

**ALASKA BIG GAME  
COMMERCIAL SERVICES  
BOARD**



**BOARD PACKET**

**Meeting of February 15th, 2017**

**TELECONFERENCE**

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# 2017 STATE HOLIDAY CALENDAR<sup>2</sup>

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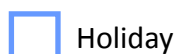
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## State Holidays

Date	Holiday
01/01	New Year's Day (observed 01/02)
01/16	MLK Jr.'s Birthday
02/20	Presidents' Day
03/27	Seward's Day
05/29	Memorial Day
07/04	Independence Day



Holiday

State calendar maintained by the  
Division of Finance,  
Department of Administration  
<http://doa.alaska.gov/calendars.html>  
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Biweekly employees please refer to  
appropriate collective bargaining unit  
agreement for more information regarding  
holidays.

## State Holidays

Date	Holiday
09/04	Labor Day
10/18	Alaska Day
11/11	Veterans' Day (observed 11/10)
11/23	Thanksgiving Day
12/25	Christmas Day

**Board  
Members:**Kelly Vrem,  
Chair, Master  
Guide-OutfitterVacant, Vice  
Chair, Public  
MemberMichele Metz,  
Private  
LandholderJames (David)  
Jones,  
TransporterJames (Tom)  
Atkins,  
TransporterVacant, Public  
MemberNicholas  
Jackson, Private  
LandholderDavid Brown,  
Board of GameHenry D. Tiffany  
IV, Master  
Guide-Outfitter**Upcoming  
Meetings:**March 6-8, 2017  
(Fairbanks)June 19, 2017  
(Teleconference)November 16,  
2017  
(Teleconference)December 4-6  
(Anchorage)**TENTATIVE AGENDA  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH, 2017****Teleconference: 1-800-315-6338****Access Code: 24272****Chairperson Code: 5133***Discussion of the following topics may require executive session. The executive session phone number has not been provided for the public.*

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Lead</u>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Call to Order/Roll Call</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Appointments</li> </ul>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>9:05am 9:07am</b>	<b>Ethics Disclosure Consent Agreements (CAs)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Case #: 2016-000148</li> <li>Case #: 2016-000224</li> <li>Case #: 2016-000656</li> <li>Case #: 2015-001663</li> <li>Case #: 2016-000304</li> <li>Case #: 2016-000811 (Surrender)</li> </ul>	<b>Chair Lee Strout, Inv.</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>License Applications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Israel Hale (Assistant Guide; Tabled)</li> </ul>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Subcommittee Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ethics Subcommittee (Demerit-Point System)</li> <li>Transporter Subcommittee</li> </ul>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Chair</b>

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION MOTION

### **Sec. 44.62.310. Government meetings public.**

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- (1) matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the public entity;
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# **AGENDA ITEM #1:**

Call to Order/Roll Call  
&  
New Board Members

# Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board

## Board Roster as of 02/06/2017

Board Member	Original Appointment	Reappointment	Term End
<b>James (Tom) Atkins</b> <i>Licensed Transporter</i>	03/01/2013		
<b>David Brown</b> <i>Designated Game Board Member</i>	01/15/2015	03/01/2016	03/01/2020
<b>Nicholas Jackson</b> <i>Private Landowner</i>	03/01/2016		03/01/2020
<b>James (David) Jones</b> <i>Licensed Transporter</i>	03/01/2013	03/01/2015	03/01/2019
<b>Karen Polley</b> <i>Public Member</i>	03/01/2011	03/01/2013	03/01/2017
<b>Henry Tiffany, IV</b> <i>Licensed Registered Guide-Outfitter</i>	03/22/2013		03/01/2017
<b>Kelly Vrem</b> <i>Licensed Registered Guide-Outfitter</i>	03/01/2011	03/01/2015	03/01/2019
<b>Vacant</b> <i>Public Member</i>			

## New Appointments/Reappointments effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Board Member	Replacing	Term End
<b>Adam Trobley (new)</b> <i>Public Member</i>	<b>Karen Polley</b>	03/01/2021
<b>Thomas Sullivan (new)</b> <i>Public Member</i>	<b>Gene Peltola</b>	03/01/2021
<b>Henry Tiffany (reappointment)</b> <i>Licensed Registered Guide-Outfitter</i>		03/01/2021
<b>James (Tom) Atkins (reappointment)</b> <i>Licensed Transporter</i>		03/01/2021

## Primary Motion



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# **AGENDA ITEM #2:**

Ethics Disclosures

**CONFIDENTIAL****ETHICS SUPERVISOR DETERMINATION FORM****(Board or Commission Member)**

Board or Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Disclosing Potential Ethics Violation: \_\_\_\_\_

I have determined that the situation described on the attached ethics disclosure form

☐ does or would violate AS 39.52.110 - .190. Identify applicable statute below.☐ does not or would not violate AS 39.52.110 - .190.\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Designated Ethics Supervisor (Chair)\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Designated Ethics Supervisor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS (Please attach a separate sheet for additional space):

**Note: Disclosure Form must be attached.** Under AS 39.52.220, if the chair or a majority of the board or commission, not including the disclosing member, determines that a violation of AS 39.52.110-39.52.190 will exist if the member participates, the member shall refrain from voting, deliberating, or participating in the matter. A member will not be liable under the Ethics Act for action in accordance with such a determination so long as the member has fully disclosed all facts reasonably necessary to the determination and the attorney general has not advised the member, chair, or board or commission that the action is a violation. Forward disclosures with determinations to the State Ethics Attorney as part of your quarterly report. Quarterly reports are submitted to Litigation Assistant, Opinions, Appeals & Ethics, Department of Law, 1031 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 200, Anchorage, AK 99501.

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## MEMORANDUM

## State of Alaska

Department of Law

TO:

DATE:

FILE NO.:

TEL. NO.:

FROM: Angie White  
Litigation Assistant  
Department of Law

FAX:

Opinions, Appeals, & Ethics Section SUBJECT: Executive Branch Ethics Act, AS  
39.52 Quarterly Report

[INSERT QUARTERLY DATE  
RANGE]

\*\*\*\*SAMPLE LANGUAGE – PLEASE COPY ONLY THE PARTS THAT APPLY  
ONTO YOUR BOARD OR COMMISSION'S LETTERHEAD \*\*\*\*

As designated ethics supervisor and chair [executive director] for the \_\_\_\_\_, I wish to advise you that I have received no notifications of potential violations or requests for ethics determinations under the Ethics Act (AS 39.52) and have made no written determinations for this quarter.

**OR**

As designated ethics supervisor and chair [executive director] for the \_\_\_\_\_, I have received \_\_\_\_ notification(s) of a potential violation and \_\_\_\_ requests for ethics determinations under the Ethics Act (AS 39.52). I have attached a copy of the notices and requests along with my written determination(s) for review by the attorney general. I did [did not] receive an advisory opinion from the Attorney General.

**AND**

Except as addressed above, no other [board member] [commissioner] disclosed a potential conflict of interest at a recorded public meeting during this quarter.

**OR**

In addition to the above, at the [date] meeting, [Board member] [Commissioner] \_\_\_\_\_ disclosed a potential conflict with respect to \_\_\_\_\_ [insert brief description] \_\_\_\_\_. Insert disposition: [S/He refrained from participation.] or [I determined s/he could [could not] participate.] or [The Board [Commission] members voted to permit [not to permit] participation.]

## State of Alaska Department of Law

### Who Is My Designated Ethics Supervisor?

Every state public officer, employee or board or commission member, has a designated ethics supervisor.

#### Executive Agencies

The ethics supervisor for each agency is the Commissioner or a senior manager to whom the Commissioner has delegated the function. The current ethics supervisor for each agency is listed below. The ethics supervisor for a Commissioner is Guy Bell, Director of Administrative Services in the Office of Governor, by delegation from the Governor.

#### Boards and Commissions

The Chair of each board and commission serves as the ethics supervisor for the other members and any executive director. The ethics supervisor for the Chair is Guy Bell, Director of Administrative Services in the Office of Governor, by delegation from the Governor. If a board or commission employs staff, the executive director serves as the ethics supervisor for these employees.

#### Public Corporations

The Chair of the board serves as the ethics supervisor for the other members of the board and any executive director. The executive director is the ethics supervisor for employees of the corporation.

#### Office of the Governor

The ethics supervisor for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor is the Attorney General. By delegation from the Governor, the ethics supervisor for the staff of the offices of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor is Guy Bell, Director of Administrative Services.

#### University of Alaska

By delegation of the University President, the ethics supervisor for university employees is Associate General Counsel Andy Harrington.

### EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES

Administration: Leslie Ridle, Deputy Commissioner

Commerce, Community & Economic Development: Jon Bittner, Deputy Commissioner

Corrections: April Wilkerson, Director of Administrative Services

Education & Early Development: Les Morse, Deputy Commissioner

Environmental Conservation: Tom Cherian, Director of Administrative Services

Fish & Game: Kevin Brooks, Deputy Commissioner

Health & Social Services: Dallas Hargrave, Human Resource Manager

Labor & Workforce Development: Michael Monagle, Director, Division of Workers Compensation

Law: Jonathan Woodman, Assistant Attorney General

Military & Veterans Affairs: Marty Meyer, Special Assistant to Commissioner

Natural Resources: John Crowther, Inter-Governmental Coordinator

Public Safety: Terry Vrabec, Deputy Commissioner

Revenue: Dan DeBartolo, Administrative Services Director

Transportation & Public Facilities:

- Highways & Public Facilities: Steve Hatter, Deputy Commissioner
- Aviation: John Binder, Deputy Commissioner
- Central Region: Rob Campbell, Regional Director
- Northern Region: Rob Campbell, Acting Regional Director
- Southcoast Region: Acting Regional Director
- Alaska Marine Highway System: Michael Neussl, Deputy Commissioner
- Headquarters: Mary Siroky, Administrative Services Director

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# State of Alaska

## Department of Law

### Ethics Information for Members of Boards & Commissions (AS 39.52)

#### Introduction

This is an introduction to AS 39.52, the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act. This guide is not a substitute for reading the law and its regulations. State board and commission members who have further questions should contact their board chair or staff.

The Ethics Act applies to all current and former executive branch public employees and members of statutorily created boards and commissions.

#### Scope of Ethics Act (AS 39.52.110)

Service on a state board or commission is a public trust. The Ethics Act prohibits substantial and material conflicts of interest. Further, board or commission members, and their immediate family, may not improperly benefit, financially or personally, from their actions as board or commission members. The Act does not, however, discourage independent pursuits, and it recognizes that minor and inconsequential conflicts of interest are unavoidable.

#### Misuse of Official Position (AS 39.52.120)

Members of boards or commissions may not use their positions for personal gain or to give an unwarranted benefit or treatment to any person. For example, board members may not:

- use their official positions to secure employment or contracts;
- accept compensation from anyone other than the State for performing official duties;
- use State time, equipment, property or facilities for their own personal or financial benefit or for partisan political purposes;
- take or withhold official action on a matter in which they have a personal or financial interest; or
- coerce subordinates for their personal or financial benefit.
- attempt to influence outcome of an administrative hearing by privately contacting the hearing officer.



Terry knew that a proposal that was before the board would harm Terry's business competitor. Instead of publicly disclosing the matter and requesting recusal, Terry voted on the proposal.



Board member Mick has board staff employee Bob type an article for him that Mick hopes to sell to an Alaskan magazine. Bob types the article on State time.

## Improper Gifts (AS 39.52.130)

A board member may not solicit or accept gifts if a person could reasonably infer from the circumstances that the gift is intended to influence the board member's action or judgment. "Gifts" include money, items of value, services, loans, travel, entertainment, hospitality, and employment. All gifts from registered lobbyists are presumed to be improper, unless the giver is immediate family of the person receiving the gift.

A gift worth more than \$150 to a board member or the board member's immediate family must be reported within 30 days if:

- the board member can take official action that can affect the giver, or
- the gift is given to the board member because he or she is on a state board.

The receipt of a gift worth less than \$150 may be prohibited if a person could reasonably infer from the circumstances that the gift is intended to influence the board member's action or judgment. Receipt of such a gift should be disclosed.

Any gift received from another government, regardless of value, must be reported; the board member will be advised as to the disposition of this gift.

A form for reporting gifts is available at [www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics](http://www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics) or from the board or commission staff.

This restriction on gifts does not apply to lawful campaign contributions.



The commission is reviewing Roy's proposal for an expansion of his business. Roy invites all the board members out to dinner at an expensive restaurant. He says it will be okay, since he isn't excluding any of the members.



Jody receives a holiday gift every year from Sam. Jody was recently appointed to a state board, but Sam has no business that is before the board. Jody may accept the gift.

## Improper Use or Disclosure of Information (AS 39.52.140)

No former or current member of a board may use or disclose any information acquired from participation on the board if that use or disclosure could result in a financial or personal benefit to the board member (or immediate family), unless that information has already been disseminated to the public. Board members are also prohibited from disclosing confidential information, unless authorized to do so.





Sheila has been on the board for several years. She feels she has learned a great deal of general information about how to have a successful business venture. So she sets up her own business and does well.



Delores has always advised and assisted the other doctors in her clinic on their continuing education requirements. After Delores is appointed to the medical board, she discloses this role to the board and continues to advise the doctors in her clinic.



Jim reviews a confidential investigation report in a licensing matter. He discusses the practitioner's violation with a colleague who is not a board member.

## Improper Influence in State Grants, Contracts, Leases or Loans (AS 39.52.150)

A board member, or immediate family, may not apply for, or have an interest in a State grant, contract, lease, or loan, if the board awards or takes action to administer the State grant, contract, lease, or loan.

A board member (or immediate family) may apply for or be a party to a competitively solicited State grant, contract or lease, if the board as a body does not award or administer the grant, contract, or lease and so long as the board member does not take official action regarding the grant, contract, or lease.

A board member (or immediate family) may apply for and receive a State loan that is generally available to the public and has fixed eligibility standards, so long as the board member does not take (or withhold) official action affecting the loan's award or administration.

Board members must report to the board chair any personal or financial interest (or that of immediate family) in a State grant, contract, lease or loan that is awarded or administered by the agency the board member serves. A form for this purpose is available at [www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics](http://www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics) or from the board or commission staff.



John sits on a board that awards state grants. John hasn't seen his daughter for nearly ten years so he figures that it doesn't matter when her grant application comes up before the board.



The board wants to contract out for an analysis of the board's decisions over the last ten years. Board member Kim would like the contract since she has been on the board for ten years and feels she could do a good job.

