

1 State of Alaska  
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
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5 BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD  
6 Minutes of the meetings from Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Thursday, April 4, 2019  
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8 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62,  
9 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was held at the Ted Stevens  
10 Anchorage International Airport, Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Thursday, April 4, 2019.  
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12 **These are DRAFT minutes prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporation, Business and**  
13 **Professional Licensing. These minutes have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.**  
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15 **Written meeting minutes reflect a brief overview of the business conducted by the board during their**  
16 **meeting. For a more detailed account, please request a copy of the meeting recording.**  
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18 **The Chair brought the meeting to order at 8:35 am on Tuesday, April 2, 2019**  
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20 **Agenda Item - Roll Call**

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22 **Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum:**  
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24 Henry Tiffany-Licensed Registered Guide-Board Chair  
25 Larry Van Daele-Board of Game Representative  
26 Michelle Heun-Licensed Transporter  
27 Tom Harris-Private Land Owner @8:37 am  
28 Jason Bunch-Registered Guide Outfitter  
29 Cash Joyce – Licensed Transporter  
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31 **Board Members Absent:**

32 Nicholas Jackson- Private Land Owner-UNEXCUSED  
33 Adam Trombly-Public Member-Vice Chair - UNEXCUSED  
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35 **Staff Members present:**

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

42 Jeff Burwell  
43 Dan Montgomery  
44 Loren Karro  
45 Wayne Kubat  
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47 **Agenda Item - Review the Agenda:**

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49 The board reviewed the approved agenda. The board was pleased with the four separate opportunities  
50 that the public will have to address the board with their comments. Board Chair, Henry Tiffany informed  
51 the board that they have a full three days of meetings.

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53 **Agenda Item – Ethics:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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91 **Jason Bunch – YES**  
92 **Cash Joyce – YES**

93 **Michelle Huen – YES**  
94 **Henry Tiffany – YES**  
95 **Larry Van Daele – YES**

96  
97 Records and Licensing Supervisor Dawn Hannasch provided the board with an update on behalf of the  
98 division. Ms. Hannasch introduced the board to their new staff member, Rebecca Powers, who joined  
99 the meeting via teleconference. Ms. Hannasch shared with the board that Ms. Powers has already  
100 created some helpful avenues for RGO/MGO & Transporters to upload their hunt/transport records into  
101 their MYLICENSE. She has also worked with RLS Chelsea Childress to provide a way for licensees to pay  
102 their annual filing fee on their MYLICENSE account. Ms. Powers has the program caught up, and most  
103 hunt records processed. Ms. Hannasch stated that Ms. Powers is already an asset to the board and this  
104 industry. The board encouraged the division to continue exploring ways to integrate technology.

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106 **Agenda Item – Senate Bill 43:**

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108 Board chair, Henry Tiffany, explained that SB 43 was introduced by Senator Wilson and is a  
109 reauthorization of the board. The Sunset Audit recommended the board be renewed for 6 years, which  
110 Senator Wilson has carried. Amendments have been added to SB 43.

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112 Public comment regarding renewing the board for six years: Loren Karro, GUIR941 – In favor of  
113 extending the board. Wayne Kubat, GUIM147 – Supports reauthorization for six years. Dan  
114 Montgomery, GUIM173 – Supports reauthorization for six years. Lyle Becker, GUIR1276 – Supports  
115 reauthorization for six years.

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117 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, it**  
118 **was resolved to support extending the Big Game Commercial Services Board another six**  
119 **years.**

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121 **Jason Bunch – YES**  
122 **Cash Joyce – YES**  
123 **Michelle Huen – YES**  
124 **Henry Tiffany – YES**  
125 **Larry Van Daele – YES**

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127 Amendment 4: An amendment to insert the word “hold” - If a person is convicted of a state or federal  
128 hunting, guiding, or transportation violation with a certain prison sentence or fine, currently, they  
129 cannot receive or renew their license. By adding the word “hold” in, if a person is convicted of such  
130 criminally, the board is authorized to immediately suspend license and activities until the civil  
131 investigation has been completed.

