STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BIG GAME COMMERICAL SERVICES BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING March 15-17, 2011

By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and AS 08.86.030 and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62 Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was held March 15-18, 2011 in Fairbanks, Alaska, UAF Wood Center.

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Item 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was called to order by Paul Johnson, Chair, at 8:30 a.m. Members present and constituting a quorum were:

Brenda Rebne, Private Landholder
Paul Johnson, Registered Guide-Outfitter, Chair
Robert Mumford, Public Member
Kelly Vrem, Master Guide-Outfitter
Karen Polley, Public Member
Ted Spraker, Board of Game
Leif Wilson, Transporter, Vice-Chair

Raymond Stoney and Dirk Nickisch were absent.

Present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

Karl Marx, Licensing Examiner Cori Hondolero, Records and Licensing Supervisor Lee Strout, Investigations

Present from State and Federal Agencies were:

Brian Anderson, USFWS
Chris Hanson, USFS
Clark Cox, Natural Resource Manager, Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)
Valerie Baxter, DNR
Lt. Bernard Chastain, Public Safety

Present from the public were:

Steve Perrins, Master Guide-Outfitter #123 Gary Lareux, Registered Guide-Outfitter #629 Tim Buechle, Assistant Guide #6618 Brent Keith, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1015 Wayne Kubat, Master Guide-Outfitter #147 "Smokey" Don Duncan, Master Guide-Outfitter #136 Dick Rohrer, Master Guide-Outfitter #69 Loren Karro, Registered Guide-Outfitter #941 Dan Montgomery, Master Guide-Outfitter #173 Bob Summers, Assistant Guide #7157 Ralph Miller, Master Guide-Outfitter #169 Nate Turner, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1036 Tony Lee, Master Guide-Outfitter #105 Henry Tiffany, Master Guide-Outfitter #144 Ben Holbrook, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1233 Jim Weidner, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1004 Tom Kirstein, Master Guide-Outfitter #98 John Erickson, Master Guide-Outfitter #37 Jim Kedrowski, Master Guide-Outfitter #186 Virgil Umphenour, Master Guide-Outfitter #151 Chris Zwolinski, Master Guide-Outfitter #145 Debra Curnow, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1285 Gary Wall, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1182 Lola Hannon, Assistant Guide #4425 Lance Kronberger, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1156 Ken Lamb, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1241 Brian Simpson, Master Guide-Outfitter #152 Clint Mayeur, Registered Guide-Outfitter #666 Patrick McGinty, Assistant Guide #4180

Item 2. Review/Amend Agenda

Mr. Paul Johnson, Chair, asked if Board members had had a chance to review the proposed agenda and make any revisions. Mr. Johnson asked to add an update from Ted Spraker and the Board of Game after the Ethics Disclosure instead of subcommittee updates.

Board members briefly introduced themselves.

Item 3. Ethics Disclosure

The Board had no ethics violations to report. Mr. Vrem did disclose that he held a seat on the Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA) Board but sees no conflict.

Mr. Johnson verified that new Board members had watched the Ethics Training Video at http://www.law.state.ak.us/doclibrary/ethics.html.

Mr. Spraker gave an update on the recent Board of Game meeting.

Item 5. State & Federal Agency Testimony

A. Public Safety

- Lt. Bernard Chastain from Wildlife Troopers, stationed at their headquarters in Anchorage and their representative to this Board. Lt. Chastain stated that he had little to brief but was open to any questions, and would be present for much of the Board meeting.
- Lt. Chastain was able to discuss some recent decisions on the Kurt Lepping case since it is now public knowledge. The recent complication is that Mr. Lepping attempted to transfer an aircraft to his mother to avoid seizure for violations. Judge has ruled as still forfeit.

B. US Fish & Wildlife Service

Brian Anderson, refuges permit coordinator for district seven, reported that there are 16 National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska, and 59 guides currently hold 111 permits. 96 of these permits will expire 12/31/13 which will end a ten year cycle of opening them to competition. They plan to open the application bids from August 2011 until February 2012. They plan to notify all applicants by the end of 2012. Each big game guide in Alaska will receive a notice. Refuge managers have final decision on the board reviewed applications and will conduct interviews. They plan to have better maps and online applications.

Mr. Anderson had a prepared map to help eliminate the need for registration of a 4th guide use area (GUA) by aligning boundaries. This would make it easier for them as well. The Kodiak refuge is proposing to eliminate KOD6 sliver which does not even have appropriate access. It would be combined with KOD4 which would create a conflict with GUA 08-01 and 08-25, which he suggests the Board adjust. Mr. Johnson explained that these proposed changes would have to be voted on at a later teleconference due to 12 AAC 75.265. Mr. Johnson went on to ask about long term agreements with refuges to help coordinate boundaries in the future. Mr. Anderson stated that the refuge managers are also interested in settling these boundaries and possibly accepting a letter of agreement with Board. Mr. Johnson also asked that the review committee keep in mind the weighting of violations discussed by the violations subcommittee when scoring a prospectus.

Dick Rohrer spoke through the Chair to ask if USF&W had any plans to change the number of areas that guides can apply for. No, they are still restricted to three. Virgil Umphenour asked if there was a process to change the panel criteria or add a face-to-face interview with the applicant. No, there are no plans at this point to change either but he can write the regional director. "Smokey" Don Duncan suggested leaving the limits open on refuge lands for predator control and migrations to help with management. Mr. Anderson stated that the first thing to do is to contact the refuge manager to make use recommendations like this. Mr. Spraker asked about staggering prospectus bids. Mr. Anderson stated that twenty years ago that was the plan but that at that time the industry insisted on all permits be for the same

length of time and staggering is happening slowly due to early drop outs. He went on to say that they would like the prospectus bids more staggered to make a steady work load. Nate Turner asked if this was a good time to discuss changes such as harvest numbers. Yes, it is.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Rohrer and Mr. Anderson to move the maps to the back room for proposed boundary changes. He stated that the public notice was intended to be broad enough to include any USF&W boundary corrections.

