

**ALASKA BOARD OF GAME
98-127-BOG**

Resolution concerning commercial guiding activities in Alaska

WHEREAS, the Board of Game is given authority to manage Alaska's wildlife resources by the state legislature, through establishment of seasons, bag limits, and the regulation of methods and means, and

WHEREAS, the board has received requests and concerns from guides and the public regarding the uncontrolled increase of commercial guiding, outfitting, and transporting activities and the negative impact that these activities have on game resources and hunt conditions, and


WHEREAS, the board does not have regulatory authority to limit the number of guides, transporters, and their clients, and no agency exists with the ability to act on these requests, and

WHEREAS, in the past these issues were dealt with by the Commercial Guide and Services Board, which has been decommissioned by the legislature, and

WHEREAS, continued conflict involving this issue may result in restrictions placed by federal land owners that will shift the pressure to state lands and will result in further user conflict in areas that are deemed to be crowded.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Game requests that the legislature reinstate the Big Game Commercial Services Board or delegate authority over guides, outfitters, and transporters to an existing board or agency.

ADOPTED DATE: October 26, 1998
Ketchikan, Alaska



Lori Quakenbush, Chairman
Alaska Board of Game

VOTE: 7-0