POSITION STATEMENT ADDRESSING THE "DAYS IN THE FIELD" REQUIREMENT FOR INITIAL REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER APPLICATIONS

- **1. SUBJECT:** Administration policy for accounting of "time in field" for a registered guide outfitter application as required under 12 AAC 75.100 (d)(1),
- **2. APPLICABILITY:** This policy applies to initial applications for guide-outfitter licensure.

3. STATUTES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTED:

12 AAC 75.100. APPLICATION FOR REGISTERED GUIDE-OUTFITTER 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

4. INTENT: To provide an accurate method for accounting of "days in the field" for the divisions and licensees.

5. POSITION: Days in the field shall be accounted by using historical hunt records in which the applicant was reported as an Assistant guide or Class-A assistant Guide. For each hunt record, the total number of days detailed under Section 4. "Dates Client was in the field" shall qualify. Not more than 1 day of practical experience will be awarded for the same calendar day.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS: Although there are numerous methods which can be articulated as experience, the board should consider the 125-day requirement as the minimum. Broader exemptions could warrant an increase in the requirement, include additional ambiguity and undermine the efficiency of administration.