C. US Forest Service

Chris Hanson, special agent for the USFS primarily on the Tongass National Forest, stated that Bill Trembly was not able to attend this meeting. He began by extending his agencies support for the transporter use area registrations. In recent years they have seen quite a growth in that segment of the industry. In their opinion, they do not feel that all operators fit the intent of what a transporter is supposed to do. He hopes that this registration will give them a better picture of this industry and what impact they have in the Tongass.

Mr. Hanson stated that he has had difficulty with prosecution being able to take action on classes of guide licenses acquired under fraudulent conditions. After speaking with Kevin Saxby he suggested looking at the wording on hunting licenses to help make these cases easier to act on.

Mr. Johnson asked if he was supporting transporter area registration for just the Tongass or also the Chugiak. Mr. Hanson answered that all marine based transporters being registered would help, so both the Tongass and Chugiak. Mr. Johnson stated that he understood that there would be a case presented to the Board where someone obtained a license under fraudulent conditions, and he recommended that Mr. Hanson sit in to see the current process.

Mr. Wilson asked if they were accessing the transporter activity reports online database. Mr. Hanson stated that he is using this database from time to time but the USFS as an agency is not regularly using this database. The transporter use area registration would help quite a bit since it will help them see shifts in intended usage well in advance. From an enforcement aspect this information would help them use their limited patrol resources better. Mr. Johnson asked Lt. Chastain to join the discussion since they often work together. Lt. Chastain agrees that registering transporter use areas would help Wildlife troopers too.

Mr. Spraker asked why prosecutors are hesitant to take these cases on. Mr. Hanson was unable to discuss this in a public forum but was willing to do so in executive session.

Mr. Johnson asked what size units would be useful. Mr. Hanson stated that anything larger than a game management unit would be too vague but something as small as a guide use area would be too cumbersome. Mr. Johnson reminded the public that Board members are seeking statutory changes including being able to charge for each registration.

9:48 a.m. The Board recessed for mike and phone repairs, 10:12 a.m. The Board reconvened.

Mr. Johnson reviewed some proposed statute changes and asked a subcommittee, under Wayne Kubat, to discuss this while the Board goes into executive session.

D. Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Clark Cox with the Division of Mining, Land and Water Began with an update on the proposed concession program. DNR received \$120,000.00 July 2010 to travel and study this proposal. They are preparing a request for proposal (RFP) to pay for an independent contractor to analyze the program and comments. They received a couple offers and should know more about this in a few days. He recommended checking the website for updates. The current implementation timeline is to mail prospectus packets January 2013. Their next big step is to get the written decision out by June 2011 and then take another round of public comments. A couple of weeks ago they had a meeting with Alaska Department of Fish & Game as well as Department of Law, who were still very supportive.

Mr. Cox stated that DNR staff brought two sets of maps available for the public noticed map boundary project.

Mr. Spraker complimented DNR and ADF&G on their cooperation at that recent meeting. He recalled that ADF&G offered staff to help. Mr. Cox stated that sharing staff had not been fully approved yet. Mr. Spraker asked why the funding is not forthcoming from the Legislature since it is only bridge money and the program will be self funding. Mr. Cox reminded the Board that DNR also needs staff positions.

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Cox to keep tight control on any boundary changes until the amendments become official. Mr. Johnson gave instructions to subcommittees.

Item 6. <u>Investigative Review</u>

Lee Strout from Investigations suggested going into executive session before any discussion about cases at 10:30 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Mumford, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to adjourn into Executive Session under the authority of AS 44.62.310, to hear 6. Investigative Review.

12:04 p.m. The Board returned from executive session and adjourned for lunch. 1:12 p.m. The Board returned.

After reviewing information provided by staff regarding case #2011-000103, the Board conducted a roll call vote.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Mumford, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement in #2011-000103.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO
Brenda Rebne	X	
Paul Johnson	X	
Bob Mumford	X	
Kelly Vrem	X	
Karen Polley	X	
Ted Spraker	X	
Leif Wilson	X	

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Mr. Wilson stated that this appears to be a reasonable agreement with Chris A. Carr who has agreed to take care of his client contracts, pay a substantial fine, and accept two years probation.

After reviewing information provided by staff regarding case #2011-000168, the Board conducted a roll call vote.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Mumford, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement in #2011-000168.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO	
Brenda Rebne	X		
Paul Johnson	X		
Bob Mumford	X		
Kelly Vrem	X		
Karen Polley	X		
Ted Spraker			ABSTAIN
Leif Wilson	X		

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Mr. Mumford stated that this agreement with transporter Bill Bondietti dba Timberline Outfitters and Packers seems reasonable since he turned himself in. Mr. Spraker stated that he would abstain since he personally knew Mr. Bondietti and had been in his camp.

After reviewing information provided by staff regarding case #2010-001234, the Board conducted a roll call vote.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Mumford, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement in #2010-001234.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO	
Bob Mumford	X		
Kelly Vrem	X		
Karen Polley	X		
Ted Spraker	20		ABSTAIN
Leif Wilson	X		
Brenda Rebne	X		
Paul Johnson	X		

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Mr. Spraker stated that he has worked with this individual, Thomas M. Kruger, so he will abstain. Mr. Mumford stated that he felt the fines were appropriate.