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133 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, it**  
134 **was resolved to support including the word “hold” under AS08.54.605.a.**

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136 **Jason Bunch – YES**  
137 **Cash Joyce – YES**  
138 **Michelle Huen – YES**

139           **Henry Tiffany – YES**  
140           **Larry Van Daele – YES**

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142 Amendment 5: Regarding eligibility for Master Guides – Recommends applicants hold licenses for 15  
143 years rather than 12 of the last 20, must submit 45 names and a higher percentage must come back  
144 positive, and no violations or been under any disciplinary action within the last 15 years of the date of  
145 application.

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147           **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, it**  
148           **was resolved to support the concept of Amendment 5 and articulate the board’s discomfort**  
149           **with #4 and what the board’s original intent and the suggestion was and continue to be.**

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151           **Jason Bunch – YES**  
152           **Cash Joyce – YES**  
153           **Michelle Huen – YES**  
154           **Henry Tiffany – YES**  
155           **Larry Van Daele – YES**

156  
157 Board Chair Tiffany will write a letter to Senator von Imhof on the board’s behalf stating they  
158 unanimously support reauthorization of the board for six years, unanimously support the inclusion of  
159 the word “hold”, and that they unanimously support the concept of the changes in A5, but #4 is not  
160 worded the way the board intended so other board members will offer to help develop language that  
161 does not include the “paperwork violations” stipulation.

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163 **Break: 10:09 – 10:19**

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165 **Agenda Item – Public Comment:**

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

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- 170       • Wayne Kubat – Master Guide GUIM147  
171       Mr. Kubat thanked the board for their service and the opportunity to speak. He provided  
172       handouts of his testimony and statutes from 1994 and 1997. His opinion is that the current  
173       Statutes & Regulations as a whole are more dysfunctional, confusing, and contradictive of each  
174       other than anything he’s ever seen. He believes part of that is because the board was sunset in  
175       1995 through 2005. Many things changed from 94-97 without board oversight. He strongly  
176       disagrees with the conclusions reached in the flow chart on page 58 of the board packet. A lot of  
177       different people can get a lot of different viewpoints. The flowchart concerns Statute and Regs  
178       08.54.610(e) – regarding Registered Guides, and 12 AC 75.240(f) – supervision regulations  
179       requiring a supervising contracting or Class-A Guide in the same GUA if using an Assistant Guide.  
180       75.240 (f) went into effect in 1997. The “one size fits all approach” might work for marine  
181       operations, but not for interior operations that require bushcraft access. Mr. Kubat feels 12 AC  
182       75.240(f) contradicts, conflicts, and confuses the statute 08.54.610(e), 08.54.630(b)(3),  
183       08.54.790(7), and 12 AAC 75.240(i) and all of its subsections. 08.54.610(e), references a  
184       contracted hunt and doesn’t exclude contracted hunts when an Assistant Guide is in charge.