## Improper Representation (AS 39.52.160)

A board or commission member may not represent, advise, or assist a person in matters pending before the board or commission for compensation. A nonsalaried board or commission member may represent, advise, or assist in matters in which the member has an interest that is regulated by the member's own board or commission, if the member acts in accordance with AS 39.52.220 by disclosing the involvement in writing and on the public record, and refraining from all participation and voting on the matter. This section does not allow a board member to engage in any conduct that would violate a different section of the Ethics Act.



Susan sits on the licensing board for her own profession. She will represent herself and her business partner in a licensing matter. She discloses this situation to the board and refrains from participation in the board's discussions and determinations regarding the matter.

## Restriction on Employment After Leaving State Service (AS 39.52.180)

For two years after leaving a board, a former board member may not provide advice or work for compensation on any matter in which the former member personally and substantially participated while serving on the board. This prohibition applies to cases, proceedings, applications, contracts, legislative bills, regulations, and similar matters. This section does not prohibit a State agency from contracting directly with a former board member.

With the approval of the Attorney General, the board chair may waive the above prohibition if a determination is made that the public interest is not jeopardized.

Former members of the governing boards of public corporations and former members of boards and commissions that have regulation-adoption authority, except those covered by the centralized licensing provisions of AS 08.01, may not lobby for pay for one year.



The board has arranged for an extensive study of the effects of the Department's programs. Andy, a board member, did most of the liaison work with the contractor selected by the board, including some negotiations about the scope of the study. Andy quits the board and goes to work for the contractor, working on the study of the effects of the Department's programs.



Andy takes the job, but specifies that he will have to work on another project.

## Aiding a Violation Prohibited (AS 39.52.190)

Aiding another public officer to violate the Ethics Act is prohibited.

## Agency Policies (AS 39.52.920)

Subject to the Attorney General's review, a board may adopt additional written policies further limiting personal or financial interests of board members.

## Disclosure Procedures

### **DECLARATION OF POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS BY MEMBERS OF BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS (AS 39.52.220)**

A board member whose interests or activities could result in a violation of the Ethics Act if the member participates in board action must disclose the matter on the public record and in writing to the board chair who determines whether a violation exists. A form for this purpose is available at [www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics](http://www.law.alaska.gov/doclibrary/ethics) or from the board or commission staff. If another board member objects to the chair's ruling or if the chair discloses a potential conflict, the board members at the meeting (excluding the involved member) vote on the matter. If the chair or the board determines a violation will occur, the member must refrain from deliberating, voting, or participating in the matter. For more information, see Ethics Act Procedures for Boards and Commissions available at the above noted web site.

When determining whether a board member's involvement in a matter may violate the Ethics Act, either the chair or the board or commission itself may request guidance from the Attorney General.

### **ATTORNEY GENERAL'S ADVICE (AS 39.52.240-250)**

A board chair or a board itself may request a written advisory opinion from the Attorney General interpreting the Ethics Act. A former board member may also request a written advice from the Attorney General. These opinions are confidential. Versions of opinions without identifying information may be made available to the public.

### **REPORTS BY THIRD PARTIES (AS 39.52.230)**

A third party may report a suspected violation of the Ethics Act by a board member in writing and under oath to the chair of a board or commission. The chair will give a copy to the board member and to the Attorney General and review the report to determine whether a violation may or does exist. If the chair determines a violation exists, the board member will be asked to refrain from deliberating, voting, or participating in the matter.

## Complaints, Hearings, and Enforcement

### **COMPLAINTS (AS 39.52.310-330)**

Any person may file a complaint with the Attorney General about the conduct of a current or former board member. Complaints must be written and signed under oath. The Attorney General may also initiate complaints based on information provided by a board. A copy of the complaint will be sent to the board member who is the subject of the complaint and to the Personnel Board.

All complaints are reviewed by the Attorney General. If the Attorney General determines that the complaint does not warrant investigation, the complainant and the board member will be notified of the dismissal. The Attorney General may refer a complaint to the board member's chair for resolution.

After investigation, the Attorney General may dismiss a complaint for lack of probable cause to believe a violation occurred or recommend corrective action. The complainant and board member will be promptly notified of this decision.

Alternatively, if probable cause exists, the Attorney General may initiate a formal proceeding by serving the board or commission member with an accusation alleging a violation of the Ethics Act. Complaints or accusations may also be resolved by settlement with the subject.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY (AS 39.52.340)**

Complaints and investigations prior to formal proceedings are confidential. If the Attorney General finds evidence of probable criminal activity, the appropriate law enforcement agency shall be notified.

## **HEARINGS (AS 39.52.350-360)**

An accusation by the Attorney General of an alleged violation may result in a hearing. An administrative law judge from the state's Office of Administrative Hearings serves as hearing officer and determines the time, place and other matters. The parties to the proceeding are the Attorney General, acting as prosecutor, and the accused public officer, who may be represented by an attorney. Within 30 days after the hearing, the hearing officer files a report with the Personnel Board and provides a copy to the parties.

## **PERSONNEL BOARD ACTION (AS 39.52.370)**

The Personnel Board reviews the hearing officer's report and is responsible for determining whether a violation occurred and for imposing penalties. An appeal may be filed by the board member in the Superior Court.

## **PENALTIES (AS 39.52.410-460)**

When the Personnel Board determines a board member has violated the Ethics Act, it will order the member to refrain from voting, deliberating, or participating in the matter. The Personnel Board may also order restitution and may recommend that the board member be removed from the board or commission. If a recommendation of removal is made, the appointing authority will immediately remove the member.

If the Personnel Board finds that a former board member violated the Ethics Act, it will issue a public statement about the case and will ask the Attorney General to pursue appropriate additional legal remedies.

State grants, contracts, and leases awarded in violation of the Ethics Act are voidable. Loans given in violation of the Ethics Act may be made immediately payable.

Fees, gifts, or compensation received in violation of the Ethics Act may be recovered by the Attorney General.

The Personnel Board may impose a fine of up to \$5,000 for each violation of the Ethics Act. In addition, a board member may be required to pay up to twice the financial benefit received in violation of the Ethics Act.

Criminal penalties are in addition to the civil penalties listed above.

## **DEFINITIONS (AS 39.52.960)**

Please keep the following definitions in mind:

**Benefit** - anything that is to a person's advantage regardless financial interest or from which a person hopes to gain in any way.

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### Executive Branch Ethics Act

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Designated ethics supervisors should refer to the Manual for Designated Ethics Supervisors (April 2008), available from the state ethics attorney, regarding their responsibilities under the Ethics Act. Briefly, as designated ethics supervisor, you must --

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# **AGENDA ITEM #3:**

Consent Agreements/License Surrender

## Primary Motion

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# **AGENDA ITEM #4:**

License Application: Israel Hale

## Primary Motion

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# **AGENDA ITEM #5:**

Subcommittee Updates



## Rolan Ruoss' Draft Proposal #1

Proposal to amend 12 AAC 75.450 Transporter Contract Requirements to exempt Part 135 air taxis from the contract requirement.

Proposed change:

Amend 12 AAC 75.450 Transporter Contract Requirements by adding the following:

- (d) A transporter is exempt from the requirement to complete a contract if
  - 1) the transporter is an on-demand Part 135 air taxi, and
  - 2) the transporter does not charge more than the usual tariff or charter rate for transporting big game hunters, and
  - 3) the transport to the field originates in a community where the transporter has a permanent business office (staffed at least 6 months per year), and
  - 4) the transporter posts at the location where the transport originates a notice to the public that includes the following statement: "A big game transporter may provide transportation services only, and may not accompany or remain in the field with a big game hunter, or provide big game guide services in the field, or provide fuel, vehicles, or equipment to big game hunters in the field. It is the hunter's responsibility to salvage all meat and follow all hunting regulations."

Who is likely to benefit? The fixed-base on-demand air taxis who provide charter services to a variety of clients including big game hunters, for which services those air taxis do not and would not write contracts with clients as a normal business practice. A transporter that chooses to write contracts with its clients is free to do so, but will not be required to. Clients of transporters who charge more than the usual tariff or charter rate for the transport of big game hunters will still be protected by the contract requirement of 12 AAC 75.450, as amended.

Who is likely to suffer? No one. Supporters of the current contract requirement explain that written contracts protect clients against failure to provide agreed services by itinerant "gypsy" air taxis who operate temporarily out of bush communities. Itinerant air taxis who do not operate from a fixed base will still be required to write contracts. Established fixed-base on-demand air taxis are not creating the problem that the current regulation is intended to address.

What will happen if nothing is done? Fixed-base on-demand air taxis and their charter clients will continue to be unnecessarily burdened by a regulation that provides little practical benefit.

Discussion: The current regulation requires a transporter to deliver a written contract to the client within 90 days of receiving a deposit or as soon as possible before transporting. The contract must include: names, signatures type of game, price, weight limits, refund policy, communication method while in the field, a statement that the services are transportation only and that the Transporter may

not provide guiding services or equipment in the field, and a statement that the client is responsible for salvage of meat. Transporter must keep contract copies for 4 years.

Fixed base Part 135 air taxis have transported hunters for decades without written contracts, a successful business practice with very few complaints. The transporter contract requirement of AAC 75.450 is widely ignored and not enforced because it is impractical and unnecessary - a clear example of a solution for a problem that doesn't exist. If there is a problem that this regulation is intended to address, it is not being caused by fixed base operators. Fixed base air taxis are visible established businesses who are motivated to provide quality service in order to maintain a positive reputation or risk losing future customers. They are mostly small to medium sized operations that don't have the staff or time to generate more needless paperwork. If there is a proven service advantage in written contracts, the most successful operators in the industry will adopt them. If and when contracts become a standard in the industry, then it would be appropriate for regulation to require them.

## 12 AAC 75.400 TRANSPORTER ACTIVITY REPORT

Ad a paragraph as follows:

- (#) A transporter is exempt from the requirement to complete an activity report if
- 1) the transporter is an on-demand Part 135 air taxi, and
  - 2) the transporter does not charge more than the usual tariff or charter rate for transporting big game hunters, and
  - 3) transport to or from the field originates or terminates in a community where the transporter has a permanent business office (staffed at least 6 months per year), and
  - 4) the client being transported requests air transportation to, from or in between points of the client's own choosing, un-influenced by the transporters advice on when, where or how to hunt, and
  - 5) the transporter posts, at the location where the transport to or from the field originates or terminates, a notice to the public that includes the following statement: "A big game transporter may provide transportation services only, and may not accompany or remain in the field with a big game hunter, or provide big game guide services in the field, or provide fuel, vehicles, or equipment to big game hunters in the field. It is the hunter's responsibility to salvage all meat and follow all hunting regulations."

## 12 AAC 75.450 TRANSPORTER CONTRACT REQUIRMENTS

Ad a paragraph as follows:

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# **AGENDA ITEM #6:**

Adjourn

# ***Statutes and Regulations*** **Big Game Commercial Services Board**

***June 2016***

*(Centralized Statutes and Regulations not included)*



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY,  
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**CHAPTER 54.**  
**BIG GAME GUIDES AND RELATED OCCUPATIONS.**

**Article**

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**ARTICLE 1.**  
**BIG GAME GUIDES AND TRANSPORTERS.**

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**Sec. 08.54.591. CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD.** (a) For the purposes of licensing and regulating the activities of providers of commercial services to big game hunters in the interest of the state's wildlife resources, there is created the Big Game Commercial Services Board. For administrative purposes, the board is in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.

(b) The board consists of nine members as follows:

- (1) two members who are current, licensed registered guide-outfitters;
- (2) two members who are licensed transporters;
- (3) one member of the Board of Game who is chosen by the Board of Game and who does not hold a guide or transport license;
- (4) two members who represent private landholders affected by guided hunting activities or transportation services and who do not hold a license issued under this chapter; and
- (5) two public members.

**Sec. 08.54.595. BOARD ASSISTANCE.** State agencies shall provide the board with information, data, or technical assistance requested by the board for the purposes of licensing and regulating the activities of providers of commercial services to big game hunters.

**Sec. 08.54.600. DUTIES OF BOARD.** (a) The board shall

- (1) prepare and grade
  - (A) a qualification examination for a registered guide-outfitter license that requires demonstration that the applicant is qualified generally to provide guided and outfitted hunts and, in particular, possesses knowledge of fishing, hunting, and guiding laws and regulations; and
  - (B) a certification examination for each game management unit in which the registered guide-outfitter intends to provide big game hunting services; the examination must require demonstration that the registered guide-outfitter is qualified to provide guided and outfitted hunts in the game management unit for which the registered guide-outfitter seeks to be certified and, in particular, must require demonstration that the registered guide-outfitter possesses knowledge of the terrain, transportation problems, game, and other characteristics of the game management unit;
- (2) authorize the issuance of registered guide-outfitter, master guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, assistant guide, and transporter licenses after the applicant for the license satisfies the requirements for the license;
- (3) impose appropriate disciplinary sanctions on a licensee under AS 08.54.600 - 08.54.790;
- (4) require an applicant for issuance or renewal of any class of guide license or of a transporter license to state in a written and signed document whether the applicant's right to obtain, or exercise the privileges granted by, a hunting, guiding, outfitting, or transportation services license is revoked or suspended in this state or another state or in Canada;
- (5) regularly disseminate information regarding examinations and other qualifications for all classes of guide licenses to residents of the rural areas of the state;

- (6) adopt procedural and substantive regulations required by this chapter;
- (7) provide for administration of examinations for registered guide-outfitters at least twice a year;
- (8) meet at least twice annually.
- (b) The board shall provide for administration of an oral examination for a registered guide-outfitter license or for a game management unit certification if requested at the time of application for the license.
- (c) In addition to the regulations required under (a) of this section, the board may adopt regulations the board considers appropriate, including regulations to
  - (1) establish a code of ethics for professions regulated by the board;
  - (2) establish requirements for the contents of written contracts to provide big game hunting services and transportation services to clients;
  - (3) authorize the department to request a copy of a big game hunting services or transportation services contract entered into by a person licensed under this chapter.