After reviewing information provided by staff regarding case #2010-001239, the Board conducted a roll call vote.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Mumford, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the consent agreement in #2010-001239.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO	
Leif Wilson	X		
Brenda Rebne	X		
Paul Johnson	X		
Bob Mumford	X		
Kelly Vrem	X		
Karen Polley	X		
Ted Spraker			ABSTAIN

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Mr. Spraker stated that he has worked with this individual, Mark A. Kruger, doing bear guarding, so he will abstain. Mr. Mumford stated that he felt the fines were appropriate.

After reviewing information provided by staff regarding case #1704-07-007, the Board conducted a roll call vote.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Mumford, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the license surrender in #1704-07-007.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO
Karen Polley	X	
Ted Spraker	X	
Leif Wilson	X	
Brenda Rebne	X	
Paul Johnson	X	
Bob Mumford	X	
Kelly Vrem	X	

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Mr. Mumford stated that he planned to vote yes in this trespass case where Annette M. Talerico surrendered her license.

After reviewing information provided by staff regarding case #1706-10-001, the Board conducted a roll call vote.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Mumford, seconded by Ms. Rebne, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the court ordered license revocation in #1706-10-001.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO		
Kelly Vrem	X			
Karen Polley	X			
Ted Spraker	X			
Leif Wilson	X			
Brenda Rebne	X			
Paul Johnson			ABST	AIN
Bob Mumford	X			

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Mr. Johnson began by reclosing himself completely from all discussion, voting, and handling of this case since he was asked to participate in the court sentencing. Mr. Wilson as vice

chair administered this case. Mr. Mumford stated that revoking Kurt Lepping's license had taken a long time and a lot of resources to resolve.

Before going into public comment Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Cox if any progress had been made on the definition of permanent in GMU 9. Mr. Cox pointed out that since this definition could affect more than just DNR lands, he could not set and enforce a policy on this Board's regulations. They both agreed to continue working on this.

Item 7. Public Comment

Dick Rohrer, Master guide-outfitter 69

Mr. Rohrer asked that Board members reference page 16 of the statutes & regulations 12 AAC 75.210(c)(1). He stated that this is causing guides and staff a fair amount of aggravation with hunt records returned for the wrong dates. He suggested that the regulation needs to be changed, the hunt records need changed, or that the Board needs to direct staff to not return hunt records that just have the wrong dates. Mr. Johnson reminded him that there are a lot of hunt records already in circulation but staff expects to update them. Mr. Johnson asked Lt. Chastain if he had any problems with what Mr. Rohrer suggested. Lt. Chastain did not think that this would be a problem but he would work with Mr. Rohrer later to make sure.

Mr. Rohrer asked if the Board could give DNR staff authority to make minor adjustments to boundary lines. Mr. Johnson asked staff to coordinate getting Kevin Saxby on the conference phone later to check on this idea.

Robert Fithian, Master Guide-Outfitter 126

Mr. Fithian gave an update on Alaska Professional Hunters Association, Inc. (APHA) issues and activities. He suggested making long term goals for the guide and transporter industry out 25 and 50 years. Mr. Spraker complimented Mr. Fithian's work in coordinating different agencies and especially predator control and other conservation based programs.

Jim Kedrowski, Master Guide-Outfitter 186

Mr. Kedrowski spoke about his concerns over the DNR concession fees which he estimates at totaling about \$10,000.00. Mr. Spraker stated that while there are a lot of things to still work out he feels that this is the best long term program for the industry.

Mr. Kedrowski suggested raising the guide experience standard from only 125 days in the field to 3-5 years and possibly limiting first year contracting guides to only one guide use area (GUA). Mr. Johnson explained that the Board cannot stop issuing new or non-resident licenses then asked if this suggestion was intended to raise the guide standards or limit the number of guides. Mr. Kedrowski stated that his concerns came from dealing with new guides.

Dick Rohrer, Master guide-outfitter 69

Mr. Rohrer stated that after speaking with Lt. Chastain he now understands that it is very important to enforcement that they know how long the client was in the field so

guides will just need to learn to fill the hunt records out correctly. He went on to say that if the dates are wrong they should still be entered and filed with the guide accepting any consequences if they are questioned by enforcement later. Enforcement would rather see the original hunt record than one with corrected dates. Mr. Johnson asked Ms. Hondolero to speak with the Director to coordinate this.

Item 8. Seminars

Mr. Johnson introduced the seminar program and instructed the Board to stand at ease while they were presented. He asked Mr. Marx to lay out attendance sign in sheets.

Item 4. Subcommittees

Wayne Kubat gave an update from the supervision subcommittee and their support for statute changes. The subcommittee suggested about a \$250.00 GUA registration fee and \$100.00 predator control area fee. Mr. Kubat also reminded the Board that changing AS 08.54.610(d) to allow a registered guide to act as a class-A assistant even in GMUs that they are not certified for was missed on the list of proposed statute changes. Mr. Kubat invited anyone else who would like to participate in this subcommittee to sign up.