185 08.54.630(b)(3) says that an Assistant Guide can take charge of a camp if the contracting guide is  
186 in the field and participating in the hunt. 08.54.790 defines “in the field” as off a road system –  
187 pretty much anywhere in the state as long as you are not in conflict with a city, town, or village.  
188 12 AAC 75.240(i) is a new regulation added in 2014 that specifically refers to 08.54.610(e)  
189 talking about the supervision of a contracted hunt. Bunch states that F section references the  
190 Assistant Guide, but if you look in statute 08.54.610(e), it says a Registered-Guide Outfitter  
191 contract hunts as a contracting guide for a guided hunt shall be primarily in the field, and in the  
192 field means off the road system, supervising and participating in the contracting hunt – it  
193 doesn’t say contracted hunt run by Class-A or Registered – it doesn’t rule out an Assistant – it’s  
194 talking about a contract hunt. Mr. Kubat basically feels (f) contradicts two statutes. In the real  
195 world, communication quality and capability are much more important for supervision than is  
196 proximity. Mr. Kubat believes 12 AAC 75.240(f) is an attempt to control guides in the absence of  
197 Guide Use Areas more so than something that improves supervision. Mr. Kubat displayed a map  
198 of Guide Use Areas and pointed out that distances within the same or neighboring GUAs can  
199 vary between 15 and over 200 miles. No consideration is made for the mode of transportation.  
200 Mr. Kubat would appreciate more participation by stakeholders at board meetings and suggests  
201 that any policy changes should include a well-attended subcommittee process. Suggested Policy:  
202 The Board finds that an assistant guide can take charge of a camp and provide guide services if  
203 the contracting guide is in the field in the same or neighboring GMU + up to 50 miles. See  
204 08.54.610(e), 08.54.630(b)(3), and 12 AAC 75.240(i). Proposed changes to 12 AAC 75.240  
205 Supervision – No changes to (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (h). Changes to (f) should state the  
206 contracting registered-guide outfitter or a noncontracting registered guide-outfitter or class-A  
207 assistant guide supervising an assistant guide shall be in the field and participating in the  
208 contracted hunt to direct and monitor the big game hunting services provided to the client...  
209 Changes to (i) should state: For the purposes of the requirement in AS 08.54.610(e) for the  
210 supervision of a contracted hunt, the contracting registered guide-outfitter may plan, direct, and  
211 monitor a contracted hunt... In conclusion, Mr. Kubat does not believe his policy or regulation  
212 recommendations “dumb down” the supervision requirements in any way but instead allowed  
213 the contracting guide to provide a better service.

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215 Board Member Responses: Mr. Bunch thanked Mr. Kubat for his testimony. He spent at least  
216 10-12 hours on this in one day. He has a presentation on supervision and would like for it to be  
217 viewed in a sub-committee setting. Mr. Kubat brings up valid points, but repercussions to  
218 changes have a ripple effect. Supervision is a topic that is one of the higher-level topics of  
219 discussion recently by troopers and the forest service. The top priority of the board once we get  
220 past Sunset.

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

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227 **Agenda Item – Regulation Review:**

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229 Mrs. Hannasch pointed out that pages 68-71 are the drafts from the regulation specialists from the work  
230 the board did at the January meeting, most significantly regarding the change pertaining to Sworn

231 Statements and Permits in relation to Guide Use Area Registrations. The regulations process was briefly  
232 explained to the board. This draft is not in the board packet due to the recent date the document was  
233 received. The draft will be sent to licensees via mail, email, and website posting. An explanation of the  
234 public comment process for regulation changes is posted on the Big Game Commercial Services Board  
235 website.

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237 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, it**  
238 **was approved to send drafted regulations 12 AAC 75.230(a)&(f)(g), 12 AAC 75.260(e), 12 AAC**  
239 **75.400(e), 12 AAC 75.450(d), 12 AAC 920(b)(c)(d) & (e) out for public comment.**

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241 **Jason Bunch – YES**

242 **Cash Joyce – YES**

243 **Michelle Huen – YES**

244 **Henry Tiffany – YES**

245 **Larry Van Daele – YES**

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247 **Agenda Item - Proposed Regulations:**

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

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

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255 **Jason Bunch – No**

256 **Cash Joyce – No**

257 **Michelle Huen – No**

258 **Henry Tiffany – No**

259 **Larry Van Daele – No**

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261 Board's Action: None

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- 263 2. 75.240(i) Supervision - For purposes of the requirements in AS 08.54.610(e) for supervision of a  
264 contracted hunt and in addition to the requirements of this section, the contracting Registered-  
265 Guide may plan, direct, and monitor a contracted hunt 1(a) while primarily in the field and in daily  
266 communication with a Class-A or noncontracting registered guide supervising the hunt.

