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Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

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I am an investigator with the State of Alaska, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (Division) tasked with investigating complaints on behalf of the Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board. I am sending this to all Registered Big Game Guides-Outfitters registered for Guide Use Area (GUA 13-2).

Our office has received numerous complaints regarding interfering and obstructing hunts, violating buffer zones, using aircraft to herd animals, failing to respect the gear and equipment of others and numerous other acts that would constitute Unlawful Acts as prescribed in AS 08.54.720(a).

As of the date of this letter, there are 20 guides-outfitters registered for GUA 13-2, and there are only a few viable locations for registered guides to provide a quality sheep hunts; not to mention the many safety concerns. I must implore you to be conscientious of your neighbors and remind you that any unprofessional or unethical conduct could reflect poorly upon the professional hunting community and have impact not only in our state but within the international hunting community. I ask that you as Licensed Professionals assist in achieving that goal by being professional and ethical in your operation.

This Division will seek the maximum sanctions for any violation proven to be true. This letter also serves as a reminder that you must always comply with the provisions of AS 08.54 and 12 AAC 75 when providing Big Game Commercial services or when licensed in accordance with AS 08.54.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, I can be reached at (907) 269-7646.

Cordially,

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