**Sec. 08.54.605. ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSES.** (a) Notwithstanding AS 08.54.610, 08.54.620, 08.54.630, 08.54.650, and 08.54.660, a person may not receive or renew a registered guide-outfitter license, master guide-outfitter license, class-A assistant guide license, assistant guide license, or transporter license if

- (1) the person has been convicted of
  - (A) a violation of a state or federal hunting, guiding, or transportation services statute or regulation for which
    - (i) the person was imprisoned for more than five days within the previous five years;
    - (ii) an unsuspended fine of more than \$2,000 was imposed in the previous 12 months;
    - (iii) an unsuspended fine of more than \$3,000 was imposed in the previous 36 months; or
    - (iv) an unsuspended fine of more than \$5,000 was imposed in the previous 60 months;
  - (B) a felony within the last five years; or
  - (C) a felony offense against the person under AS 11.41 within the last 10 years; or
- (2) the person's right to obtain, or exercise the privileges granted by, a hunting, guiding, outfitting, or transportation services license is suspended or revoked in this state or another state or in Canada.
- (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, (a)(1)(B) and (C) of this section are not applicable to offenses committed by a person who receives or received any class of guide license or a transporter license under sec. 13, ch 33, SLA 1996, if the offense was committed before May 23, 1996. This subsection does not apply when a person applies for a license that is different from the class of guide license or the transporter license received under sec. 13, ch 33, SLA 1996.
- (c) A person may not receive a certification for a game management unit if the person is prohibited by (a) of this section from receiving or renewing a registered guide-outfitter license or master guide-outfitter license.

**Sec. 08.54.608. RETIRED STATUS LICENSE.** (a) On retiring from guiding or outfitting, or both, and on payment of an appropriate one-time fee, an individual who has held a license issued under AS 08.54.610, 08.54.620, or 08.54.630 that has not been suspended or revoked under AS 08.54.710 may apply for a retired status license. The retired status license shall indicate whether the individual was licensed as a master guide-outfitter, registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide. An individual holding a retired status license may not guide, outfit, or take charge of a camp in the state under the retired status license. A retired status license is valid for the life of the license holder and does not require renewal.

(b) An individual with a retired status license issued under (a) of this section may apply for a new registered guide-outfitter license under AS 08.54.610, a new class-A assistant guide license under AS 08.54.620, or a new assistant guide license under AS 08.54.630.

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

- (1) is 21 years of age or older;
- (2) has practical field experience in the handling of firearms, hunting, judging trophies, field preparation of meat and trophies, first aid, photography, and related guiding and outfitting activities;
- (3) either
  - (A) has passed the qualification examination prepared by the board under AS 08.54.600; or
  - (B) provides evidence of 25 years of experience as a class-A assistant guide or class-A assistant guide-outfitter;
- (4) has passed a certification examination prepared by the board under AS 08.54.600 for at least one game management unit;
- (5) has legally hunted big game in the state for part of each of any five years in a manner directly contributing to the person's experience and competency as a guide;
- (6) has been licensed as and performed the services of a class-A assistant guide or assistant guide, or of a class-A assistant guide-outfitter or assistant guide-outfitter under former AS 08.54.300 - 08.54.590, in the state for a part of each of three years;
- (7) is capable of performing the essential duties associated with guiding and outfitting;

(8) has been favorably recommended in writing by eight big game hunters whose recommendations have been solicited by the department from a list provided by the applicant, including at least two favorable recommendations for each year of any three years during which the person was a class-A assistant guide or assistant guide, or a class-A assistant guide-outfitter or assistant guide-outfitter under former AS 08.54.300 - 08.54.590;

(9) has provided proof of financial responsibility if required by the department under AS 08.54.680; and

(10) has applied for a registered guide-outfitter license on a form provided by the department and paid the license application fee and the registered guide-outfitter license fee.

(b) A master guide-outfitter license authorizes a registered guide-outfitter to use the title master guide-outfitter, but is for all other purposes under this chapter a registered guide-outfitter license. A natural person is entitled to receive a renewable master guide-outfitter license if the person

(1) is, at the time of application for a master guide-outfitter license, licensed as a registered guide-outfitter under this section;

(2) has been licensed in this state as a registered guide or a guide-outfitter, under former AS 08.54.010 - 08.54.240, former AS 08.54.300 - 08.54.590, or this chapter, for at least 12 of the last 15 years, including the year immediately preceding the year in which the person applies for a master guide-outfitter license;

(3) submits a list to the department of at least 25 clients for whom the person has personally provided guiding or outfitting services and the person receives a favorable evaluation from 10 of the clients selected from the list by the department; and

(4) applies for a master guide-outfitter license on a form provided by the department and pays the application fee, if any.

(c) A registered guide-outfitter may contract to guide or outfit hunts for big game and may provide transportation services, personally or through an assistant, to big game hunters who are clients of the registered guide-outfitter.

(d) Notwithstanding AS 08.54.750, a person who is licensed as a registered guide-outfitter may be employed by another registered guide-outfitter to provide the services of

(1) a class-A assistant guide in a game management unit if the registered guide-outfitter providing the services of a class-A assistant guide is able to demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the board, adequate knowledge of and experience in the game management unit; and

(2) an assistant guide in any game management unit.

(e) A registered guide-outfitter who contracts for a guided hunt shall be primarily in the field supervising and participating in the contracted hunt. The contracting registered guide-outfitter shall also conduct the hunt, unless the hunt, under regulations adopted by the board, is being conducted by a class-A assistant guide or a registered guide-outfitter employed by the contracting registered guide-outfitter.

**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

(1) is 21 years of age or older;

(2) applies for a class-A assistant guide license on a form provided by the department and pays the license application fee and the license fee;

(3) possesses a current first aid card issued by the Red Cross or a similar organization; and

(4) either

(A) has

(i) been employed during at least three calendar years as any class of licensed guide in the game management unit for which the license is sought; and

(ii) at least 10 years' hunting experience in the state; military service outside of the state for not more than three years shall be accepted as part of the required 10 years' hunting experience;

(B) provides

(i) evidence that the person physically resides in the game management unit in which the person is to be employed;

(ii) evidence that the person has had at least 15 years' hunting experience in the game management unit in which the person is to be employed; military service outside of the state for not more than three years shall be accepted as part of the required 15 years' hunting experience; and

(iii) a written recommendation from a registered guide-outfitter who intends to employ the person as a class-A assistant guide; or

(C) provides evidence that the person

(i) physically resides in the game management unit in which the person is to be employed;

(ii) has at least 10 years' hunting experience in the state; military service outside of the state for not more than three years shall be accepted as part of the required 10 years' hunting experience; and

(iii) has passed a class-A assistant guide training course approved by the board.

(b) A class-A assistant guide

(1) may not contract to guide or outfit a big game hunt;

(2) shall be employed by and under the supervision of a registered guide-outfitter who has contracted with the client for whom the class-A assistant guide is conducting the hunt;

(3) may take charge of a camp and provide guide services from the camp without the contracting registered guide-outfitter being in the field and participating in the contracted hunt if the contracting registered guide-outfitter is supervising the guiding activities;

(4) may not perform functions of a class-A assistant guide outside of the game management unit for which the license is issued; and

(5) may be employed by a registered guide-outfitter to perform the functions of an assistant guide in any game management unit.

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

(1) is 18 years of age or older;

(2) has legally hunted big game in the state during two calendar years;

(3) possesses a first aid card issued by the Red Cross or a similar organization;

(4) either

(A) obtains a written recommendation from a registered guide-outfitter who intends to employ the person as an assistant guide; or

(B) provides evidence that the person passed an assistant guide training course approved by the board; and

(5) applies for an assistant guide license on a form provided by the department and pays the license application fee and the license fee.

(b) An assistant guide

(1) may not contract to guide or outfit a big game hunt;

(2) shall be employed by a registered guide-outfitter and under the supervision of a registered guide-outfitter or class-A assistant guide while the assistant guide is in the field on guided hunts; and

(3) may not take charge of a camp or provide guide services unless the contracting registered guide-outfitter is in the field and participating in the contracted hunt or a registered guide-outfitter or class-A assistant guide employed by the contracting guide is physically present and supervising the hunt.

**Sec. 08.54.635. GUIDE SERVICES PROVIDED BY UNLICENSED PERSONS.** (a) A registered guide-outfitter who contracts to guide a big game hunt may, under regulations adopted by the board, delegate to a person not licensed under this chapter the services of

(1) packing, preparing, salvaging, or caring for a client's meat;

(2) packing trophies; and

(3) packing camping equipment.

(b) For training purposes established by the board in regulation, a person who is not licensed under this chapter may assist in providing the guide services of field preparation of trophies, stalking, pursuing, tracking, killing, or attempting to kill big game, and using guiding or outfitting equipment, including spotting scopes and firearms, for the benefit of a hunter. An unlicensed person may only assist in providing a guide service under this subsection if a licensed registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide is physically present and the class-A assistant guide or assistant guide is employed by and under the supervision of the registered guide-outfitter who contracted for the big game hunt.

(c) A person who does not hold a license issued under this chapter may provide or assist in providing the services identified under this section only if the person meets requirements adopted by the board. A person who provides or assists in providing guide services under this section may receive compensation for providing the services.

**Sec. 08.54.640. LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND GAME BIOLOGISTS.** (a) Notwithstanding AS 08.54.610 - 08.54.630 and except as provided in (b) of this section, a person may not hold, or earn experience credits to apply for, a registered guide-outfitter license under this chapter, while the person is a law enforcement officer and for three months after terminating the person's status as a law enforcement officer.

(b) A registered guide-outfitter license, class-A assistant guide license, or assistant guide license issued under this chapter, or under former provisions of AS 08.54.300 - 08.54.590, after May 16, 1992, is suspended if the person to whom the license is issued subsequently becomes a law enforcement officer. A person whose license is subject to suspension under this subsection shall notify the department that the person has become a law enforcement officer within 30 days after becoming a law enforcement officer. The suspension of a license under this subsection remains in effect until three months have elapsed from the date on which the licensee provides written notification to the department of the fact that the person is no longer a law enforcement officer. A person whose license is suspended under this subsection is not required to renew the license or pay license renewal fees for the period of suspension. Once a suspension of a license is terminated, the licensee may provide, without further payment of a guide license fee, the guide services authorized by the license for the remainder of the licensing period in which the suspension is terminated. Notwithstanding other provisions of this subsection, if a person whose license is suspended under this subsection fails to notify the department within one year after the person is no longer a law enforcement officer, the person's license lapses and the person is eligible for reissuance of the license only as provided in AS 08.54.670. The board may adopt regulations to implement this subsection.

(c) A person who holds any class of guide license and who is employed by the Department of Fish and Game or a federal wildlife management agency may not, while employed by the department or agency as a game or wildlife biologist and for 12 months after leaving employment with the department or agency as a game or wildlife biologist, engage in providing big game hunting services in a game management unit in which the person conducted game or wildlife management or research activities for the department or agency at any time during the preceding 12 months.

(d) In this section, "law enforcement officer" means a person who is

(1) employed by the Department of Public Safety as a state trooper or as a law enforcement officer engaged in fish and wildlife protection; or

(2) employed as a fish and wildlife law enforcement officer by the United States Department of the Interior or the United States Department of Agriculture.

**Sec. 08.54.650. TRANSPORTER LICENSE.** (a) A person is entitled to a transporter license if the person

(1) applies for a transporter license on a form provided by the department; and

(2) pays the license application fee and the license fee.

(b) A transporter may provide transportation services and accommodations to big game hunters in the field at a permanent lodge, house, or cabin owned by the transporter or on a boat with permanent living quarters located on salt water. A transporter may not provide big game hunting services without holding the appropriate license.

(c) A transporter shall provide an annual activity report on a form provided by the department. An activity report must contain all information required by the board by regulation.

**Sec. 08.54.660. RENEWAL OF GUIDE AND TRANSPORTER LICENSES.** (a) An applicant for renewal of a registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, assistant guide, or transporter license shall submit

(1) a request for renewal of the license on a form provided by the department; and

(2) the appropriate license fee for the next licensing period.

(b) The department may not renew a registered guide-outfitter license under this section unless all fees have been paid in full and the registered guide-outfitter has signed an affidavit that all hunt records due during the term of the current license have been filed with the department.

(c) The department may not renew a transporter license unless all fees have been paid in full and the transporter has signed an affidavit that all activity reports due during the term of the current license have been filed with the department.

**Sec. 08.54.670. FAILURE TO RENEW.** The department may not issue a license to a person who held a registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide license and who has failed to renew the license under this chapter for four consecutive years unless the person again meets the qualifications for initial issuance of the license.

**Sec. 08.54.680. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR GUIDES AND TRANSPORTERS.** (a) The department may require a registered guide-outfitter, who contracts to guide or outfit a big game hunt, or a transporter to provide proof of financial responsibility up to the amount of \$100,000. A registered guide or transporter may demonstrate financial responsibility by assets, insurance, or a bond in the requisite amount.

(b) If a registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide personally pilots an aircraft to transport clients during the provision of big game hunting services, the registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide shall have a commercial pilot's rating or a minimum of 500 hours of flying time in the state.

(c) On or after January 1, 2006, a registered guide-outfitter may not provide big game hunting services and a transporter may not provide transportation services unless the registered guide-outfitter or transporter has entered into a written contract with the client for the provision of those services. A contract to provide big game hunting services must include at least the following information: the name and guide license number of the registered guide-outfitter, the name of the client, a listing of the big game to be hunted, the approximate time and dates that the client will be in the field, a statement as to what transportation is provided by the registered guide-outfitter, a statement as to whether accommodations and meals in the field are provided by the registered guide-outfitter, and a statement of the amount to be paid for the big game hunting services provided. A contract to provide transportation services must include at least the following information: the name and transporter license number of the transporter, the name of the client, a listing of the big game to be hunted, the approximate time and dates that the client will be in the field, and a statement of the amount to be paid for the transportation services provided. A registered guide-outfitter or transporter shall provide a copy of contracts to provide big game hunting services or transportation service, as appropriate, to the department upon the request of the department. Except as necessary for disciplinary proceedings conducted by the board and as necessary for law enforcement purposes by the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Law, a copy of a contract provided to the department is confidential. The department may provide a copy of contracts in the possession of the department to the Department of Fish and Game or the Department of Natural Resources upon the request of that department if the department receiving the copy agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the contracts.

**ARTICLE 2.  
ENFORCEMENT.**

**Section**

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**Sec. 08.54.710. DISCIPLINE OF GUIDES AND TRANSPORTERS.** (a) The board may impose a disciplinary sanction in a timely manner under (c) of this section if the board finds that a licensee

(1) is convicted of a violation of any state or federal statute or regulation relating to hunting or to provision of big game hunting services or transportation services;

(2) has failed to file records or reports required under this chapter;

(3) has negligently misrepresented or omitted a material fact on an application for any class of guide license or a transporter license; or

(4) has breached a contract to provide big game hunting services or transportation services to a client.