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

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271 **Jason Bunch – No**

272 **Cash Joyce – No**

273 **Michelle Huen – No**

274 **Henry Tiffany – No**

275 **Larry Van Daele – No**

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Board’s Action: Pass proposal to subcommittee

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

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

- Jason Bunch – No**
- Cash Joyce – No**
- Michelle Huen – No**
- Henry Tiffany – No**
- Larry Van Daele – No**

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

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

After much discussion with Mr. Robert Auth via teleconference:

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

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

Board’s Action: Hold off until HB43 outcome.

**Lunch Break: 12:00 – 1:15**

**Agenda Item: Master Guide Requirements:**

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

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324 Public Comments Related to SB 43:

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

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330 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, the**  
331 **board approves a letter to senator von Imhof as written and expressed to the board by**  
332 **Chairman Tiffany. Regarding SB 43 with an amendment letter, the Big Game Commercial**  
333 **Services board unanimously supports the reauthorization of the board for six years. The**  
334 **board unanimously supports the A4 amendment, which will add the word “hold” to AS**  
335 **08.54.605 (a). The board unanimously accepted the concept of the A5 amendment and was in**  
336 **support of all aspects of it except the proposed change to (b)(4). As it is currently written, the**  
337 **board believes A5 (b)(4) was misinterpreted by legal services which drafted the proposed A5**  
338 **(b)(4) language and was not written as the board originally intended, and as such the board**  
339 **cannot support (b)(4) as currently written. The board intent behind this proposed statutory**  
340 **change is to raise the standards and requirements for the licensee to obtain a Master Guide**  
341 **license to ensure they have not had any substantial violations or convictions under AS**  
342 **08.54.720 and to provide authority to the board to deny a licensee who does not qualify. The**  
343 **board would like to respectively suggest the following language to (b)(4), which the board**  
344 **could unanimously support as written “(b)(4). Has not been the subject to disciplinary action**  
345 **under this chapter or been convicted of a violation of any state or federal law or regulation**  
346 **related to hunting or to the provision of big game hunting or transportation services under AS**  
347 **08.54.720 within the 15 years preceding the date of application and.” To be consistent, the**  
348 **board recommends the following language be struck from (f)(2) and added in the A5**  
349 **amendment to Section 3 AS 08.54.610 (f)(3), “Who is convicted of a violation under AS**  
350 **08.54.720 of any state law or federal or regulation related to hunting or the provision of big**  
351 **game hunting or transportation services.”**

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353 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

354 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

355 **Michelle Huen – Yes**

356 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

357 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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359 **Agenda Item: Survivorship:**

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361 The board appreciates all of the work Former Board Member Sullivan put into his survivorship  
362 presentation, it was not productive to send multiple through, but just one. Survivorship is a top priority.  
363 Mr. Joyce commented that position statements are a “may” rather than a “shall.” Ms. Hannasch  
364 reminded the board that position statements cannot be written about Statutes and Regulations that do  
365 not exist. They are provided, so the public, law enforcement, and the division have a clear

366 understanding of the board’s stance and interpretation of issues. Mr. Bunch proposes the board tackles  
367 survivorship with legislatures in an exception under one of the current Statutes, then clarify the  
368 exception under Regulation for that Statute. The subject of survivorship will be tabled until the board  
369 can look at and discuss other routes of implementation that aren’t as complicated. Board Chair Tiffany is  
370 very proud of the guide industry for helping out one another in tragic situations.

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372 **Agenda Item: Subcommittee Meetings:**

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374 Board Chair Tiffany commended Mr. Bunch for his efforts on the supervision flow chart.

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376 After Mr. Sullivan’s resignation, the Statutes & Regulations subcommittee is now without a chair. Board  
377 Member Jason Bunch offered to chair the Statutes & Regulations subcommittee but would have to give  
378 up the education/exam subcommittee. Board Chair Tiffany will chair the education/exam  
379 subcommittee.

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381 **Agenda Item: Exam Rewrite**

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383 Mr. Bunch informed the board that GMU exams 1-5 have been reviewed by Master Guides in those  
384 units and provided excellent feedback. He has a map recommendation but is a time-consuming project.  
385 Board Chair Tiffany has rewritten 12 of the GMU exams but still needs to work on the maps. During the  
386 January exam, Ms. Hannasch reported that no questions were challenged on the new RGO exam.

