



Notice of Proposed Changes in The Regulations of the Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB)

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

July 2021

1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 75.105(a)(3) – Application for master guide-outfitter license. The proposed regulations will update the client list requirement from 25 to 45 clients for whom the applicant has personally provided guiding or outfitting services, and the applicant must receive a favorably recommended by at least 30 hunters within the last 15 years. This update is due to statute change in 2019 under Sec. 4 Chapter 26, SLA 2019.

12 AAC 75.150 – Professional development for assistant guide, class-A assistant guide, registered guide-outfitter, master guide-outfitter, and transporter licensees. This proposed new section will establish professional development standards for all licensees. To increase cooperation between the license holders and the various agencies that are directly connected to the services the license holders provide. The increased involvement may reduce investigations and costs as the license holders will be more engaged and up-to-date on federal, state, and municipal laws they are bound to follow for the privilege of maintaining their license.

The intent of the “refresher examination” listed in subsection (a) would be a tool to guide a licensee through the statutes and regulations to point out changes and those which disciplinary action was taken over the last two years. It would be online (or on paper if requested), could be taken as many times as required to successfully complete and posted near the beginning of the second year of the licensing period to provide adequate time for compliance. Once successfully completed the online tool would prompt the user to “submit” to the BGCSB for filing.

Will this affect the December 2021 renewal? No, it will not, as the Board will not be considering these regulations until the November/December 2021 Board meeting.

Approximately 20 questions are recommended with the intent of no more than 30 minutes to complete. An example template can be found online at:

<https://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=quiz.mountangoatquiz&screen=2>.

An example question;

1. Sec. 08.54.760. HUNT RECORDS; CONFIDENTIALITY OF HUNT RECORDS AND ACTIVITY REPORTS. (a) The department shall collect and maintain hunt records provided by a registered guide-outfitter. A registered guide-outfitter shall submit to the department a hunt record for each contracted hunt within ____ days after the completion of the hunt.

A. 20 days

B. 40 days

C. 60 days

D. 90 days

The intent of mandating at least three BGCSB meetings for a registered guide applicant is to ensure they see how the regulatory process works, meet others engaged and gain the experience to make an educated decision of whether participation is in their best interest.

The intent of mandating at least five BGCSB meetings and three proctoring sessions for master guide applicants is to provide yet another layer of required professionalism to the upper tier of our guide licensing pyramid. Most will agree this license holder should possess an in-depth knowledge of the regulatory process and participating in the registered guide testing program. Not only does this provide an avenue to alleviate some of the burden of testing to the small group that has been taking responsibility for it but also provides current knowledge for mentoring the next generation.

12 AAC 75.260(d) – Registered guide-outfitter contract requirements. The proposed regulations will amend the contract requirements for registered or master guides to obtain a unique verification code for each guide use area in which a unique verification code is required from the department before entering an application for the client. This will clearly outline the process and requirements for all involved.

12 AAC 75.450(b)(13) – Transporter contract requirements. The proposed regulations will remove “game processing equipment” with respect to the written contract. The intent is to prevent potential waste/spoilage of harvested meat by allowing hunters to process the meat at either the permanent structure or boat on salt water provided by the licensed transporter.

12 AAC 75.460(a) – Species-specific licensing. The proposed regulations will remove “caribou” from the list of authorized species to be listed on licenses.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

None known.

3. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

Do you have a question that is not answered here? Please email RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov so it can be added.