(b) *[Repealed, Sec. 4 ch 49 SLA 2008.]*

(c) The board may impose the following disciplinary sanctions, singly or in combination:

(1) permanently revoke a license;

(2) suspend a license for a specified period;

(3) censure or reprimand a licensee;

(4) impose limitations or conditions on the professional practice of a licensee;

(5) impose requirements for remedial professional education to correct deficiencies in the education, training, and skill of the licensee;

(6) impose probation requiring a licensee to report regularly to the board on matters related to the grounds for probation;

(7) impose a civil fine not to exceed \$5,000.

(d) The board shall permanently revoke a transporter license or any class of guide license if the board finds after a hearing that the license was obtained through fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

(e) The board shall suspend or permanently revoke a transporter license or any class of guide license without a hearing if the court orders the board to suspend or permanently revoke the license as a penalty for conviction of an unlawful act. If the board suspends or permanently revokes a license under this subsection, the board may not also impose an administrative disciplinary sanction of suspension or permanent revocation of the same license for the same offense for which the court ordered the suspension or permanent revocation under AS 08.54.720.

(f) A certified copy of a judgment of conviction of a licensee for an offense is conclusive evidence of the commission of that offense in a disciplinary proceeding instituted against the licensee under this section based on that conviction, regardless of whether the conviction resulted from a plea of nolo contendere or the conviction is under appeal, unless the conviction is overturned on appeal.

(g) A person whose license is suspended or revoked under this section may not engage in the provision of big game hunting services or transportation services during the period of license suspension or revocation.

(h) If the board revokes a license under this section, the person whose license has been revoked shall immediately surrender the license to the department.

(i) *[Repealed, Sec. 4 ch 49 SLA 2008.]*

(j) The board may suspend or permanently revoke a transporter license or any class of guide license if the board finds after a hearing that the licensee engaged in conduct involving unprofessionalism, moral turpitude, or gross immorality.

**Sec. 08.54.720. UNLAWFUL ACTS.** (a) It is unlawful for a

(1) person who is licensed under this chapter to knowingly fail to promptly report, unless a reasonable means of communication is not reasonably available, to the Department of Public Safety, and in no event later than 20 days, a violation of a state or federal wildlife or game, guiding, or transportation services statute or regulation that the person reasonably believes was committed by a client or an employee of the person;

(2) person who is licensed under this chapter to intentionally obstruct or hinder or attempt to obstruct or hinder lawful hunting engaged in by a person who is not a client of the person;

(3) class-A assistant guide or an assistant guide to knowingly guide a big game hunt except while employed and supervised by a registered guide-outfitter;

(4) person who holds any class of guide license or transporter license to knowingly enter or remain on private, state, or federal land without prior authorization during the course of providing big game hunting services or transportation services;

(5) registered guide-outfitter to knowingly engage in providing big game hunting services outside of

(A) a game management unit for which the registered guide-outfitter is certified; or

(B) a use area for which the registered guide-outfitter is registered under AS 08.54.750 unless the registration requirement for the area has been suspended by the Department of Fish and Game;

(6) person to knowingly guide without having a current registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide license and a valid Alaska hunting license in actual possession;

(7) registered guide-outfitter to knowingly fail to comply with AS 08.54.610(e);

(8) person who is licensed under this chapter to knowingly

(A) commit or aid in the commission of a violation of this chapter, a regulation adopted under this chapter, or a state or federal wildlife or game statute or regulation; or

(B) permit the commission of a violation of this chapter, a regulation adopted under this chapter, or a state or federal wildlife or game statute or regulation that the person knows or reasonably believes is being or will be committed without

(i) attempting to prevent it, short of using force; and

(ii) reporting the violation;

(9) person without a current registered guide-outfitter license to knowingly guide, advertise as a registered guide-outfitter, or represent to be a registered guide-outfitter, except as provided by AS 08.54.635;

(10) person without a current master guide-outfitter license to knowingly advertise as, or represent to be, a master guide-outfitter;

(11) person without a current registered guide-outfitter license to knowingly outfit a big game hunt, provide outfitting services, advertise as an outfitter of big game hunts, or represent to be an outfitter of big game hunts;

(12) person to knowingly provide transportation services to big game hunters without holding a current registered guide-outfitter license or transporter license;

(13) person without a current transporter license to knowingly advertise as, or represent to be, a transporter;

(14) class-A assistant guide or an assistant guide to knowingly contract to guide or outfit a hunt;

(15) person licensed under this chapter to knowingly violate a state statute or regulation prohibiting waste of a wild food animal or hunting on the same day airborne;

(16) person to knowingly provide big game hunting services or transportation services during the period for which the person's license to provide that service is suspended or revoked;

(17) registered guide-outfitter, except in the defense of life or property, to knowingly personally take

(A) big game while accompanying a client in the field; or

(B) a species of big game if the registered guide-outfitter is under contract with a client to provide a guided hunt for that species of big game and the client is in the field;

(18) person who is licensed as a registered guide-outfitter, a class-A assistant guide, or an assistant guide, except in the defense of life or property, to knowingly personally take big game while a client of the registered guide-outfitter by whom the person is employed is in the field unless the person is not participating in, supporting, or otherwise assisting in providing big game hunting services to a client of the registered guide-outfitter by whom the person is employed; or

(19) person who is licensed as a transporter, or who provides transportation services under a transporter license, to knowingly accompany or remain in the field with a big game hunter who is a client of the person except as necessary to perform the specific duties of embarking or disembarking big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters; this paragraph does not apply to a person who holds both a transporter license and a registered guide-outfitter license issued under this chapter when the person has a contract to provide guiding services for the client.

(b) In addition to a disciplinary sanction imposed under AS 08.54.710, a person who commits an offense set out in (a)(1) - (7), (17), (18), or (19) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment up to one year, or both.

(c) In addition to a disciplinary sanction imposed under AS 08.54.710, a person who commits an offense set out in (a)(8) - (14) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than \$30,000 or by imprisonment up to one year, or both.

(d) In addition to a disciplinary sanction imposed under AS 08.54.710, a person who commits an offense set out in (a)(15) of this section is guilty,

(1) for a first offense, of a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than \$30,000 or by imprisonment up to one year, or both;

(2) for a second or subsequent offense, of a class C felony.

(e) In addition to a disciplinary sanction imposed under AS 08.54.710, a person who violates (a)(16) of this section is guilty of a class C felony.

(f) In addition to the penalties set out in (b) - (e) of this section and a disciplinary sanction imposed under AS 08.54.710,

(1) the court may order the board to suspend the guide license or transporter license of a person who commits a misdemeanor offense set out in (a)(1), (3) - (5), (7), (8), (17), (18), or (19) of this section for a specified period of not more than three years;

(2) the court shall order the board to suspend the guide license or transporter license of a person who commits a misdemeanor offense set out in (a)(2) or (9) - (14) of this section for a specified period of not less than one year and not more than five years;

(3) the court shall order the board to suspend the guide license or transporter license for a specified period of not less than three years, or to permanently revoke the guide license or transporter license, of a person who commits an offense set out in (a)(15) or (16) of this section; and

(4) all guns, fishing tackle, boats, aircraft, automobiles, or other vehicles, camping gear, and other equipment and paraphernalia used in, or in aid of, a violation of (a) of this section may be seized by persons authorized to enforce this chapter and may be forfeited to the state as provided under AS 16.05.195.

(g) Upon conviction of a person for committing an offense set out in (a) of this section, the execution of sentence may not be suspended and probation may not be granted except on the condition that the minimum term of imprisonment is served. Imposition of sentence may not be suspended.

**Sec. 08.54.730. INJUNCTION AGAINST UNLAWFUL ACTION.** When in the judgment of the board, a person has engaged in an act in violation of AS 08.54.620(b), 08.54.630(b), 08.54.650(b), 08.54.710(g), or 08.54.720(a) or the regulations adopted under these statutes, the board may apply to the appropriate court for an order enjoining the action. Upon a showing by the board that the person is engaging in the act, the court shall grant injunctive relief or other appropriate order without bond.

**Sec. 08.54.740. RESPONSIBILITY OF GUIDE OR TRANSPORTER FOR VIOLATIONS.** (a) A registered guide-outfitter who contracts to guide or outfit a big game hunt is equally responsible under AS 08.54.710 for a violation of a state or federal wildlife or game or guiding statute or regulation committed by a person while the person provides guide services for the guide-outfitter under AS 08.54.635 or during the course of the person's employment for the registered guide-outfitter.

(b) A transporter who provides transportation services is equally responsible under AS 08.54.710 for a violation of a state or federal wildlife or game, guiding, or transportation services statute or regulation committed by a person while in the course of the person's employment for the transporter.

**Sec. 08.54.750. USE AREA REGISTRATION.** (a) At least 30 days before conducting big game hunting services within a guide use area, a registered guide-outfitter shall inform the department, in person or by registered mail on a registration form provided by the department, that the guide-outfitter will be conducting big game hunting services in the use area. A registered guide-outfitter may not withdraw or amend a guide use area registration during the calendar year in which the registration was submitted to the department.

(b) A registered guide-outfitter may not register for, or conduct big game hunting services in,

(1) more than three guide use areas during a calendar year; or

(2) a guide use area that is outside of a game management unit for which the registered guide-outfitter is certified under AS 08.54.600.

(c) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) of this section, a registered guide-outfitter may register to conduct big game hunting services within a guide use area at any time before beginning operations in the guide use area and may conduct big game hunting services in a guide use area, or for a big game species in a guide use area, that is not one of the three guide use areas for which the registered guide-outfitter has registered under (b) of this section if the Department of Fish and Game has determined by regulation that it is in the public interest to suspend the registration requirements for that guide use area or for all guide use areas in a game management unit or game management subunit for a big game species within those guide use areas.

(d) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, a registered guide-outfitter who is registered in three guide use areas may also register for and conduct big game hunting services in a portion of one additional guide use area on federal land adjacent to a guide use area in which the registered guide-outfitter is already registered if the board finds that the portion of the adjacent guide use area for which the registered guide-outfitter is seeking to be registered would otherwise remain unused by a registered guide-outfitter because the boundaries of guide use areas do not coincide with boundaries of federal big game guide concession or permit areas.

(e) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, a registered guide-outfitter who is registered in three guide use areas may also register for and conduct big game hunting services for wolf, black bear, brown bear, or grizzly bear in guide use areas within a game management unit or portion of a game management unit where the Board of Game has identified predation by wolf, black bear, brown bear, or grizzly bear as a cause of the depletion of a big game prey population or a reduction of the productivity of a big game prey population that is the basis for the establishment of an intensive management program in the game management unit or portion of the game management unit or for the declaration of the biological emergency in the game management unit or portion of the game management unit. A registered guide-outfitter may only conduct hunts in a guide use area under this subsection for the big game species identified by the Board of Game as the cause of the depletion or reduction of productivity of a big game prey population.



(f) At least 60 days before providing transportation services to, from, or in an area as may be determined by the board, a transporter shall inform the department, in person or by registered mail on a registration form provided by the department, that the transporter will be providing transportation services to, from, or in the use area. The board may establish transporter use areas and adopt regulations to implement this subsection as the board considers necessary.

(g) In this section, "guide use area" means a geographic area of the state identified as a guide-outfitter use area by the former Big Game Commercial Services Board established under former AS 08.54.300 and described on a set of maps titled Guide-Outfitter Use Area Maps, dated June 22, 1994, as amended by the board as the board considers necessary.

**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 60 days after the completion of the hunt. A hunt record must include a list of all big game hunters who used the guiding or outfitting services of the registered guide-outfitter, the number of each big game species taken, and other information required by the board. The department shall provide forms for reporting hunt records.

(b) The department shall make hunt records received under this section, and activity reports received under AS 08.54.650, available to state agencies, federal law enforcement agencies, and other law enforcement agencies if requested. Aggregated data compiled from hunt records and activity reports may be included in reports by the department. For all other purposes, the hunt records and activity reports are confidential and are not subject to inspection or copying under AS 40.25.110 - 40.25.125.

(c) Forms, records, and reports required under this chapter may be distributed, received, and stored electronically.

**Sec. 08.54.770. LICENSE AND EXAMINATION FEES.** (a) The department shall set fees under AS 08.01.065 for each of the following:

- (1) registered guide-outfitter license;
- (2) class-A assistant guide license;
- (3) assistant guide license;
- (4) transporter license;
- (5) retired status license;
- (6) license application fee.

(b) The license fee for the registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide license is in addition to the fee required for a hunting license issued by the Department of Fish and Game under AS 16.05.340.

(c) An applicant for a qualifying examination for a registered guide-outfitter license shall pay a fee established by regulations adopted under AS 08.01.065.

(d) The fee for the transporter license must be equal to the fee for the registered guide-outfitter license.

(e) The amount of the license fee for a nonresident shall be two times the amount of the license fee for a resident.

**Sec. 08.54.785. CHAPTER NOT APPLICABLE.** The provisions of this chapter do not apply to a person providing, for compensation or with the intent to receive compensation, only accommodations to a big game hunter in the field at

- (1) a permanent lodge, house, or cabin on private land owned by the person; or
- (2) a state or federal cabin on state or federal land.