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388 **Break: 2:45 – 2:54**

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

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392 Mr. Bunch presented the board with the details of the Collaborative Review MOU between the Tongass  
393 National Forest and the guiding community in Southeast Alaska. Inadequacies following policy in the  
394 transfer of permits/land use authorizations prompted testimony and discussion in order to get on the  
395 same page with CBPL.

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397 **In a motion duly made by Larry Van Daele, seconded by Jason Bunch, with a roll call vote, the**  
398 **board agreed to send their recommendations and support of the MOU to the director of CBPL.**

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400 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

401 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

402 **Michelle Huen – Yes**

403 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

404 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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406 **Agenda Item: Public Comments**

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

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- Loren Karro – Registered Guide GUIR941

411 Ms. Karro thanked the board for their work, time, and effort. She will miss Dawn at the board  
412 meetings. Ms. Karro would like to address fieldcraft standards that Mel proposed. Many years  
413 ago, Mel suggested after some tents were tied to his cabins, and the board passed a two-mile  
414 buffer just for unit 9. However, what happened after that was – a cabin was built that could  
415 have conceivably been within two miles of someone’s long-standing land-use agreement with  
416 the state, meaning they were permanent by DNR and would have to be vacated. That was  
417 changed and taken out, with Mel’s agreement that would not work because people could build a  
418 cabin, and not only could no one else put a camp there, but existing long-standing LAS’s would  
419 be defunct. If someone wants to build a cabin, DNR will send out a notice of the request for  
420 permission to build to anyone that has a nearby LAS, to the village, and to the native  
421 corporations – but they have never denied one unless it’s something that’s already been  
422 identified by board of game as critical habitat. DNR could say it doesn’t matter who has a 20-  
423 year LAS and has been operating for 20 years there – they would have to go on. Before 2010  
424 they were told it was illegal. When they were discussing these, they talked about putting it  
425 everywhere, but different areas required different separations – for instance, a 2 or 5-mile  
426 separation on a mountain may not only not be necessary; it’s not even conceivable. Each area is  
427 quite a bit different. The restriction only applies to put in camps – they can still come up and  
428 hunt next to the cabin, but they couldn’t put a camp there. She understands Mel’s problem and  
429 is willing to work on that sort of thing. She just wanted to put the history out there and why it  
430 wasn’t applied across the board. She also wanted to bring up testing – every year, the written  
431 RGO exam has to be reviewed very slightly. She will ask the Board of Game if they have any easy  
432 ways around those changes. We have to look for any changes to the Board of Game Regulations  
433 and Big Game Commercial Services Board Regulation. If there’s anything on the test regarding  
434 the change of regulation, they have to change the question or add questions. Her original idea  
435 with the committee with the test was to change the questions a little every year. There was  
436 only supposed to be 124 questions, with questions rotated in and out. With Regulations, this is  
437 necessary, and she does not mind doing it because it wouldn’t take her very long.

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439 Board Chair Tiffany thanked Ms. Karro for all her work on the exam, the background clarification on the  
440 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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442 Ms. Hannasch informed the board that the Regulations Specialist sent a FAQ Worksheet that the board  
443 will need to fill out for every regulation just put forward to him.

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445 **In accordance with the provisions of Alaska Statute 44.62.310(c), I, Larry Van Daele, seconded by Cash**  
446 **Joyce, with unanimous consent, move to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the**  
447 **decision of the judicatory proceeding, in the matter of Stephen Hicks, agency number 2017001107 and**  
448 **201800018. The Office of Administrative Hearings case # 18-0539-GUI. The parties, their attorneys,**  
449 **and all members of the public will be excluded from this deliberative session. The Administrative Law**  
450 **Judge will be invited to remain with the board during the deliberative session.**

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452 **Executive Session 3:35 – 4:08**

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

457           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
458           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
459           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
460           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
461           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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463 Board Chair Tiffany expressed his concerns that this particular case is egregious. There were many  
464 violations, and the State and ALJ have made a strong case, and he will certainly support the  
465 recommendation of the ALJ with the amended language that this is to include a permanent revocation.  
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467 There was a lot of thought put into this particular record and decision and looked at by many different  
468 angles. It's been investigated by the State Troopers as well. This issue needs to be addressed to keep  
469 the industry professional and safe.

