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To Board of Game Members regarding Proposal 146

Thank-you for taking the time to read my comments on this proposal.

I would like to refer to proposal 81 that you took up at your last meeting regarding Guide/Client Agreements. This proposal was to address specifically the drawing of DS102 & 103. I realize the board passed part of this proposal but deferred the Guide/Client Agreement portion to be discussed at this meeting under #146. I served on the Big Game Commercial Services board subcommittee regarding this issue. The committee worked up a very good solution to the ongoing problem of Guide/Client Agreements. This requires the BOG to pass the solution. At this meeting we had representatives from Occupational Licensing, the Governor's office and Department of Law. We heard great solutions how the Department of Commerce BGCS can work with ADFG to make the agreements enforceable.

I urge each of you to realize that in cases like this the ADFG & the BGCS must work hand in hand for the best solution for the state. I realize each of you take a huge portion of your life to serve on the states boards. With the growing competition to hunt the animals of our great state, these kinds of regulations must pass to better serve the out-of-state hunter, the guides, and the residents of Alaska. This regulation would put the burden of enforcement in the hands of BGCS, which will force guides to comply with the already established regulations that require the guide to be registered for the area before advertising they hunt this area. This is very important to solve the confusion of who is legal to hunt an area where guides are required to hunt that species.

As a former BOG member with a deep compassion for the resident hunter & the concern of new guides not being properly licensed, this regulation will help greatly the need of both boards to have a conservation approach to Alaska's resources.

Thank you so much for taking the time to serve on the board and listen to my comments. Best to your decision making process.

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