**Sec. 08.54.790. DEFINITIONS.** In this chapter,

- (1) "any class of guide license" does not include a retired status license issued under AS 08.54.608;
- (2) "big game" means brown bear, grizzly bear, caribou, moose, black bear, bison, Sitka blacktail deer, elk, mountain goat, musk ox, and mountain or Dall sheep; "big game" includes wolf and wolverine when taken under hunting regulations;
- (3) "big game hunting service" means a service for which the provider of the service must obtain a registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, or assistant guide license; "big game hunting service" includes guiding services and outfitting services;
- (4) "board" means the Big Game Commercial Services Board;
- (5) "compensation" means payment for services including wages or other remuneration but not including reimbursement for actual expenses incurred;
- (6) "department" means the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development;
- (7) "field" means an area outside of established year-round dwellings, businesses, or other developments associated with a city, town, or village; "field" does not include permanent hotels or roadhouses on the state road system or state or federally maintained airports;
- (8) "game management unit" means one of the 26 geographic areas defined by the Board of Game for game management purposes;
- (9) "guide" means to provide, for compensation or with the intent or with an agreement to receive compensation, services, equipment, or facilities to a big game hunter in the field by a person who accompanies or is

present with the big game hunter in the field either personally or through an assistant; in this paragraph, “services” includes

- (A) contracting to guide or outfit big game hunts;
  - (B) stalking, pursuing, tracking, killing, or attempting to kill big game;
  - (C) packing, preparing, salvaging, or caring for meat, except that which is required to properly and safely load the meat on the mode of transportation being used by a transporter;
  - (D) field preparation of trophies, including skinning and caping;
  - (E) selling, leasing, or renting goods when the transaction occurs in the field;
  - (F) using guiding or outfitting equipment, including spotting scopes and firearms, for the benefit of a hunter; and
  - (G) providing camping or hunting equipment or supplies that are already located in the field;
- (10) “licensee” means a person to whom a license, other than a retired status license, has been issued under this chapter;
- (11) “outfit” means to provide, for compensation or with the intent to receive compensation, services, supplies, or facilities, excluding the provision of accommodations by a person described in AS 08.54.785, to a big game hunter in the field, by a person who neither accompanies nor is present with the big game hunter in the field either personally or by an assistant;
- (12) “transportation services” means the carriage for compensation of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters to, from, or in the field; “transportation services” does not include the carriage by aircraft of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters
- (A) on nonstop flights between airports listed in the Alaska supplement to the Airmen’s Guide published by the Federal Aviation Administration; or
  - (B) by an air taxi operator or air carrier for which the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters is only an incidental portion of its business; in this subparagraph, “incidental” means transportation provided to a big game hunter by an air taxi operator or air carrier who does not
    - (i) charge more than the usual tariff or charter rate for the carriage of big game hunters, their equipment, or big game animals harvested by hunters; or
    - (ii) advertise transportation services or big game hunting services to the public; in this sub-subparagraph, “advertise” means soliciting big game hunters to be customers of an air taxi operator or air carrier for the purpose of providing air transportation to, from, or in the field through the use of print or electronic media, including advertising at trade shows, or the use of hunt broker services or other promotional services.

**CHAPTER 75.  
BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD.**

**Article**

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**ARTICLE 1.  
GUIDE LICENSE QUALIFICATIONS.**

**Section**

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**12 AAC 75.100. APPLICATION FOR REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER EXAMINATION.** (a) An applicant for a registered guide-outfitter license who is applying under AS 08.54.610(a)(3)(A) must submit,

- (1) at least 120 days before the date of the next scheduled registered guide-outfitter examination,
    - (A) the applicable fees required in 12 AAC 02.230;
    - (B) a completed application on a form provided by the department; the applicant must indicate if the applicant will be contracting to provide big game commercial services during the licensing period for which the applicant is applying;
    - (C) a list of hunters for whom the applicant has provided big game hunting services in compliance with AS 08.54.610(a)(8);
    - (D) a written certification by the applicant on a form provided by the department certifying the applicant's
      - (i) practical field experience as required in AS 08.54.610(a)(2);
      - (ii) capability to perform "essential duties associated with guiding and outfitting" as defined in 12 AAC 75.990; and
      - (iii) successful experience guiding sheep, moose, brown bear, mountain goat, and caribou hunts, if the applicant is seeking licensure for one of these species; the applicant must have been involved in a minimum of three harvests on a guided hunt for each of these listed species in order to be licensed for that species;
    - (E) a signed statement from the applicant certifying that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements in AS 08.54.605;
    - (F) a form completed by the applicant listing the dates that the applicant hunted in the state and certifying that the applicant meets the requirements in AS 08.54.610(a)(5); and
    - (G) the applicant's license number and dates of licensure as a class-A assistant guide, class-A assistant guide-outfitter, assistant guide, or assistant guide-outfitter in the state; and
  - (2) at least 45 days before the date of the next scheduled registered guide-outfitter examination,
    - (A) a complete report of criminal justice information under AS 12.62, including fish and wildlife violations, and if a state other than this state is the applicant's primary state of residence, an equivalent report issued by that other state; and
    - (B) for each guiding, outfitting, transportation, or other hunting services license, if any, issued to the applicant by another state or by a jurisdiction of Canada, verification from the issuing government body that the license has not been suspended or revoked.
- (b) For the purposes of determining the applicable license fee under (a) of this section, the applicant shall state on the application form whether the applicant is a resident.
- (c) The department will not schedule an applicant for the registered guide-outfitter examination unless the department has received all letters of recommendation required under AS 08.54.610(a)(8) at least 45 days before the date of the examination.
- (d) In addition to meeting the requirements of (a) – (c) of this section, an applicant must
- (1) have participated in contracted hunts for 125 days over a minimum of three years with at least eight clients; and
  - (2) submit, at least 45 days before the date of the next scheduled registered guide-outfitter examination, an

affidavit signed by an employing registered guide-outfitter attesting that the applicant has met the requirements of this subsection and including a completed form assessing the applicant's skills and abilities in the following areas and explaining negative responses:

- (A) hunting regulations;
- (B) guiding regulations;
- (C) meat care and preservation;
- (D) cape and trophy care;
- (E) trophy judging;
- (F) photography;
- (G) ethics;
- (H) logistics;
- (I) stalking;
- (J) safety procedures;
- (K) first aid;
- (L) emergency protocol;
- (M) firearm use and safety;
- (N) knowledge of property ownership.

(e) The department will schedule an applicant to sit for the registered guide-outfitter examination if items in (a) – (d) of this section are received and verified before the scheduled examination date.

(f) An applicant who appears for an examination and chooses not to take a scheduled test forfeits the examination fees.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.605 AS 08.54.610

**12 AAC 75.105. APPLICATION FOR MASTER GUIDE-OUTFITTER LICENSE.** (a) The department will issue a license as a master guide-outfitter to a person who meets the requirements of AS 08.54.610(b) and this section. An applicant for a master guide-outfitter license must submit

- (1) a completed application on a form provided by the department;
- (2) the applicable fees required in 12 AAC 02.230;
- (3) a list of 25 big game hunters for whom the applicant has personally provided guiding or outfitting services in compliance with AS 08.54.610;
- (4) for each guiding, outfitting, transportation, or other hunting services license, if any, issued to the applicant by another state or by a jurisdiction of Canada, verification from the issuing government body that the license has not been suspended or revoked;
- (5) the favorable evaluations required under AS 08.54.610(b)(3); and
- (6) an affidavit identifying the years for which the applicant is requesting to receive guide experience credit.

(b) For the purposes of determining the applicable license fee, the applicant shall state on the application form whether the applicant is a resident.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.605 AS 08.54.610

**12 AAC 75.110. REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER EXAMINATIONS.** (a) To be eligible for a registered guide-outfitter license, an applicant must pass the

- (1) qualification examination, which includes a practical examination covering
  - (A) trophy judging of actual antlers and horns;
  - (B) aging of animals;
  - (C) sexing of mountain goats and bears; and
  - (D) capping a big game animal; for this portion of the examination, the applicant must provide a visual recording of the applicant capping a big game animal; and
- (2) game management unit examination for at least one game management unit.

(b) The minimum score required to pass the qualification and game management unit registered guide-outfitter examinations is 75 percent on each examination.

- (c) *Repealed 11/24/2007.*
- (d) *Repealed 11/24/2007.*
- (e) *Repealed 7/30/2006.*
- (f) *Repealed 11/24/2007.*

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.605 AS 08.54.610

**12 AAC 75.112. GAME MANAGEMENT UNIT CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION.** (a) The department will schedule an applicant to sit for the certification examination for a game management unit if the applicant submits, at least 45 days before the date of the next scheduled examination,

- (1) a written request and applicable examination fees established in 12 AAC 02.230; and

(2) proof satisfactory to the department of having, for at least 60 days within the game management unit for which the applicant is requesting certification, performed one or more of the following activities in the field:

- (A) guiding;
- (B) hunting;
- (C) trapping;
- (D) camping; in this subparagraph, "camping" means using a vehicle, tent, or shelter, or arranging bedding, or both, to stay overnight in the field, regardless of whether the stay is for personal purposes or in a camp as defined in 12 AAC 75.990;
- (E) surveying game.

(b) An applicant may take examinations for no more than three game management units at a time.

(c) The department will certify an applicant for a game management unit if the applicant

- (1) meets the requirements of this section;
- (2) passes the certification examination testing, for the game management unit for which certification is sought, the applicant's knowledge on terrain, game, geography, transportation, logistics, and land ownership; and
- (3) is a registered guide-outfitter with a valid license; if the applicant does not already have a valid registered guide-outfitter license, the department will issue certification when the applicant

(A) has met all the qualification requirements of AS 08.54 and this chapter for initial issuance of a registered guide-outfitter license and is issued that license; or

(B) has timely renewed an expired registered guide-outfitter license in accordance with AS 08.54.660 and 08.54.670.

(d) The department will schedule an applicant to sit for a game management unit certification examination if the proof required under (a)(2) of this section is verified before the scheduled examination date.

(e) An applicant who appears for an examination and chooses not to take a scheduled test forfeits the examination fees.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600

AS 08.54.610

**12 AAC 75.115. REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER EXEMPT FROM EXAMINATION.** (a) An applicant for a registered guide-outfitter license who is applying under AS 08.54.610(a)(3)(B) must submit,

(1) at least 120 days before the date of the next scheduled examination for game management unit certification,

- (A) the applicable fees required in 12 AAC 02.230;
- (B) a completed application on a form provided by the department;
- (C) a list of hunters for whom the applicant has provided big game hunting services in compliance with AS 08.54.610(a)(8);
- (D) a written certification by the applicant on a form provided by the department certifying the applicant's
  - (i) practical field experience as required in AS 08.54.610(a)(2);
  - (ii) capability to perform "essential duties associated with guiding and outfitting" as defined in 12 AAC 75.990; and

(iii) successful experience guiding sheep, moose, brown bear, mountain goat, and caribou hunts, if the applicant is seeking licensure for one of these species; the applicant must have been involved in a minimum of three harvests on a guided hunt for each of these listed species in order to be licensed for that species;

(E) a signed statement by the applicant certifying that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements in AS 08.54.605;

(F) a form completed by the applicant listing the dates that the applicant has hunted in the state and certifying that the applicant meets the requirements of AS 08.54.610(a)(5); and

(G) the applicant's license number and dates of licensure that meet the requirements of AS 08.54.610(a)(3)(B), verifying at least 25 years of qualifying experience; and

(2) at least 45 days before the date of the next scheduled examination for game management unit certification,

(A) a complete report of criminal justice information under AS 12.62, including fish and wildlife violations, and if a state other than this state is the applicant's primary state of residence, an equivalent report issued by that other state; and

(B) for each guiding, outfitting, transportation, or other hunting services license, if any, issued to the applicant by another state or by a jurisdiction of Canada, verification from the issuing government body that the license has not been suspended or revoked; and

(C) an affidavit and form completed and signed by an employing registered guide-outfitter assessing the applicant's skills and abilities in the following areas and explaining negative responses:

- (i) hunting regulations;
- (ii) guiding regulations;
- (iii) meat care and preservation;
- (iv) cape and trophy care;
- (v) trophy judging;
- (vi) photography;

- (vii) ethics;
- (viii) logistics;
- (ix) stalking;
- (x) safety procedures;
- (xi) first aid;
- (xii) emergency protocol;
- (xiii) firearm use and safety;
- (xiv) knowledge of property ownership.

(b) For the purposes of determining the applicable license fee, the applicant shall state on the application form whether the applicant is a resident.

(c) The department will not schedule an applicant for the game management unit examination unless the department has received all letters of recommendation required under AS 08.54.610(a)(8) at least 45 days before the date of the examination.

(d) *Repealed 7/30/2006.*

(e) An applicant who appears for an examination and chooses not to take a scheduled test forfeits the examination fees.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.605 AS 08.54.610

**12 AAC 75.117. REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER REEXAMINATION.** (a) An applicant who fails a registered guide-outfitter examination may apply for reexamination any time within two years after the date of the first examination. If, within two years after the date of the first examination, the applicant fails to apply for reexamination, the applicant must apply again for initial licensure, and must meet the qualifications in AS 08.54 and this chapter for initial issuance of a registered guide-outfitter license.

(b) An applicant who fails a certification examination for a game management unit may apply for reexamination any time within two years after the date of the first examination. If, within two years after the date of the first examination, the applicant fails to apply for reexamination, and if the applicant

(1) has not already passed a certification examination as required under AS 08.54.610(a)(4) for initial licensure, is not already licensed as a registered guide-outfitter, or on or before the date of reexamination has failed under AS 08.54.660 and 08.54.670 to renew a license for four consecutive years, the applicant must apply again for initial licensure, and must meet the qualifications in AS 08.54 and this chapter for initial issuance of a registered guide-outfitter license; or

(2) either is already licensed as a registered guide-outfitter or has an expired license for which, on or before the date of reexamination, the four consecutive-year period for renewal under AS 08.54.660 and 08.54.670 has not run, and if the failed certification examination is for an additional game management unit, the applicant must apply again under 12 AAC 75.112 and must meet the requirements in that section to sit for the examination.

(c) To apply for reexamination, an applicant must submit, at least 45 days before the date of the examination,

(1) a written request for reexamination; and

(2) the examination fee required in 12 AAC 02.230 for the requested examination.

(d) The department may, if staff resources allow, waive the application deadline in (c) of this section.

(e) An examination score is valid for no more than two years. If the examination is a

(1) registered guide-outfitter examination, and if, within two years after the date of the examination, the applicant is not issued a license as a registered guide-outfitter, the applicant must apply again for initial licensure, and must meet the qualifications in AS 08.54 and this chapter for initial issuance of a registered guide-outfitter license;

(2) certification examination for a game management unit and is required under AS 08.54.610(a)(4) for initial licensure, and if, within two years after the date of the examination, the applicant is not issued a license as a registered guide-outfitter, the applicant must apply again for initial licensure, and must meet the qualifications in AS 08.54 and this chapter for initial issuance of a registered guide-outfitter license; or

(3) certification examination for an additional game management unit, not required under AS 08.54.610(a)(4) for initial licensure, and if the applicant has an expired registered guide-outfitter license for which, within the two-year period that the examination score is valid, the four consecutive-year period for renewal under AS 08.54.660 and 08.54.670 runs out, the applicant may not apply that score to meet the initial licensure requirements in AS 08.54.610(a)(4).

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.610 AS 08.54.670  
AS 08.54.605 AS 08.54.660

**12 AAC 75.120. APPLICATION FOR CLASS-A ASSISTANT GUIDE LICENSE.** (a) The department will issue a license as a class-A assistant guide to an applicant who meets the requirements of AS 08.54.620 and this section.