Nate Turner and Henry Tiffany gave an update on the master guide-outfitter standards and assistant guide examination subcommittee. They presented a written list of suggestions. Mr. Mumford asked about using the online hunter safety test as an assistant guide application requirement. Mr. Turner was hesitant to discard the ten questions which Lt. Chastain had provided for common violations. Mr. Johnson stated that he would love to see master guide candidates host seminars like today.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m. until Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 16, 2011

Item 9. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was called to order by Mr. Johnson, Chair at 8:30 a.m. Members present constituting a quorum were:

Brenda Rebne, Private Landholder
Paul Johnson, Registered Guide-Outfitter, Chair
Robert Mumford, Public Member
Kelly Vrem, Master Guide-Outfitter
Dirk Nickisch, Transporter (arrived 8:39 a.m.)
Karen Polley, Public Member
Ted Spraker, Board of Game
Leif Wilson, Transporter, Vice-Chair

Raymond Stoney was absent.

Present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

Karl Marx, Licensing Examiner Cori Hondolero, Records and Licensing Supervisor Lee Strout, Investigations

Present from the Department of Law (telephonically) was:

Kevin Saxby, Assistant Attorney General

Present from State and Federal Agencies was:

Brian Anderson, USFWS
Chris Hanson, USFS
Clark Cox, Natural Resource Manager, Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR)
Valerie Baxter, DNR
Lt. Bernard Chastain, Public Safety

Present from the public were:

Tim Buechle, Assistant Guide #6618 Bob Summers, Assistant Guide #7157 Ralph Miller, Master Guide-Outfitter #169 Erik Salitan, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1273 Jim Weidner, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1004 Tony Lee, Master Guide-Outfitter #105 Loren Karro, Registered Guide-Outfitter #941 Dan Montgomery, Master Guide-Outfitter #73 Jim Kedrowski, Master Guide-Outfitter #186 Gary Wall, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1182 Chris Zwolihski, Master Guide-Outfitter #144 Ben Holbrook, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1233 Jeff Matney, Assistant Guide #6638 Brent Keith, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1015 Wayne Kubat, Master Guide-Outfitter #147 Nate Turner, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1036 Steve Perrins, Master Guide-Outfitter #123 Henry Tiffany, Master Guide-Outfitter #144 Clint Mayeur, Registered Guide-Outfitter #666 Aaron Bloomquist, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1259 Tom Kirstein, Master Guide-Outfitter #98 Mel Gillis, Registered Guide-Outfitter #222 Lola Hannon, Assistant Guide #4425 Debra Curnow, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1285 Lance Kronberger, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1150 Dave Leonard, Master Guide-Outfitter #81

Brian Simpson, master Guide-Outfitter #152 Merrill McGahan, Assistant Guide #4851 "Smokey" Don Duncan, Master Guide-Outfitter #136

Item 10.Board Discussion

A. Definition of "permanent" camps in GMU 9

Mr. Marx initiated a conference call with Kevin Saxby for some Board questions.

Mr. Johnson asked if new Board member Kelly Vrem should step down from APHA board of directors. Mr. Saxby suggested that he step down.

Mr. Johnson asked about permanent camps in GMU 9 and how to define it for DNR. Mr. Saxby suggested changing "permanent" to "permitted". Valerie Baxter stated that nothing is considered permanent on DNR land. Mr. Saxby suggested either changing the regulation or adding a definition to regulation but changing the wording of 12 AAC 75.340(d)(7). Ms. Rebne clarified that guides camping adjacent to a lodge on private lands would still have to remain at least two miles away. Ms. Baxter stated that DNR cannot enforce this regulation but they are willing to inform guides of the regulations and location of known permitted camps.

Mr. Johnson asked if it is legal for a client to give power of attorney to sign hunt records. Mr. Saxby stated that a similar question came up on a board of game issue and it was decided that in Alaska a client can give power of attorney to a guide to sign the hunt record.

Mr. Johnson asked if the Board could give DNR's cartographers authority to make minor boundary changes when they come to light. Mr. Saxby stated that the Board will have to go through the regulatory process each time.

B. Amend/Adopt December 7-9, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adopt the December 7-9, 2010 minutes with Mr. Mumford seconding. Mr. Johnson asked if there were any amendments or deletions. Mr. Johnson asked for a unanimous consent to adopt the minutes as written. Seeing no objections the minutes were adopted.

C. Amend/Adopt January 21, 2011 Board Teleconference Minutes

Mr. Wilson made a motion to adopt the January 21, 2011 teleconference minutes with Mr. Mumford seconding. Mr. Johnson asked if there were any amendments or deletions. Ms. Polley's name spelling was corrected. Mr. Johnson asked for a unanimous consent to adopt the minutes as written. Seeing no objections the minutes were adopted. Note that Ms. Polley and Mr. Vrem abstained since they were not yet members of the Board.

D. Budget Report

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Rohrer to speak for continuity purposes. Mr. Rohrer suggested keeping an eye on the hearing expenses line item. With Board consent, Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Rohrer to help Ms. Polley assume the budget monitoring.

E. E-mail votes and notices procedures

Mr. Marx from staff emphasized how critical timely votes were to new applicants and asked what method would work best for Board members. He warned Board members that there was often a rush around August. There was a discussion about employing guides being made more aware of any investigative delays. Ms. Rebne questioned the cost of processing an applicant with a history of violations who has to go through the investigative process. Mr. Vrem and Mr. Wilson stated that e-mail was still the best way to contact them but Mr. Wilson and Mr. Nickisch went on to say that August was extremely busy for them. Mr. Nickisch asked about only voting on applications that the Board can actually take actions on. Mr. Marx reminded the Board that some minor violations such as ten year old DUIs no longer require a Board vote which has helped reduce them somewhat. Mr. Johnson reminded the Board that they do have the ability to table some applications which can be returned to investigations for a consent agreement.