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

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

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

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

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496           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
497           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
498           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
499           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
500           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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

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

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

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523 Ms. Huen will vote in favor of board actions. Clearly, this board needs to continue to uphold the  
524 integrity of the industry. The actions committed by this individual, the violations, circumstances clearly  
525 support the disciplinary action the board has agreed upon.

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

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534 **Recess: 5:30**

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536 **State of Alaska**  
537 **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
538 **DIVISION OF CORPORATION, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

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540 **BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD**  
541 **Minutes of the meetings from Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Thursday, April 4, 2019**

542  
543 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030, and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62,  
544 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was held at the Ted Stevens  
545 Anchorage International Airport, Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Thursday, April 4, 2019.

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548 **Professional Licensing. These minutes have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.**

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550 **Written meeting minutes reflect a brief overview of the business conducted by the board during their**  
551 **meeting. For a more detailed account, please request a copy of the meeting recording.**  
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553 **The Chair brought the meeting to order at 8:40 am on Wednesday, April 3, 2019**

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555 **Agenda Item - Roll Call**

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

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559 Henry Tiffany-Licensed Registered Guide-Board Chair

560 Larry Van Daele-Board of Game Representative

561 Michelle Heun-Licensed Transporter

562 Jason Bunch-Registered Guide Outfitter

563 Cash Joyce – Licensed Transporter

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565 **Board Members Absent:**

566 Nicholas Jackson- Private Land Owner-UNEXCUSED

567 Adam Trombley-Public Member-Vice Chair - UNEXCUSED

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569 **Staff Members present:**

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

571 Lee Strout-Investigator

572 Rebecca Powers- Occupational Licensing Examine via teleconference

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574 **Members of the Public Present:**

575 Wayne Kubat

576 Gary Wall

577 Jeff Burwell

578 Dan Montgomery

579 Coke Wallace

580 Tom Atkins

581 Tim Nelson

582 Joe Frantz

583 Mel Gillis

584 Kathy Frederue

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586 **Agenda Item: Review Agenda:**

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588 The board reviewed the agenda.

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590 **Agenda Item: Regulations Project:**

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- 592       • The board reviewed the recommended statute and regulations changes from the public:  
593 12 AAC 75.460(b)(2) from Mark Enyert  
594 12 AAC 75.240 from Lance Kronberger  
595 AS 08.54.720 from Mel Gillis  
596 Continuing education requirements from Henry Tiffany  
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598 The board chose not to move on any of the recommendations at this time, as they would like to  
599 complete the projects that they are currently working on before creating new ones. The board thanked  
600 the public for their recommendations.  
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- 602       • Master Guide Requirements  
603 Board member Larry Van Daele provided the board with his research concerning the requirements for a  
604 master guide outfitter license. The board will revisit the topic at its December 2019 meeting.  
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- 606       • Survivorship  
607 The board had reviewed the statute & regulations subcommittee recommendations for statute changes  
608 concerning survivorship at the January 2019 meeting. Lance Kronberger provided the board with  
609 recommendations. The board decided that this is not a topic that they can tackle right now, but will  
610 revisit in the future.  
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612 **Break 9:30 – 9:48**