(b) Before a class-A assistant guide license will be issued, the department must receive

(1) the fees required in 12 AAC 02.230;

(2) a completed application on a form provided by the department;

- (3) verification of the applicant's applicable employment, residency, and hunting experience required under AS 08.54.620(a)(4); an applicant applying for a class-A assistant guide license under
- (A) AS 08.54.620(a)(4)(A) and this section shall submit
    - (i) verification, from employing registered guides or guide-outfitters, of experience spanning three years as described in AS 08.54.620(a)(4)(A)(i); and
    - (ii) an affidavit that the applicant has had the hunting experience required in AS 08.54.620(a)(4)(A)(ii);
  - (B) AS 08.54.620(a)(4)(B) and this section shall submit
    - (i) the evidence required in AS 08.54.620(a)(4)(B)(i) of physical residency;
    - (ii) three affidavits of hunting experience from individuals who certify that the applicant has had the hunting experience required in AS 08.54.620(a)(4)(B)(ii); and
    - (iii) a letter of recommendation from a licensed registered guide-outfitter who intends to employ the applicant as a class-A assistant guide;
- (4) a copy of the applicant's valid first aid card issued by the Red Cross or a similar organization recognized by the department;
- (5) a signed statement from the applicant certifying that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements in AS 08.54.605;
- (6) a complete report of criminal justice information under AS 12.62, including fish and wildlife violations, and if a state other than this state is the applicant's primary state of residence, an equivalent report issued by that other state; and
- (7) for each guiding, outfitting, transportation, or other hunting services license, if any, issued to the applicant by another state or by a jurisdiction of Canada, verification from the issuing government body that the license has not been suspended or revoked.
- (c) A class-A assistant guide licensed under AS 08.54.620(a)(4)(B) may be certified for additional game management units in which the licensee does not reside if that licensee also meets the requirements of AS 08.54.620(a)(4)(A).

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.605 AS 08.54.620

**12 AAC 75.130. APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANT GUIDE LICENSE.** (a) The department will issue a license as an assistant guide to an applicant who meets the requirements of AS 08.54.630 and this section. An assistant guide license applicant shall submit

- (1) the fees required in 12 AAC 02.230;
  - (2) a completed application on a form provided by the department;
  - (3) a copy of the applicant's valid first aid card issued by the American Red Cross or a similar organization recognized by the department;
  - (4) a form completed by the applicant listing the dates the applicant has hunted in the state and certifying that the applicant meets the requirements in AS 08.54.630(a)(2);
  - (5) a written recommendation or evidence as required in AS 08.54.630(a)(4);
  - (6) a signed statement from the applicant certifying that the applicant meets the eligibility requirements in AS 08.54.605;
  - (7) a complete report of criminal justice information under AS 12.62, including fish and wildlife violations, and if a state other than this state is the applicant's primary state of residence, an equivalent report issued by that other state; and
  - (8) for each guiding, outfitting, transportation, or other hunting services license, if any, issued to the applicant by another state or by a jurisdiction of Canada, verification from the issuing government body that the license has not been suspended or revoked.
- (b) An unlicensed person receiving training for purposes of experience necessary to apply for licensure as an assistant guide under this section may participate in activities identified in AS 08.54.635(b), when a licensed guide is physically present.
- (c) To be physically present for purposes of this section, the licensed guide must be primarily in or near camp while an unlicensed person is performing the activities of field preparation of trophies and using guiding or outfitting equipment, including spotting scopes and firearms. An unlicensed person may take necessary action to prevent the spoilage or loss of a trophy while unsupervised. While an unlicensed person is accompanying a licensed guide and client during the final portion of stalking, pursuing, tracking, killing, or attempting to kill big game, the unlicensed person must act under the close and immediate supervision of the licensed guide. An unlicensed person under this section may not direct the actions of a hunter to stalk, take, or attempt to take a big game animal.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.630 AS 08.54.790  
AS 08.54.605 AS 08.54.635

**12 AAC 75.140. TERM OF GUIDE LICENSES.** Registered guide-outfitter, class-A assistant guide, and assistant guide licenses expire on December 31 of odd-numbered years.

**Authority:** AS 08.01.100

AS 08.54.600

**12 AAC 75.145. APPLICATION FOR A TRANSPORTER LICENSE.** (a) The department will issue a license as a transporter to an applicant who meets the requirements of AS 08.54.650 and this section. An applicant for a transporter license must submit

- (1) a completed application on a form provided by the department;
  - (2) the applicable fees required in 12 AAC 02.230;
  - (3) proof of financial responsibility in accordance with 12 AAC 75.420;
  - (4) copies of the Federal Aviation Administration and United States Coast Guard licenses applicable to the applicant's operations; and
  - (5) the name of one individual who is responsible for managing the transporter's business activities.
- (b) In addition to meeting the requirements in (a) of this section, an applicant that is a
- (1) corporation must submit proof of either a certificate of incorporation or a certificate of authority in good standing under AS 10, and if the corporation is organized in this state, proof of articles of incorporation in good standing under AS 10;
  - (2) limited liability company, proof of either articles of organization or registration in good standing under AS 10.50;
  - (3) limited liability partnership, proof of either a statement of qualification or a statement of foreign qualification in good standing under AS 32.06.911 – 32.06.925; or
  - (4) limited partnership, proof of either a certificate of limited partnership or registration in good standing under AS 32.11.
- (c) To change the individual identified under (a)(5) of this section, a licensed transporter must file with the department, within 20 days after the date of the change, a written statement verifying the change and identifying the new individual responsible for managing the transporter's business activities.
- (d) A licensed transporter shall notify the department in accordance with 12 AAC 02.900 if the transporter's mailing address changes.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600

AS 08.54.650

AS 08.54.660

## **ARTICLE 2. REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER OPERATIONS.**

### **Section**

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**12 AAC 75.200. REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER PROVIDING SERVICES.** (a) In addition to the restrictions in AS 08.54.720, a registered guide-outfitter may provide transportation services only in a guide use area for which the guide-outfitter is registered, unless the guide-outfitter also holds a transporter license.

(b) A registered guide-outfitter who provides transportation or outfitting services in a guide use area, for which the guide-outfitter is registered, shall complete a hunt record for each client transported or outfitted.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600

AS 08.54.610

AS 08.54.750

**12 AAC 75.205. DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF HUNT RECORDS.** (a) The department will issue uniquely identifiable hunt records to a registered guide-outfitter with a valid license who has proof of financial responsibility in accordance with 12 AAC 75.220 on file with the board. Once the department issues the hunt records, the board

- (1) will consider the hunt records to be in the possession of the registered guide-outfitter; and
- (2) may discipline the registered guide-outfitter under AS 08.54.710(a)(2) if the
  - (A) registered guide-outfitter loses or misplaces the hunt records, or fails to return hunt records as required under this section or upon the department's request;
  - (B) hunt records are damaged or destroyed while in the registered guide-outfitter's possession; or
  - (C) hunt records, while in the registered guide-outfitter's possession, are used in a manner that violates AS 08.54.760, this section, or 12 AAC 75.210.



(b) The hunt records must be used only by the assigned registered guide-outfitter. Hunt records may not be shared.

(c) All copies of a hunt record must be completed in accordance with 12 AAC 75.210. Copies must be distributed in accordance with 12 AAC 75.210.

(d) A voided hunt record must be returned to the department.

(e) *Repealed 3/21/2010.*

(f) A maximum of 50 hunt records will be issued to a registered guide-outfitter and may be in the registered guide-outfitter's possession at any given time. Additional hunt records may be issued. However, upon a written request and showing of good cause, as determined by the department, a registered guide-outfitter may have more than 50 hunt records assigned and in the registered guide-outfitter's possession.

(g) A registered guide-outfitter who misplaces or loses a hunt record shall submit to the department

(1) a notarized statement documenting the loss of the hunt record; and

(2) client information not already submitted to the department under 12 AAC 75.210.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.660 AS 08.54.760

**12 AAC 75.210. HUNT RECORD.** (a) The hunt record required by AS 08.54.760 must be on a form provided by the department, titled *Registered Guide-Outfitter Hunt Record*, dated October 2012, and adopted by reference. This form is established by the board for review of the information required to be submitted by registered guide-outfitters.

(b) Before a hunt, a registered guide-outfitter who contracts to guide, transport, or outfit a hunt shall complete or have completed the portions of the hunt record form that are required to be completed before a hunt.

(c) A copy of the hunt record must be with the client for the duration of a hunt.

(d) At the conclusion of the hunt, the registered guide-outfitter shall complete the applicable remaining portions of the hunt record.

(e) The registered guide-outfitter shall furnish one copy of the completed hunt record to the client and retain one copy for four years at the registered guide-outfitter's regular place of business.

(f) A hunt record must be produced for inspection upon request by an agent of the board or department or any state or federal enforcement agent authorized to enforce guiding, game, or game management statutes or regulations.

(g) If a big game hunting client contracts to hunt big game with more than one registered or master guide-outfitter, a separate hunt record must be completed by each registered or master guide-outfitter and each client. The department will not accept hunt records signed by more than one guide-outfitter.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.660 AS 08.54.760

**Editor's note:** Copies of the *Registered Guide-Outfitter Hunt Record* Form, adopted by reference in 12 AAC 75.210, may be obtained from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, Big Game Commercial Services Board, 333 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, AK 99801; telephone: (907) 465-2543; Internet: <http://commerce.alaska.gov/occ/pgui.htm>.

**12 AAC 75.220. REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.** (a) *Repealed 12/1/2007.*

(b) An applicant who intends to contract to guide or outfit a big game hunt shall

(1) certify that the applicant has and will maintain during the licensing period, assets, general liability insurance, or a bond totaling at least a minimum of \$100,000 that will be available for payment of a judgment against the applicant resulting from the applicant's big game hunting services; and

(2) list the assets, insurance, or bond, including, if applicable,

(A) a description of the assets, their fair market value less any liens, identification of any liens against the assets, and the location of the assets; and

(B) the name of the company issuing the insurance or bond, the policy or bond number, and the amount and type of coverage supplied by the insurance or bond.

(c) A registered guide-outfitter who indicated on the application for initial license or renewal that the registered guide-outfitter would not contract to guide or outfit a big game hunt shall notify the department and provide the information required in (b) of this section before the registered guide-outfitter may contract to guide or outfit a big game hunt.

(d) A registered guide-outfitter shall notify the department within 10 days of any change to the information reported under (b) of this section.

(e) The department may require additional documentation to substantiate the information provided in (b) of this section before approving an applicant for initial licensure or license renewal.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.610 AS 08.54.680

**12 AAC 75.230. GUIDE USE AREA REGISTRATION.** (a) The department will register an applicant in a guide use area if the applicant meets the requirements of AS 08.54.750 and this section. For each guide use area for

which a registered guide-outfitter is registering, the registered guide-outfitter shall submit the following information on a form provided by the department:

- (1) the applicant's registered guide-outfitter license number;
- (2) the guide use area for which the registered guide-outfitter is registering;
- (3) the location of the registered guide-outfitter's camp;
- (4) documentation from the landowner or land manager that the applicant has the authorization to provide big game hunting services on at least 5,000 contiguous acres of the uplands in the guide use area; proof of prior year authorization, if still valid, will be accepted to meet the requirement of this paragraph; a letter of intent to authorize use for the current year, from the landowner or land manager, will be accepted to meet the requirement of this paragraph;
- (5) whether registration is for a single calendar year or multiple calendar years.

(b) Unless it is issued for multiple calendar years, a guide use area registration issued under AS 08.54.750 and this section expires on December 31 of each year. A registration for multiple calendar years expires on December 31 of the last year for which it is issued. To re-register, the registered guide-outfitter must again submit a complete application under (a) of this section.

(c) A registered guide-outfitter may register for a maximum of five calendar years ending on December 31, including the calendar year in which the registration becomes effective. A registration for multiple calendar years may be withdrawn or changed annually, with the withdrawal or change to take effect on or after January 1 of the next calendar year.

(d) In accordance with AS 08.54.750, a registration will be considered effective 30 days after the date the registration is submitted to the department, or 30 days after the date the application is considered complete, whichever is later.

(e) A registered guide-outfitter who is registered in three guide use areas may register for and conduct big game hunting services in a portion of one additional guide use area on federal land adjacent to a guide use area for which the registered guide-outfitter is already registered if the registered guide-outfitter meets the requirements of (a)(1) – (4) of this section, and submits

- (1) the guide use area map that identifies the portion of the additional guide use area that is located on federal land and is adjacent to a guide use area for which the registered guide-outfitter is currently registered; and
- (2) a letter from the federal landholder that states that the area would otherwise remain unused by a registered guide-outfitter because the boundaries do not coincide with boundaries of a federal big game guide concession or permit area.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.750

**12 AAC 75.235. GUIDE-OUTFITTER USE AREA MAPS.** The set of maps titled *Guide-Outfitter Use Area Maps*, dated June 22, 1994, as amended December 2009, July 2011, December 2011, and November 2015, also titled *Guide-Outfitter Use Area Maps*, is adopted by reference. This set of maps prepared by the Department of Natural Resources depicts the boundaries of the guide use areas established under AS 08.54.750(g).

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.750

**Editor's note:** Copies of the *Guide-Outfitter Use Area Maps*, adopted by reference in 12 AAC 75.235, are available for inspection at the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water offices in Anchorage at the Robert B. Atwood Building, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 900C, and in Fairbanks at 3700 Airport Way, and at the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing office in Juneau at the State Office Building, 9th Floor, 333 Willoughby Avenue. Electronic equivalents of the *Guide-Outfitter Use Area Maps* are also available through the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water website at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/gcp/gua.cfm>.

**12 AAC 75.240. SUPERVISION.** (a) A registered guide-outfitter who contracts to guide a hunt shall plan, direct, and monitor the big game hunting services provided to the client.

(b) At the conclusion of the hunt, a registered guide-outfitter who contracts to guide a hunt shall evaluate the performance of the assistant guide, class-A assistant guide, or registered guide-outfitter involved in the hunt to determine whether the big game hunting services provided to the client were satisfactory.

(c) To comply with (b) of this section, the contracting registered guide-outfitter shall verbally communicate, by telephone or radio, or in person, with the client and the assistant guide, class-A assistant guide, or registered guide-outfitter involved in the hunt, separately or together, at least once within 10 days after the conclusion of the hunt. The contracting registered guide-outfitter shall obtain the necessary information to evaluate the performance of the assistant guide, the class-A assistant guide, or registered guide-outfitter and determine whether the big game hunting services were provided safely, in accordance with state and federal law, and to the satisfaction of the client.