After some discussion Mr. Johnson asked staff to add a section in the Field Guide "How to make an assistant guide" and include "recommend reviewing the assistant's application and background checks."

F. Correspondence

Mr. Johnson commented that there were two pieces of correspondence; one said that the Board should issue licenses to everyone and one that says the Board needs to stop issuing licenses, especially non-residents.

G. Adding big game animal to the caping video regulation.

Mr. Marx stated that staff would like some regulatory backing when registered guide-outfitter candidates do not want to bother caping a big game animal for their video. Mr. Johnson asked how serious this issue was to proctors and several agreed that it was difficult to score small animals. Mr. Johnson agreed to set aside time later if any Board member wanted to propose that this change to 12 AAC 75.110(a)(1)(D) be public noticed.

E. Set dates and locations for upcoming meetings and examinations

Mr. Marx explained that in accordance with 12 AAC 75.265 the Board would have to hold a teleconference around June 15th to adopt any map boundary changes. Board members asked that staff contact them closer to this date to coordinate a date.

Mr. Marx explained that the board of fisheries seems to have scheduled the Coast International Inn for the week of December 6th and asked the Board if it was more important to keep the same site and move the dates one week or look for a new location December 6-

9, 2011. Due to other meetings the Board asked to put the location out to bid for December 6-9, 2011. Wasilla was ruled out due to the added expense of renting cars for attendees flying into Anchorage and the lack of smoking rooms at the motels.

Due to correspondence the GMU examination dates were set for June 10 and September 2, 2011. The Board asked to be scheduled for the UAF Wood Center March 13-16, 2012 to take advantage of spring break again.

10:10 a.m. The Board went on break 10:22 a.m. The Board reconvened.

Item 11. Application Review

- 1. Mark Gilles, Assistant guide applicant without Yes answer
- 2. Dwayne Magnuson, Registered guide exam with Yes answer
- 3. Steven Whitney Assistant guide applicant with Yes answer
- 4. Virgil Umphenour, Portion of a 4th GUA

After reviewing information provided by staff regarding the assistant guide license application for Mark R. Gilles, the Board conducted a roll call vote.

Mr. Johnson questioned applicant's harvest of a two year old goat and his guide's letter of recommendation citing that he is an excellent judge of trophies. There was a discussion concerning the need for an applicant to personally harvest a big game animal in Alaska.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Mumford, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the application for licensure as an assistant guide for Mark R. Gilles.

Roll Call Vote

YES	NO
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THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

After reviewing information provided by staff regarding the application for the registered guide-outfitter examinations for Dwayne D. Magnusson the Board conducted a roll call vote.

Mr. Wilson stated that this looks like an isolated problem in Texas. Mr. Mumford stated that he has no problem with this application.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Mumford, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve the application for taking the registered guide-outfitter examinations for Dwayne D. Magnusson.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO
Brenda Rebne	X	
Paul Johnson	X	
Bob Mumford	X	
Kelly Vrem	X	
Dirk Nickisch	X	
Karen Polley	X	
Ted Spraker	X	
Leif Wilson	X	

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

After reviewing information provided by staff regarding Steven Whitney's application for an assistant guide license the Board conducted a roll call vote.

Mr. Wilson stated that he would like to see this application tabled and sent back for more investigation and possibly a consent agreement and probation due to a variety of incidents over quite a time period. Mr. Wilson amended his motion to table and Mr. Mumford seconded. Mr. Mumford stated that this applicant's long history of serious offenses including a reduced felony should be sent back to investigations.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Spraker, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to table the application for assistant guide for Steven Whitney.

Roil Cail Vote

NAME	YES	NO
Kelly Vrem	X	
Karen Polley	X	
Ted Spraker	X	
Dirk Nickisch	X	
Leif Wilson	X	
Brenda Rebne	X	
Paul Johnson	Х	

Bob Mumford X

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Item 10. Board Discussion (Continued)

Mr. Johnson suggested that rather than trying to get all the Board back together to deal with this and three other similar applicants, he would like to designate two Board members to approve these consent agreements instead of a mail vote. Seeing no objections he asked for two volunteers. Mr. Vrem and Ms. Polley were assigned this task and would coordinate this farther with Lee Strout.

Mr. Spraker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Rebne, to change the caping regulation to specify a big game animal.

Mr. Mumford asked if this motion would exclude big game animals from other states. Mr. Spraker answered that this would include big game from any state.

12 AAC 75.110(a)(1)(D) caping <u>a big game</u> animal; for this portion of the examination, the applicant must provide a visual recording of the applicant caping <u>a big game</u> animal; and

On a motion duly made by Mr. Spraker, seconded by Ms. Rebne, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to public notice the addition of "big game" to the caping instructions in 12 AAC 75.110(a)(1)(D)

Roli Cali Vote

NAME	YES	NO
Bob Mumford	X	
Kelly Vrem	X	
Karen Polley	X	
Ted Spraker	X	
Leif Wilson	X	
Brenda Rebne	X	
Paul Johnson	X	
Dirk Nickisch	X	

THE MOTION FAILED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Ms. Rebne asked about making a motion to require guides to review assistant guide applications and background checks before they are submitted. Ms. Rebne specified that the motion was to require a recommending guide check that they have reviewed the application on the letter of recommendation. Ms. Polley seconded. After discussion with Lt.

Chastain, staff, and other Board members. Ms. Rebne and Ms. Polley withdrew their motion.

11:11 a.m. The Board stood down to work in committee on the definition of "permanent." 12:02 p.m. The Board reconvened to break for lunch. 1:16 p.m. The Board reconvened.