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614 **Agenda Item: Public Comments:**  
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616 Wayne Kubat addressed the board. He commented on the fist sunset from 1995-2005, recommended  
617 that the board attempt to make the regulations more to that time frame since the legislators placed all  
618 regulations into statute when the board sunset, and he encouraged the board to be more like  
619 Department of Natural Resources, “making the requirements about keeping licenses in compliance not  
620 about catching people doing things wrong.”  
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622 **Agenda Item: Subcommittee Reports:**  
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- 624       • Examination re-write – Jason Bunch informed the board that his goal is to begin updating the 26  
625 GMU exams in the next year. The RGO written exam could also use a brief update now that it  
626 has been used a few times.  
627       • Supervision – Jason Bunch presented the supervision flow chart  
628       • Transporter – The committee is working on a proposal to the board on creating a new class of  
629 transporter license. Board member Cash Joyce stated that the Federal FAA laws trump state  
630 laws and requested that staff add the information for part 91 to the website.  
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632 The other subcommittees had nothing to report.  
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634 **Lunch break 12:00 – 1:20**

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636 **Agenda Item: Old Business:**

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

**Agenda Item: New Business:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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**

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

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690 **Break 3:42 – 4:00**

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

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

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705 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

706 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

707 **Michelle Huen – Yes**

708 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

709 **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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

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

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719 **Executive Session 4:00 – 5:46**

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

726 **Recess at 5:55**

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

**Agenda Item - Roll Call**

**Board Members Present Constituting a Quorum:**

Henry Tiffany-Licensed Registered Guide-Board Chair  
Larry Van Daele-Board of Game Representative  
Michelle Heun-Licensed Transporter  
Jason Bunch-Registered Guide Outfitter  
Cash Joyce – Licensed Transporter

**Board Members Absent:**

Nicholas Jackson- Private Land Owner-UNEXCUSED  
Adam Trombley-Public Member-Vice Chair - UNEXCUSED

**Staff Members present:**

Dawn K Hannasch-Records and Licensing Supervisor (RLS)  
Lee Strout-Investigator  
Rebecca Powers- Occupational Licensing Examine via teleconference

**Members of the Public Present:**

John D. Wilson  
Jusdi Doucet  
Britt Williams  
Cliff Larson  
David Griffin  
Loren Karro  
Dan Montgomery

774 Tony Kavaluk  
775 Gary Wall  
776 Dan Montgomery  
777 Jeff Burenezy  
778 Jim Christy  
779 Coke Wallace  
780 Mel Gillis  
781 Tim Nelson  
782 Tom Atkins

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784 **Agenda Item: Review the Agenda:**

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786 The board reviewed the approved agenda.

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

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

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

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797 **Jason Bunch – Yes**

798 **Cash Joyce – Yes**

799 **Michelle Huen – Yes**

800 **Henry Tiffany – Yes**

801 **Larry Van Daele – RECUSED**

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

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

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817 Chair Tiffany requested that the board direct its attention to the investigative matter that they reviewed  
818 the previous day.

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

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823           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
824           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
825           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
826           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
827           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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

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832           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
833           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
834           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
835           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
836           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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

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841           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
842           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
843           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
844           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
845           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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

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850           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
851           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
852           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
853           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
854           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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

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859           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
860           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
861           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
862           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
863           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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865            **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
866            **resolved to approve the assistant guide license application for Mark Schwartzes.**

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868            **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
869            **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
870            **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
871            **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
872            **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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874            **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
875            **resolved to approve the assistant guide license application for Kristopher Richard.**

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877            **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
878            **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
879            **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
880            **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
881            **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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883            **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
884            **resolved to approve the assistant guide license application for Drake Williams.**

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886            **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
887            **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
888            **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
889            **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
890            **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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892            **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
893            **resolved to approve the master guide outfitter license application for Luke Randall.**

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895            **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
896            **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
897            **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
898            **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
899            **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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901            **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
902            **resolved to approve the assistant guide license application for Mark Schwartzes.**

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904            **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
905            **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
906            **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
907            **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
908            **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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910           **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
911           **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2015-001267, for George R Jobe.**

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913           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
914           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
915           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
916           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
917           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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919           **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
920           **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2019-000068, for Scott Newman.**

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922           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
923           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
924           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
925           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
926           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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928           **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
929           **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2016-001162, for Michael W Renfro.**