(d) The contracting registered guide-outfitter shall make a good faith effort to verbally communicate with the client to obtain the necessary information to evaluate the performance of the assistant guide, class-A assistant guide, or registered guide-outfitter. If the attempt to verbally communicate with the client is unsuccessful, the contracting registered guide-outfitter shall write to the client and request the necessary information to evaluate the performance

of the assistant guide, the class-A assistant guide, or registered guide-outfitter. The contracting registered guide-outfitter shall write to the client within 60 days after the conclusion of the hunt.

(e) A registered guide-outfitter shall document on the hunt record the date the registered guide-outfitter complied with the verbal, or if applicable the written, client communication requirements in (c) and (d) of this section.

(f) The contracting registered-guide outfitter or a noncontracting registered guide-outfitter or class-A assistant guide supervising an assistant guide shall be available in the same guide use area, or an adjacent guide use area with a common border, to direct and monitor the big game hunting services provided to the client, except during times when

- (1) an emergency situation exists that requires the guide's assistance; or
- (2) the contracting registered guide-outfitter or noncontracting registered guide-outfitter or class-A assistant guide supervising the hunt is outside the guide use area or neighboring guide use area while
  - (A) in transit with meat or trophies from that or a neighboring guide use area;
  - (B) in transit with food, supplies, or clients directly associated with conducting guided hunts in that or a neighboring guide use area; or
  - (C) conducting important duties that are essential for completion of current contracted hunts.

(g) *Repealed 7/30/2006.*

(h) In this section, "emergency situation" means a situation in which a person is in a remote area and

(1) is involuntarily experiencing an absence of food, water, shelter, or medical care required to sustain life or health;

- (2) is lost;
- (3) is unable to perform the functions necessary for survival, leading to a high risk of death or serious and permanent health problems without the assistance of the guide; or
- (4) the guide's presence is necessary for a family medical condition.

(i) For purposes of the requirement in AS 08.54.610(e) for supervision of a contracted hunt, and in addition to the requirements of this section, the contracting registered guide-outfitter may plan, direct, and monitor a contracted hunt

- (1) while in the field and present in
  - (A) the same game management unit in which the contracted hunt is taking place;
  - (B) a game management unit adjacent to and sharing a common border with the unit in which the contracted hunt is taking place; or
  - (C) a location that is no further than 50 miles from the nearest boundary of an area or unit described in (A) or (B) of this paragraph; and
- (2) if performing those activities, while in the field and present in a location listed in (1) of this subsection, is practicable; for purposes of this paragraph, planning, directing, and monitoring the contracted hunt is not practicable if the contracting registered guide-outfitter cannot communicate in person, communicate personally by telephone, or communicate personally by radio with the assistant guide, class-A assistant guide, or registered guide-outfitter involved in the contracted hunt.

<b>Authority:</b>	AS 08.54.600	AS 08.54.620	AS 08.54.710
	AS 08.54.610	AS 08.54.630	

**12 AAC 75.250. PARTICIPATION IN A HUNT.** (a) *Repealed 6/2/2011.*

(b) A registered guide-outfitter who contracts to guide a hunt and who is participating in a hunt as required in AS 08.54.630(b)(3) shall be in communication, either personally or through an agent, with the assistant guide, who is in the field with the client, at least once during the hunt if the hunt is longer than five days.

(c) In this section, "communication" includes in-person contact, radio contact, telephone contact, and signaling.

(d) A registered guide-outfitter who contracts to outfit a hunt shall

- (1) before leaving a client in the field, advise the client of the date, time, and location at which the registered guide-outfitter will pick up the client and the course of action the client should follow if the registered guide-outfitter is unable to pick up the client as planned;
- (2) either personally or through a class-A assistant guide, an assistant guide, or a licensed transporter, transport the client into and out of the field at the planned date, time, and location, unless prevented by weather, mechanical problems, or other safety concerns; and
- (3) check on or communicate with a client in the field as agreed to before transporting that client.

<b>Authority:</b>	AS 08.54.600	AS 08.54.620	AS 08.54.710
	AS 08.54.610	AS 08.54.630	

**12 AAC 75.260. REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.** (a) A contracting registered guide-outfitter shall deliver a written contract to the client within 90 days after receipt of a deposit, or before services are provided, whichever is earlier.

(b) A contract must

- (1) include the name, license number, and signature of the guide-outfitter, and must include the name of the guide-outfitter's business if it is different from the name of the individual guide-outfitter;

- (2) include the name and signature of the client;
  - (3) list each big game animal to be hunted, and must identify the primary animal to be hunted;
  - (4) list the approximate times and dates that the client will be in the field;
  - (5) list the number of hunting days and dates for each species, if appropriate;
  - (6) state the cost and payment schedule;
  - (7) state the amount of the trophy fee, if any, and must identify who is responsible for the cost of the license and tags;
  - (8) state the extra transportation cost, if any;
  - (9) include a statement of services provided, including lodging, meals, number of clients per guide, trophy care and shipping, care of meat, and clarification of who is responsible for what;
  - (10) set out the deposit refund or transfer policy upon cancellation;
  - (11) include a statement about compensation for any delay of the client arriving in the field on schedule or for the client departing the field before the contracted hunt ends; and
  - (12) identify who is responsible for private and federal land use fees.
- (c) A registered guide-outfitter shall retain a copy of the contract for at least four years.
- (d) A contracting registered or master guide who is signing the hunt contract, and who intends to apply a client for a drawing hunt permit for a hunt conducted under regulations required under AS 16.05, shall obtain a unique verification code from the department before entering an application for the client. Unique verification codes will only be issued to registered or master guides who are registered in a guide use area located in the hunt area the year the application is made and the years the permit is valid.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.720 AS 08.54.790  
AS 08.54.680

**12 AAC 75.265. GUIDE USE AREA BOUNDARY CHANGES.** (a) The board may propose to amend guide use area boundaries

- (1) on its own motion;
  - (2) upon the recommendation of the Department of Fish and Game; or
  - (3) in response to a petition from another person.
- (b) At least 90 days before the date of a board meeting at which guide use area boundaries changes are proposed, the department will publish, in a newspaper of general circulation, a notice soliciting petitions to propose amendments to guide use area boundaries. To be considered for proposal by the board at the board's next meeting, a petition must be received by the department no later than 60 days after the notice is published.
- (c) If the board proposes to amend guide use area boundaries, the board will mail notice of the proposed amendment to
- (1) each registered guide-outfitter with a valid license who is registered for a guide use area the boundaries of which are proposed for amendment;
  - (2) the Department of Natural Resources;
  - (3) the Department of Fish and Game; and
  - (4) the Department of Public Safety.
- (d) The board may amend guide use area boundaries after considering whether
- (1) the Department of Fish and Game objects to the proposed amendment; and
  - (2) amendment of existing guide use area boundaries is necessary in order to respond to
    - (A) big game conservation and management concerns, including
      - (i) abundance and diversity of big game;
      - (ii) the historical harvest of big game in an area; and
      - (iii) existing administrative boundaries established for wildlife management purposes;
    - (B) law enforcement concerns;
    - (C) land ownership in an area;
    - (D) administrative restrictions;
    - (E) the existence of boundaries that can be readily identified in the field;
    - (F) the accessibility of an area and other transportation considerations;
    - (G) the existence of complementary and noncomplementary land uses within an area;
    - (H) recommendations of the Department of Natural Resources;
    - (I) the existing facilities within the area;
    - (J) any public comment received; and
    - (K) other considerations relevant to the drawing of guide use area boundaries.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.750

**ARTICLE 3.  
PROFESSIONAL ETHICS STANDARDS FOR GUIDES.**

**Section**

- 300. (Repealed)**
- 310. (Repealed)**
- 320. (Repealed)**
- 330. (Repealed)**
- 340. Professional ethics standards for guides**

**12 AAC 75.300. PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE STANDARDS FOR GUIDES.** *Repealed 7/30/2006.*

**12 AAC 75.310. RESPONSIBILITIES OF GUIDES.** *Repealed 7/30/2006.*

**12 AAC 75.320. TRANSPORTING MEAT.** *Repealed 4/6/2001.*

**12 AAC 75.330. DUTIES OF A REGISTERED GUIDE.** *Repealed 4/6/2001.*

**12 AAC 75.340. PROFESSIONAL ETHICS STANDARDS FOR GUIDES.** (a) **Unethical activities.** A master guide-outfitter, registered guide-outfitter, assistant guide, or class-A assistant guide may not participate in an unethical activity that may result in a disciplinary sanction under AS 08.54.710. In this subsection, "unethical activity"

(1) means failing to or being unfit to meet a professional standard of conduct that satisfactorily and safely implements, under field conditions, the knowledge, skills, qualifications, and judgment required for the license held; and

(2) includes

(A) failing to comply with the standards set out in (b) – (f) of this section;

(B) failing to fulfill a condition or requirement established as a disciplinary sanction under AS 08.54.710;

(C) failing to fulfill the supervision, hunt participation, and other requirements of this chapter; and

(D) failing to report to the board, within 30 days after the date of conviction, a conviction in this state, another state, or the United States for a

(i) violation of a state or federal statute or regulation related to hunting;

(ii) violation of a state or federal statute or regulation relating to guiding, outfitting, transportation, or other hunting services; or

(iii) felony;

(E) failing to comply with an order from the board.

(b) **Compliance with law.** All classes of guides shall

(1) comply with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations; and

(2) obtain prior authorization as appropriate before entering or remaining on private, state, or federal land during the course of providing big game hunting services.

(c) **Client and employee care standards.** All classes of guides shall

(1) take every reasonable measure to assure the safety and comfort of the client, including ensuring that during the hunt

(A) adequate supplies are present to provide first aid for injuries that are reasonably expected in the field;

(B) sufficient supplies are present to provide for emergencies, including food, clothing, and a source of heat; and

(C) food and shelter are present that are normally considered satisfactory under field conditions;

(2) avoid intentionally, recklessly, or carelessly exposing an employee or client to undue hazards;

(3) advise clients and employees involved in a hunt of the applicable state and federal statutes and regulations relating to hunting, land use, wildlife, big game hunting services, and conservation;

(4) ensure that the proper hunting licenses, hunt record, game tags, and harvest reports for the big game species being hunted are in the client's possession before the hunt begins;

(5) ensure that the appropriate tags are attached to any game taken by a client and all game is sealed or marked as required by 5 AAC 92;

(6) advise a client before a hunt of the game population in the hunting area; and

(7) provide remuneration in a complete and timely manner of debts or refunds owed to clients or contracting guides, or wages owed to an employee.

(d) **Field craft standards.** All classes of guides shall

(1) use every lawful means at the licensee's disposal to bag a wounded animal while it is in danger of escaping, or, in a serious emergency, while human life or well-being is endangered;

(2) barring unforeseen conditions, properly prepare according to generally accepted procedures, all antlers, horns, hides, and capes to be delivered to the taxidermist or to the client at the conclusion of a hunt in a satisfactory and unspoiled condition, unless the guide is providing only outfitting and transportation services for the client;

(3) endeavor to salvage all meat of animals taken by clients, in accordance with state statutes and regulations;

(4) except for brown bear, grizzly bear, wolves, and wolverine, transport the meat of a big game animal taken by the client in accordance with 5 AAC 92;

(5) respect gear, equipment, food, shelter, and camps established by other users;

(6) avoid staging unused or unattended camps and gear to discourage other users from utilizing a location;

(7) allow appropriate buffer areas between hunters and camps in order to avoid disrupting hunts and hunting experiences;

(8) avoid using an aircraft in any manner to spot big game for the purpose of taking a specific animal, unless

(A) hunting brown, grizzly, or black bears from January 1 through June 30 in an area with an allowable harvest under 5 AAC 85 and 5 AAC 92, of one or more brown or grizzly bears per regulatory year; in this subparagraph, "regulatory year" has the meaning given in 5 AAC 92.990; or

(B) specifically authorized under another statute or regulation;

(9) avoid utilizing, in any manner, global positioning system (GPS) or other electronic devices to assist in the taking of a big game animal; and

(10) respond personally or through an assistant to requests for assistance communicated during the hunt; a contracting or employing guide must respond within a reasonable time based on the urgency of the request, weather conditions, and other safety factors.

(e) **Standards for cooperation with law enforcement officers and for conservation awareness.** All classes of guides shall

(1) cooperate with state or federal law enforcement officers;

(2) provide any information to assist law enforcement or state and federal wildlife officials; and

(3) practice sound wildlife conservation and create an awareness of conservation needs and practices when dealing with the public.

(f) **Standards of professionalism.** A guide

(1) of any class may not make guarantees as to the success of a hunt or the number of animals to be taken on a hunt;

(2) shall provide supervision as required from a guide of that class, and make a good faith effort to make the verbal or, if applicable, the written client communication as required in 12 AAC 75.240;

(3) if permitted to advertise or sell big game hunts under AS 08.54, may not advertise or sell big game hunts to be conducted solely on tidelands; a guide of any class may not provide big game hunting services on tidelands or below mean high water mark in fresh water, except on those tidelands and below mean high water mark lands that are immediately adjacent to uplands on which the guide has authorization to provide big game hunting services; in this paragraph, "tidelands" has the meaning given in AS 38.05.965; and

(4) if permitted to advertise under AS 08.54, may not misrepresent services by false or misleading advertising.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600

AS 08.54.680

AS 08.54.710

#### **ARTICLE 4. TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.**

##### **Section**

**395. Distribution and use of transporter activity reports**

**400. Transporter activity report**

**410. Term of transporter license**

**420. Proof of transporter's financial responsibility**

**430. (Repealed)**

**440. Professional ethics standards for providers of transportation services**

**450. Transporter contract requirements**

**460. Species-specific licensing**

**12 AAC 75.395. DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF TRANSPORTER ACTIVITY REPORTS.** (a) Upon request, the department will issue transporter activity reports to a transporter with a valid license. Once the department issues the activity reports, the board

(1) will consider them to be in the possession of the transporter until they are returned; and

(2) may discipline the transporter under AS 08.54.710(a)(2) if the

(A) transporter loses or misplaces the activity reports, or fails to return them as required under this section or upon the department's request;

(B) activity reports are damaged or destroyed while in the transporter's possession; or

(C) activity reports, while in the transporter's possession, are used in a manner that violates AS 08.54.650, this section, or 12 AAC 75.400.

(b) The transporter activity reports must be used only by the assigned transporter. Transporter activity reports may not be shared.

