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Regulation Position Statement

- 1. SUBJECT: Who may hold a State of Alaska Professional Guide-Outfitter License
- **2. APPLICABILITY:** This policy applies to any class of guide license. A Guide-Outfitter license may only be held by a "natural person" and no other entity, such as a corporation, may hold or be issued any class of guide and outfitter license.
- **3. STATUTES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTED:** AS 08.54.605, AS 08.54.610, AS 08.54.620, AS 08.54.630, 12 AAC 75.100, 12 AAC 75.105, 12 AAC 75.110, 12 AAC 75.112, 12 AAC 75.115, 12 AAC 75.117, 12 AAC 75.117, 12 AAC 75.120, 12 AAC 75.130
- **4. INTENT:** To clarify and provide further direction to all land managers, contracting guides, law enforcement, division of commerce and clients who may hold any class of Guide-Outfitter License. Any class of Guide-Outfitter license may ONLY be held by one natural person and no corporation or other entity will be issued any class of Guide-Outfitter license.

Sec. 08.54.610. REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER LICENSE. (a) A natural person is entitled to a registered guide-outfitter license if the person

Sec. 08.54.620. CLASS-A ASSISTANT GUIDE LICENSE. (a) A natural person is entitled to a class-A assistant guide license if the person

Sec. 08.54.630. ASSISTANT GUIDE LICENSE. (a) A natural person is entitled to an assistant guide license if the person

- **5. POSITION:** Under AS 08.54.610(a), AS 08.54.620(a) and AS 08.54.630(a) it is clear that only a "natural person" is entitled to apply for and hold any class of guide license.
- **6. RECOMMENDATIONS:** All land managers who are considering or are required to issue a land use authorization permit to a Guide-Outfitter should clearly understand that it is stipulated that only one individual, a "natural person", may hold any class of Guide-Outfitter license and that any other entity, such as a corporation, will not and cannot be issued and thus hold any class of Guide-Outfitter license.

Parameters of AS 08.54.610 (a), AS 08.54.620(a) and AS 08.54.630(a) should be adhered to when considering offering land use authorization to a Guide-Outfitter.