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931           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
932           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
933           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
934           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
935           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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937           **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Michelle Heun, with a roll call vote, it was**  
938           **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2018-001427, for Tracy B Vrem.**

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940           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
941           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
942           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
943           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
944           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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946           **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
947           **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2018-001339, for Joe Shuster.**

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949           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
950           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
951           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
952           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
953           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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955           **In a motion duly made by Jason Bunch, seconded by Cash Joyce, with a roll call vote, it was**  
956           **resolved to adopt the consent agreement for case #2019-000046, for Tony Dingess.**

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958           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
959           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
960           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
961           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
962           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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

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967           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
968           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
969           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
970           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
971           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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

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976           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
977           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
978           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
979           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
980           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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

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989           **Executive Session 9:15 – 9:30**

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

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994           **Jason Bunch – Yes**  
995           **Cash Joyce – Yes**  
996           **Michelle Huen – Yes**  
997           **Henry Tiffany – Yes**  
998           **Larry Van Daele – Yes**

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1000 **Agenda Item: State & Federal Agency Updates:**

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1002 • Department of Fish & Game – Tony Kavalock and Larry Van Daele presented for DFG; they  
1003 thanked the board for their work and for partnering with the DFG. They have seen a small  
1004 reduction in spending but nothing on the wildlife side.

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1006 • Department of Natural Resources, South-Central Regional Land Office - Cliff Larsen presented an  
1007 update to the board regarding their regulations. The board had reviewed the changes at their  
1008 meeting yesterday.

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1010 • Mental Health Trust - David Griffin presented information that their organization has received a  
1011 lot of inquirers about opening lands for hunting. He also stated that his organization would like  
1012 to help the board with the updating of their maps.

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1014 **Agenda Item: Legislation Update:**

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1016 The board reviewed the position statements and letters of opposition for HB19, SB18, and SB87. Staff  
1017 will post on the board's website for the public.

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1019 **Lunch 12:00 – 1:24**

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1021 **Agenda Item: Public Comments:**

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1023 Dan Montgomery Loren Karro provided public comments to the board.

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1025 **Agenda Item: State & Federal Agency Updates:**

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1027 • Alaska Wildlife Troopers – Major Chastain presented updates for his organization. Staffing was  
1028 highlighted.

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1030 **Agenda Item: Administrative Business:**

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1032 The board planned the meetings and exams for 2020:

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1034 March 17, 18, & 19, 2020

1035 Possibly, Fairbanks – the board needs to send staff justifications for meeting in Fairbanks so that staff  
1036 can provide the information to the Division in the travel justification.

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1038 December 1, 2, & 3, 2020 in Anchorage

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1040 **Agenda Item: Correspondence:**

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1042 The board reviewed the correspondence provided by staff in the packet. No action was needed.

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1045 **Agenda Item: Application Question #1:**

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1047 The board worked on drafting a new question for the application. They believe that the current  
1048 questions are ambiguous and difficult for applicant to understand. They will provide staff with a copy to  
1049 pass along to the board's attorney for review and recommendations.

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1051 The draft reads:

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1053 Question #1: Have you ever been convicted of a felony/misdemeanor or are you currently charged with  
1054 a felony/misdemeanor?

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1056 Including, but not limited to
- 1057 1. any military offenses
  - 1058 2. any drug or alcohol-related offenses
  - 1059 3. domestic violence
  - 1060 4. any fire-arm related offenses

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1062 "convicted" mean

- 1063 1. found guilty by a judge or jury
- 1064 2. enter a plea of "guilty" or "no contest"

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1066 Questions #2: Have you ever been fined for any fishing, hunting or guide related incident in the past 10  
1067 years?

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1069 The board requested that staff send the drafted language onto the DOL for suggestions.

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1071 **Hearing nothing further, Board Chair Henry Tiffany adjourned the meeting at 3:07**

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1073 Respectfully Submitted,

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1076 Dawn K Hannasch  
1077 Records and Licensing Supervisor

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1081 Henry Tiffany  
1082 Board Chair

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