to approve the transporter license application for Viaggio Charters, LLC.**

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837 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

838 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

839 **Michelle Heun – Yes**

840 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

841 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

842 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**

- 843            **resolved to approve the assistant guide license application for Mark Schwartzes.**  
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845            **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
846            **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
847            **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
848            **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
849            **Larry Van Daele – Yes**  
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851            **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
852            **resolved to approve the assistant guide license application for Kristopher Richard.**  
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854            **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
855            **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
856            **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
857            **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
858            **Larry Van Daele – Yes**  
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860            **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
861            **resolved to approve the assistant guide license application for Drake Williams.**  
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863            **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
864            **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
865            **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
866            **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
867            **Larry Van Daele – Yes**  
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869            **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
870            **resolved to approve the master guide outfitter license application for Luke Randall.**  
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872            **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
873            **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
874            **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
875            **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
876            **Larry Van Daele – Yes**  
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878            **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
879            **resolved to approve the assistant guide license application for Mark Schwartzes.**  
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881            **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
882            **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
883            **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
884            **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
885            **Larry Van Daele – Yes**  
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887            **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
888            **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2015-001267, for George R Jobe.**  
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890            **Jason Bunch – Yes**

891 **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
892 **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
893 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
894 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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896 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
897 **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2019-000068, for Scott Newman.**  
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899 **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
900 **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
901 **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
902 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
903 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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905 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
906 **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2016-001162, for Michael W Renfro.**  
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908 **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
909 **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
910 **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
911 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
912 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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914 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
915 **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2018-001427, for Tracy B Vrem.**  
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917 **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
918 **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
919 **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
920 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
921 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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923 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
924 **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2018-001339, for Joe Shuster.**  
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926 **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
927 **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
928 **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
929 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
930 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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932 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
933 **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2019-000046, for Tony Dingess.**  
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935 **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
936 **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
937 **Michelle Heun – Yes**  
938 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

939 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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941 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
942 **resolved to accept the license surrender from Dale L Lackner, case #2017-000921.**

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944 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

945 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

946 **Michelle Heun – Yes**

947 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

948 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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950 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
951 **resolved to accept the license surrender from Casey Richardson, case #2017-000920.**

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953 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

954 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

955 **Michelle Heun – Yes**

956 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

957 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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959 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c), I, Larry Van Daele, seconded by**  
960 **Jason Bunch, with unanimous consent, move to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing**  
961 **the decision of the judicatory proceeding, in the matter of Jim West, agency number 2013-000923.**  
962 **The parties, their attorneys, and all members of the public will be excluded from this deliberative**  
963 **session. The Administrative Law Judge will be invited to remain with the board during the deliberative**  
964 **session.**

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966 **Executive Session 9:15 – 9:30**

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968 **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
969 **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for Jim West, case #2013-000923.**

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971 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

972 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

973 **Michelle Heun – Yes**

974 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

975 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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977 **Agenda Item: State & Federal Agency Updates:**

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979 **• Department of Fish & Game – Tony Kavalock and Larry Van Daele presented for DFG; they thanked**  
980 **the board for their work and for partnering with the DFG. They have seen a small reduction in**  
981 **spending but nothing on the wildlife side.**

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983 **• Department of Natural Resources, South-Central Regional Land Office - Cliff Larsen presented an**  
984 **update to the board regarding their regulations. The board had reviewed the changes at their**  
985 **meeting yesterday.**

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- Mental Health Trust - David Griffin presented information that their organization has received a lot of inquiries about opening lands for hunting. He also stated that his organization would like to help the board with the updating of their maps.

**Agenda Item: Legislation Update:**

The board reviewed the position statements and letters of opposition for HB19, SB18, and SB87. Staff will post on the board's website for the public.

**Lunch 12:00 – 1:24**

**Agenda Item: Public Comments:**

Dan Montgomery Loren Karro provided public comments to the board.

**Agenda Item: State & Federal Agency Updates:**

- Alaska Wildlife Troopers – Major Chastain presented updates for his organization. Staffing was highlighted.

**Agenda Item: Administrative Business:**

The board planned the meetings and exams for 2020:

March 17, 18, & 19, 2020

Possibly, Fairbanks – the board needs to send staff justifications for meeting in Fairbanks so that staff can provide the information to the Division in the travel justification.

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**Agenda Item: Correspondence:**

The board reviewed the correspondence provided by staff in the packet. No action was needed.

**Agenda Item: Application Question #1:**

The board worked on drafting a new question for the application. They believe that the current questions are ambiguous and difficult for applicant to understand. They will provide staff with a copy to pass along to the board's attorney for review and recommendations.

The draft reads:

Question #1: Have you ever been convicted of a felony/misdemeanor or are you currently charged with a felony/misdemeanor?

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- 1032 Including, but not limited to
- 1033 1.any military offenses
- 1034 2.any drug or alcohol-related offenses
- 1035 3.domestic violence
- 1036 4.any fire-arm related offenses
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- 1038 "convicted" mean
- 1039 1.found guilty by a judge or jury
- 1040 2.enter a plea of "guilty" or "no contest"
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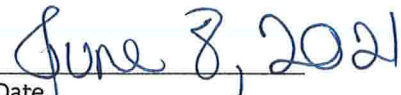
1042 Questions #2: Have you ever been fined for any fishing, hunting or guide related incident in the past 10  
1043 years?


1044 The board requested that staff send the drafted language onto the DOL for suggestions.

1045 **Hearing nothing further, Board Chair Henry Tiffany adjourned the meeting at 3:07**

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