Item 12. Public Comment

"Smokey" Don Duncan, Master guide-outfitter 136

Mr. Duncan objected to the DNR GUA concession plan since it is neither based on revenue for the state or resource conservation. He prefers that the board of game manage the resources. He supports restitution regulations. Supports changing the statutes from "shall" to "may." Mr. Johnson asked if Mr. Duncan saw anything lately that the Board had done that was bad. Mr. Duncan answered no, but he is concerned about future trends.

Virgil Umphenour, Master Guide-Outfitter 151

Mr. Umphenour spoke about administrative errors which can label a guide as a criminal under Unlawful Acts AS 08.54.720(a)(8). He supports the statute change from "shall" to "may." He discussed the three strikes rule. He considers a consent agreement a form of extortion over administrative errors where you have no chance to present your case to a judge or the Board. Mr. Spraker stated that he is sympathetic to administrative errors but asked what should be done about administrative errors since the data still has to be collected. Mr. Umphenour suggested a warning for first offense followed by a standard \$50.00 fine.

Jim Kedrowski, Master Guide-Outfitter 186

Mr. Kedrowski wanted to correct the DNR concession fees that he quoted yesterday after speaking with DNR staff. It will still cost a lot more money. He asked if there was a way for recommending guides to see the background checks and have the option to withdraw their recommendation. He asked about putting all new assistant guides on a two year probation so that the Board can more easily act on a license. He shared a story about hiring a very inexperienced non-resident assistant guide who had been recommended by another guide. Mr. Mumford asked for a show of hands of how many guides were in favor of the DNR concession plan. More than half raised their hand. Mr. Johnson stated that he thinks the Board is very concerned about high use fees. Mr. Johnson stated that any remunerations back to the state are already covered by the high non-resident license and tag fees. Mr. Vrem suggested that DNR concessions should be roughly the same as federal fees. Ms. Polley was concerned about the paperwork burden that an automatic probation and evaluation would create for the staff and costs to all licensees. Mr. Spraker stated that he hoped that the DNR concession program would never be seen as a money making deal. Mr. Spraker suggested allowing staff to contact recommending guides about difficult assistant guide applications.

Wayne Kubat, Master Guide-Outfitter 147

Mr. Kubat stated that he is rethinking the \$250.00 GUA registration fee that he suggested yesterday as being a little too high. He reminded the Board that the Board did mention adding a registered guide being able to act as a class-A anywhere in the state. He also suggested allowing guides to hunt wolves while clients are in the field. He also admitted to worrying about paperwork violations, and complimented the Board's work on statute changes so far. Mr. Johnson suggested that when someone is losing sleep over regulations that they should jot down some suggestions for the Board.

Item 8. Seminars (Continued)

Mr. Johnson instructed the Board to stand at ease while the next round of seminars were presented.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m. until Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Item 14. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting of the Big Game Commercial Services Board was called to order by Mr. Johnson, Chair, at 8:30 a.m. Members present and constituting a quorum were:

Kelly Vrem, Master Guide-Outfitter Karen Polley, Public Member Ted Spraker, Board of Game Dirk Nickisch, Transporter Leif Wilson, Transporter, Vice-Chair Brenda Rebne, Private Landholder Paul Johnson, Registered Guide-Outfitter, Chair Robert Mumford, Public Member

Raymond Stoney was absent.

Present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

Karl Marx, Licensing Examiner Cori Hondolero, Records and Licensing Supervisor Lee Strout, Investigations

Present from State and Federal Agencies were:

Valerie Baxter, DNR Brian Anderson, USFWS Chris Hanson, USFS

Present from the Admin Law (telephonically) was:

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Present from the public were:

Jeff Matney, Assistant Guide #6638 Lola Hannon, Assistant Guide #4425 Gary Wall, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1182 Tim Buechle, Assistant Guide #6618 Dan Montgomery, Master Guide-Outfitter #173 Bob Summers, Assistant Guide #7157 Ralph Miller, Master Guide-Outfitter #169 Merrill McGahan, Assistant Guide #4851 Jon Burrows, Assistant Guide #5055 Conor Halloran, Assistant Guide #6758 Peter Mayer, Assistant Guide #6725 Spencer Pape, Assistant Guide #5419 Tom Kirstein, Master Guide-Outfitter #98 Roy Thomas, Assistant Guide #7008 Jim Weidner, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1004 Loren Karro, Registered Guide-Outfitter #941 Brent Keith, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1015 Ivana Haverlikova, public Henry Tiffany, Master Guide-Outfitter #144 Chris Zwolinski. Master Guide-Outfitter #145 "Smokey" Don Duncan, Master Guide-Outfitter #136 Steve Perrins II. Assistant Guide #5450 Cary Bloomquist, Assistant Guide #7029 Gordon Parker, public Debra Curnow, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1285 Aaron Bloomquist, Registered Guide-Outfitter #1259

Mr. Johnson began with stating that Robert Tracy can sit for the registered guide-outfitter examination today.

Item 16. Public Testimony On Proposed Regulations (12 AAC 75.235, 12 AAC 75.415 and 12 AAC 75.340(d)(8))

"Smokey" Don Duncan, Master Guide-Outfitter #136

Mr. Duncan commented on 12 AAC 75.340(d)(8) and suggested that if the intent is to help with predator control areas then maybe fall bears could be included too. Mr. Johnson reminded the public that this intent was already adopted in 2006 and that this regulation was not intended to prevent guides from using aircraft for surveying game in general.