(c) All copies of a transporter activity report must be completed in accordance with 12 AAC 75.400.

(d) A voided transporter activity report must be returned to the department.

(e) *Repealed 12/2/2012.*

(f) A maximum of 150 transporter activity reports will be issued to a transporter and may be in the transporter's possession at any given time. Additional transporter activity reports may be issued. However, upon a written request and showing of good cause, as determined by the department, a transporter may have more than 150 transporter activity reports assigned and in the transporter's possession.

(g) A transporter who misplaces or loses a transporter activity report shall submit to the department

(1) a notarized statement documenting the loss of the transporter activity report; and

(2) client information not already submitted to the department under 12 AAC 75.400.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.650 AS 08.54.660

**12 AAC 75.400. TRANSPORTER ACTIVITY REPORT.** (a) Each transporter activity report required by AS 08.54.650 must be on a form provided by the department, titled *Transporter Activity Report*, dated October 2012, and adopted by reference. This form is established by the board for review of the information required by AS 08.54.650.

(b) On the day a client is transported, a transporter shall complete or have completed the portions of the transporter activity report that are required to be completed at that time.

(c) Immediately after transporting the client out of the field, the transporter shall complete the applicable remaining portions of the transporter activity report.

(d) The transporter shall make the transporter activity report available for inspection upon request by an agent of the board or department or any state or federal enforcement agent authorized to enforce guiding, game, or game management statutes or regulations.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.660 AS 08.54.760  
AS 08.54.650

**Editor's note:** Copies of the *Transporter Activity Report*, adopted by reference in 12 AAC 75.400, may be obtained from the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, Big Game Commercial Services Board, 333 Willoughby Avenue, Juneau, AK 99801; telephone: (907) 465-2543, website: <http://commerce.alaska.gov/occ/pgui.htm>.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.660 AS 08.54.760  
AS 08.54.650

**12 AAC 75.410. TERM OF TRANSPORTER LICENSE.** A transporter license expires on December 31 of odd-numbered years.

**Authority:** AS 08.01.100 AS 08.54.600

**12 AAC 75.420. PROOF OF TRANSPORTER'S FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.** (a) *Repealed 12/1/2007.*

(b) An applicant for a transporter license shall

(1) certify that the applicant has and will maintain during the licensing period, assets, general liability insurance, or a bond totaling at least a minimum of \$100,000 that will be available for payment of a judgment against the applicant resulting from the applicant's transportation services; and

(2) list the assets, insurance, or bond, including, if applicable,

(A) a description of the assets, their fair market value less any liens, identification of any liens against the assets, and the location of the assets; and

(B) the name of the company issuing the insurance or bond, the policy or bond number, and the amount and type of coverage supplied by the insurance or bond.

(c) A transporter shall notify the department within 10 days of any change to the information reported under (b) of this section.

(d) The department may require additional documentation to substantiate the information provided in (b) of this section before approving an applicant for licensure or license renewal.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.660 AS 08.54.680  
AS 08.54.650

**12 AAC 75.430. PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE STANDARDS FOR PROVIDERS OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.** *Repealed 7/30/2006.*

**12 AAC 75.440. PROFESSIONAL ETHICS STANDARDS FOR PROVIDERS OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.** (a) **Unethical activities.** A transporter, master guide-outfitter, or registered guide-outfitter may not participate in an unethical activity that may result in a disciplinary sanction under AS 08.54.710. In this subsection, "unethical activity"

(1) means failing to or being unfit to meet a professional standard of conduct that satisfactorily and safely implements, under field conditions, the knowledge, skills, qualifications, and judgment required for a transporter; and

(2) includes

(A) failing to comply with the standards set out in (b) – (d) of this section; and

(B) failing to comply with a condition or requirement established as a disciplinary sanction in AS 08.54.710;

(C) failing to comply with an order from the board.

(b) **Compliance with law.** A transporter or registered guide-outfitter providing transportation services shall

(1) comply with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations; and

(2) obtain prior authorization as appropriate before entering or remaining on private, state, or federal lands during the course of providing transportation services.

(c) **Client care and transportation standards.** A transporter or registered guide-outfitter providing transportation services shall

(1) take every reasonable measure to ensure the safety and comfort of the client, including ensuring that while the licensee is providing transportation services

(A) adequate supplies are present to provide first aid for injuries that are reasonably expected while providing transportation services; and

(B) sufficient supplies are present to provide for emergencies, including food, clothing, and a source of heat;

(2) before leaving a client in the field, advise the client of the date, time, and location at which the transporter or registered guide-outfitter will pick up the client and the course of action the client should follow if the transporter or registered guide-outfitter is unable to pick up the client as planned;

(3) transport the client into and out of the field at the planned date, time, and location, unless prevented by weather, mechanical problems, or other safety concerns;

(4) check on or communicate with a client in the field as agreed to before transporting that client;

(5) clearly define rates and services to prospective clients before booking and acceptance of deposits, and shall avoid misleading prospective clients through false or fictitious advertising;

(6) be willing and capable of making financial restitution to a client for any breach of contract owing to no fault of the client;

(7) avoid staging unused or unattended camps and gear to discourage other users from utilizing a location;

(8) endeavor to transport all meat of animals taken by clients, in accordance with state statutes and regulations;

(9) avoid using an aircraft in any manner to spot big game for the purpose of taking a specific animal;

(10) avoid utilizing, in any manner, global positioning system (GPS) or other electronic devices to assist in the taking of a big game animal;

(11) avoid herding, driving, or chasing animals with the use of mechanically powered equipment;

(12) avoid overbooking clients such that the transporter or registered guide-outfitter is unable to take otherwise reasonable measures to ensure the safety and comfort of clients already in the field;

(13) allow appropriate buffer areas between hunters and camps transported by the same service to avoid disrupting hunts and hunt experiences; and

(14) avoid making guarantees as to the success of a hunt or the number of animals to be taken on a hunt.

(d) **Standards for cooperation with law enforcement officers and for conservation awareness.** A transporter or registered guide-outfitter providing transportation services shall

(1) cooperate with state or federal law enforcement officers;

(2) provide any information to assist law enforcement or state and federal wildlife officials; and

(3) practice sound wildlife conservation and create an awareness of conservation needs and practices when dealing with the public.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600  
AS 08.54.710

AS 08.54.720

AS 08.54.790

**12 AAC 75.450. TRANSPORTER CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.** (a) A transporter or a registered guide-outfitter contracting solely to provide transportation services shall deliver a written contract to the client

(1) within 90 days after receipt of a deposit, and before transportation services are provided; or

(2) as soon as possible, and before transportation services are provided, if a deposit is received less than 90 days before transportation services are to be provided.

(b) A written contract to provide transportation services must



(1) include the name, license number, and signature of the transporter or guide-outfitter, and must include the name of the transporter's or guide-outfitter's business if it is different from the name of the individual transporter or guide-outfitter;

(2) include the name and signature of the client;

(3) list each big game animal to be hunted;

(4) state the cost, payment schedule, and specific weight limitation, if any;

(5) set out the deposit refund or transfer policy upon cancellation;

(6) state that services are for transportation only;

(7) state that guide services are not provided;

(8) state that the client is responsible for salvage of the meat during the hunt;

(9) state that the client is responsible for salvage of the meat after the hunt unless the meat is legally transferred to a third party;

(10) identify the methods of communication with the transporter during the time clients are in the field, such as use of a satellite phone, VHF radio, overflight, or signal device;

(11) state who is responsible for the cost of extra trips to transport meat if necessary;

(12) include the following statement: "A licensed transporter may provide transportation services with accommodations only at a permanent lodge, house, or cabin owned by the transporter or on a boat with permanent living quarters located on salt water. A licensed transporter may not accompany or remain in the field with a big game hunter who is a client of the transporter except as necessary to perform transportation services"; and

(13) include the following statement: "A licensed transporter may not provide vehicles, fuel, camping, hunting, or game processing equipment, or any hunting services such as skinning, caping, or cleaning of game, glassing, and packing in the field, including from a permanent structure or on a boat on salt water."

(c) A transporter shall retain a copy of the contract for at least four years.

<b>Authority:</b>	AS 08.54.600	AS 08.54.680	AS 08.54.790
	AS 08.54.650	AS 08.54.720	

**12 AAC 75.460. SPECIES-SPECIFIC LICENSING.** (a) A registered guide-outfitter who was initially licensed on or after July 30, 2006, and who wishes to contract to guide a hunt for sheep, moose, brown bear, mountain goat, or caribou, must have the specific species named on the registered guide-outfitter's license as an authorized species.

(b) To qualify for the species to be added to an existing license, the registered guide-outfitter must submit

(1) a completed application on a form provided by the department; and

(2) an affidavit signed by the registered guide-outfitter certifying that the registered guide-outfitter has been involved in a minimum of three harvests on guided hunts for that species.

<b>Authority:</b>	AS 08.54.600	AS 08.54.610	AS 08.54.740
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## ARTICLE 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

### Section

**900. License renewal**

**910. Failure to file**

**920. Hunting, guiding, and practical experience**

**930. Department request for copy of contract**

**940. Compensation: form and time received**

**990. Definitions**

**12 AAC 75.900. LICENSE RENEWAL.** (a) The license renewal requirements in AS 08.54.660 and 08.54.670 apply to persons licensed under AS 08.54.591 – 08.54.790.

(b) *Repealed 12/1/2007.*

(c) *Repealed 12/1/2007.*

(d) An applicant for renewal of a registered guide-outfitter license must submit

(1) a complete renewal application on a form provided by the department;

(2) the license renewal fees required in 12 AAC 02.230;

(3) if the applicant will contract to guide or outfit a big game hunt during the licensing period for which the applicant is applying, proof of financial responsibility as required in AS 08.54.680(a);

(4) a statement regarding whether the applicant contracted to guide or outfit big game hunts during the concluding licensing period; and

(5) the affidavit required by AS 08.54.660(b).

(e) An applicant for renewal of a transporter license must submit

(1) a complete renewal application on a form provided by the department;

- (2) the license renewal fees required in 12 AAC 02.230;
- (3) proof of financial responsibility as required in AS 08.54.680(a);
- (4) a statement regarding whether the applicant provided transportation services during the concluding licensing period;
- (5) the name of one individual who is responsible for managing the transporter's business activities;
- (6) copies of the Federal Aviation Administration and United States Coast Guard licenses applicable to the applicant's operations;
- (7) the proof required under the applicable provisions of 12 AAC 75.145(b), if the applicant is a corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership; and
- (8) the affidavit required by AS 08.54.660(c).
- (f) An applicant for renewal of a class-A assistant guide or assistant guide license must submit
  - (1) a complete renewal application on a form provided by the department;
  - (2) the license renewal fees required in 12 AAC 02.230; and
  - (3) the names of the guide-outfitters that employed the applicant during the concluding licensing period.
- (g) For the purposes of determining the applicable license renewal fee, the applicant shall state on the application form whether the applicant is a resident.

**Authority:** AS 08.01.100 AS 08.54.660 AS 08.54.670  
AS 08.54.600

**12 AAC 75.910. FAILURE TO FILE.** In AS 08.54.710(a)(2), "failed to file records or reports required under this chapter" includes

- (1) failure to file a record or report timely; or
- (2) submitting a record or report that is substantially incomplete.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.710

**12 AAC 75.920. HUNTING, GUIDING, AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.** (a) The hunting, guiding, or practical field experience required under AS 08.54.610 – 08.54.630 will only be accepted by the board if the applicant's hunting and guiding licenses issued by this state were valid and unencumbered during the time period for which experience is claimed.

(b) For purposes of satisfying the hunting experience requirements in AS 08.54.620 the applicant must document at least 20 days of big game hunting activity in a calendar year in order to receive credit for one year.

(c) For purposes of satisfying the requirements in AS 08.54.630(a)(2), the applicant must document at least 30 days of big game hunting activity in a calendar year in order to receive credit for a year. However, an applicant may also satisfy those requirements by documenting a cumulative total of 60 days of big game hunting activity over a period longer than two years, if for at least 30 of the 60 days the applicant works in a guide camp or under the supervision of a licensed guide while performing guide-related duties. Documented passage of the assistant guide training course described in AS 08.54.630(a)(4)(B) may count for 10 days.

(d) For the purposes of the requirements in AS 08.54.630(a)(4)(A), the written recommendation must be signed by the registered guide-outfitter who intends to employ the person as an assistant guide and must attest to the fact that the applicant meets each of the following criteria:

- (1) has knowledge and experience in the safe operation of firearms;
- (2) has knowledge of guide statutes and regulations and game regulations;
- (3) has knowledge in trophy judging, caping, skinning, butchering, and meat and trophy care;
- (4) has directly participated in the spotting, stalking, and subsequent harvesting of at least three big game animals during a guided hunt in this state;
- (5) has knowledge and experience concerning general safety and emergency protocol.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.610 AS 08.54.630  
AS 08.54.605 AS 08.54.620

**12 AAC 75.930. DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR COPY OF CONTRACT.** Upon opening an investigation or receiving a complaint on behalf of the board, the department may request a copy of the client contract required under AS 08.54.680. The department will make that request in writing, and will identify the name of the client whose contract is being requested. Within 30 days after receiving the request, the registered guide-outfitter or transporter shall provide a copy of the requested contract to the department. The department may extend that deadline by an additional 30 days.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.680

**12 AAC 75.940. COMPENSATION: FORM AND TIME RECEIVED.** For the purposes of “compensation” as defined in AS 08.54.790, “payment for services” includes receiving remuneration, directly or indirectly, for any provision of services, equipment, or facilities in the field to a person who, in fact,

- (1) engages in big game hunting; and
- (2) uses or benefits from the services, equipment, or facilities.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.790

**12 AAC 75.990. DEFINITIONS.** (a) Unless the context requires otherwise, in AS 08.54 and this chapter,

- (1) “board” means the Big Game Commercial Services Board;
- (2) “camp” means a primary base of operations in the field for the hunt;
- (3) “department” means the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development;
- (4) “essential duties associated with guiding and outfitting” includes providing, in compliance with AS 08.54 and this chapter, the services listed in AS 08.54.790(9), (11), and (12).

(b) Unless the context requires otherwise, in this chapter,

- (1) “resident” has the meaning given in AS 16.05.940;
- (2) “specific location” means the name commonly used for a drainage, mountain, lodge, camp, landing strip, or valley that is a documented place name or is commonly used by people frequenting the location.

**Authority:** AS 08.54.600 AS 08.54.620 AS 08.54.710  
AS 08.54.610 AS 08.54.630