Tony Lee, Master Guide-Outfitter #105

Mr. Lee supports 12 AAC 75.340(d)(8) since it will help select mature boars. There was some discussion about use of aerial game surveys. Mr. Spraker read Boone & Crockett rules for aerial spotting. Mr. Johnson asked if Mr. Lee supports this regulation. Mr. Lee answered that he supported this proposed regulation

Dan Montgomery, Master Guide-Outfitter #173

Mr. Montgomery handed out the Boone and Crockett rules covering same day airborne. He went on to say that Pope and Young just say not to land next to the animal, while Safari Club International says to follow laws. He went on to discuss a broad view of aerial surveying of game, especially sheep. There was a discussion among Board members concerning removing the regulation completely. Mr. Nickisch suggested writing a letter to the board of game to extend avoiding using an aircraft to spot a specific animal to all hunters.

Wayne Kubat, Master Guide-Outfitter #147

Mr. Kubat asked if 12 AAC 75.340(d)(8) could just be deleted completely. Mr. Johnson answered yes if a Board member made that motion. Mr. Kubat felt that this singled out just part of the guide industry. He went on to point out that if this change allows aircraft to spot bears where one or more black bear can be taken per year that it would open up most of the state. Mr. Vrem suggested specifying regulatory year to the wording. Mr. Johnson asked if Mr. Kubat was in favor of also allowing transporters to spot specific game from the air. Mr. Kubat was not since this was a form of guiding. The Board went on to discuss not using GPSs in the field as well. Mr. Spraker asked if these regulations have helped the industry. Mr. Kubat answered that they give legal excuses to not do what most guides do not feel is appropriate anyway.

Richard Rohrer, Master Guide-Outfitter #69

Mr. Rohrer gave a Kodiak anecdote where 12 AAC 75.340(d)(8) has done some good. He hopes that this regulation will go to the board of game and become state wide for all hunters. In the meantime he suggested that the price of avgas will help deter unethical use of aircraft. He did not see any reason to delete this aerial spotting for transporters. Mr. Johnson explained the process for proposing regulations and amendments.

Mr. Rohrer supported requiring marine transporters to register GMUs but suggested changing the wording from vehicle to vessel. Mr. Vrem made a distinction between guiding and on demand transportation services which would not include aerial spotting. Mr. Spraker asked what the expected benefits will be of this transporter registration. Mr. Rohrer answered that it will help focus enforcement resources and by providing online information.

Mr. Johnson asked Board members to stand at ease to work in the map room with DNR on boundary changes and the definition of permanent in GMU9.

10:24 a.m. The Board recessed to continue working in map room. 11:37 a.m. The Board reconvened.

Item 11. Application Review (Continued)

After reviewing information provided by staff regarding the 4th partial guide use area application for Virgil Umphenour, the Board conducted a roll call vote.

Mr. Wilson stated that he researched this and feels that this application does meet the intention of the portion of a 4th GUA. Mr. Johnson stated that this involves a USF&W boundary which will probably be corrected in the future and Mr. Umphenour is aware of this.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Mumford, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to approve the registration of the portion of a $4^{\rm th}$ guide use area for Virgil Umphenour.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO
Leif Wilson	X	
Brenda Rebne	X	
Dirk Nickisch	X	
Paul Johnson	X	
Bob Mumford	X	
Kelly Vrem	X	
Karen Polley	X	
Ted Spraker	X	

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

11:41 a.m. The Board recessed for lunch and seminar, 12:54 p.m. The Board reconvened.

Item 6. <u>Investigative Review (Continued)</u>

Judge Rebecca Pauley requested the Board speak with her telephonically from executive session. Recording continued for seminar only.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Ms. Polley, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to adjourn into Executive Session under the authority of AS 44.62.310, to hear 6. Investigative Review.

2:14 p.m. the Board returned from executive session.

Mr. Johnson stated that he had received some favorable comments about the seminars.

After reviewing information provided by Judge Pauley regarding consolidated case #1750-10-001 and 1750-10-004, the Board conducted a roll call vote.

Mr. Spraker verified that the Board was out of executive session. Mr. Mumford stated that he planned to vote to accept this decision. He went on to say that a lot of work and thought went into this case. Mr. Mumford plans to reject the decision proposed by Mr. Cole. This decision will allow Mr. Hill to keep his class-A assistant guide license, pay substantial fine, and not apply for a registered guide-outfitter license while on probation. Mr. Spraker stated that he also planned to vote to accept this since Mr. Hill seems to have had no real problem in the last seven years as a class-A assistant guide and this decision certainly seems to address all of the issues. Mr. Johnson stated that this case has been ongoing since the Board was sunsetted and this case makes it clear that if an applicant fails to disclose past criminal charges they will not receive that license.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Nickisch, seconded by Ms. Rebne, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to accept the court decision provided by Judge Pauley in the case of Craig Hill, class-A assistant guide #556.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO
Kelly Vrem	X	
Karen Polley	X	
Ted Spraker	X	
Dirk Nickisch	X	
Leif Wilson	· X	
Brenda Rebne	X	
Paul Johnson	X	
Bob Mumford	X	

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Item 10. Board Discussion (Continued)

Valerie Baxter from DNR discussed 12 AAC 75.340(d)(7) in which the subcommittee suggested changing "permanent" to "permitted year round structure." After some discussion the Board decided to go off the record to continue working on this wording.

2:34 p.m. The Board recessed to discuss "permanent. 2:56 p.m. The Board reconvened.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to public notice the proposed wording change to 12 AAC 75.340(d)(7) and seconded by Mr. Vrem.

Ms. Rebne questioned how this would impact private land holders. Mr. Mumford stated that he supported this wording just to get it public noticed and give private land holders a chance to speak before it is adopted.

12 AAC 75.340(d)(7) allow appropriate buffer areas between hunters and camps in order to avoid disrupting hunts and hunting experiences; in Game Management Unit 9, a person holding any class of guide license may not place a camp within two miles of a <u>legally permitted year round structure</u> being used for big game guiding purposes, unless agreed upon in a written agreement between the involved parties;

On a motion duly made by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Vrem, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to public notice the addition of "legally permitted" to 12 AAC 75.340(d)(7).

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NAME	YES	NO
Dirk Nickisch	X	
Karen Polley	X	
Ted Spraker	X	
Leif Wilson	X	
Brenda Rebne	X	
Paul Johnson	X	
Bob Mumford	X	
Kelly Vrem	X	

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Mr. Strout presented a regulation change and accompanying statute change which Quinten Warren requested to facilitate restitution to clients.

Ms. Rebne made a motion to public notice the proposed addition of regulation 12 AAC 75.340(a)(2)(E) and seconded by Mr. Spraker.

Mr. Wilson asked if there needed to be an identical amendment for transporters. Mr. Johnson stated that this could either be a separate motion or a friendly amendment. Ms. Rebne accepted this friendly amendment as well as the second, Mr. Spraker. Mr. Strout stated that this would support the restitution statute change and provide consent agreement options in the meantime.

12 AAC 75.340(a)(2)(E) AND 12 AAC 75.440(a)(2)(C) failing to comply with an order from the Board.

On a motion duly made by Ms. Rebne, seconded by Mr. Spraker, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to public notice 12 AAC 75.340(a)(2)(E) and 12 AAC 75.440(a)(2)(C).

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO
Paul Johnson	Χ	
Bob Mumford	X	
Kelly Vrem	X	
Karen Polley	Χ	
Ted Spraker	X	
Dirk Nickisch	X	
Leif Wilson	X	
Brenda Rebne	X	

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Mr. Nickisch stated that he felt that it was too late to present the statute change requested by Mr. Warren to this Legislative Session so he made a motion to add it to the December 2011 agenda which was seconded by Mr. Vrem.

AS 08.54.710(a)(8) impose requirements for restitution to be paid in full or in part to a client or clients.

Mel Gillis, Registered Guide-Outfitter #222

Mr. Gillis asked to speak through the Chair and thank Mr. Wilson, Mr. Mumford, and Mr. Rohrer for serving on the Board and their hard work.

Item 15. <u>Division Business</u>

Mr. Marx explained the travel authorization and reimbursement procedures to new Board members including turning in signed travel authorizations, airline boarding passes, and making sure to specify government rates at any motels.

Mr. Marx pointed out that the Regulation Proposal Form requested at the December Board meeting is now available on the Board website at: http://commerce.state.ak.us/occ/pub/gui4573.pdf

3:21 p.m. The Board recessed. 3:42 p.m. The Board reconvened.

Item 19. Adopt/Amend Regulations

Mr. Nickisch made a motion to adopt 12AAC 75.340(d)(8)(A) and (B) as public noticed, Mr. Wilson seconded.

Mr. Wilson offered a friendly amendment to remove the second reference to black bears so that black bear limits cannot be used to open brown or grizzly bears to aerial spotting. Mr. Nickisch concurred.

12 AAC 75.340(d)(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 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;

On a motion made by Mr. Nickisch, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and approved unanimously by roll call vote, it was

RESOVLED to accept regulation, 12 AAC 75.340(d)(8)(A) and (B) as public noticed and with above amendments.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO
Bob Mumford	X	
Kelly Vrem	X	
Karen Polley	X	
Ted Spraker	X	
Leif Wilson	X	
Brenda Rebne	X	
Paul Johnson	X	
Dirk Nickisch	X	

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Mr. Nickisch made a motion to adopt 12AAC 75.415 as public noticed and changing "vehicle" to "vessel," Ms. Polley seconded.

Mr. Vrem made a motion to amend by removing "salt" (water) which Mr. Spraker seconded. Mr. Vrem made it clear that this did not include float planes. Mr. Nickisch and Ms. Polley accepted this as a friendly amendment.

Mr. Wilson stated that he would like to either include all transporters or wait. Mr. Mumford stated that this was a start and hopes that more vessel based transporters will attend Board meetings. Mr. Nickisch did not plan to support this regulation. Mr. Spraker stated that the Board had to start somewhere. Ms. Rebne agreed that it was a place to start. Mr. Johnson stated that he could no longer support this since he did not feel that the public had fair notice to consider fresh water transporters needing to register areas too. Mr. Vrem and Mr. Spraker were willing to withdraw their amendment.

Mr. Wilson made a motion to amend by adding "in the field" to accommodations which Mr. Nickisch seconded and with which Ms. Polley agreed.

12 AAC 75.415 Marine transporter use area registration. (a) The department will register a transporter licensed under this chapter who uses a vessel on salt water to transport big game hunters in a transporter use area if the transporter meets the

requirements of AS 08.54.750 and this section. A transporter may register for a maximum of five calendar years, including the calendar year in which the registration becomes effective.

- (b) For each transporter use area for which an applicant is registering, the applicant shall submit to the department a complete registration application form provided by the department that includes the following information:
 - (1) the applicant's transporter license number;
 - (2) the transporter use area for which the applicant is registering
- (3) the locations of any permanent accommodations in the field that the applicant may provide in that transporter use area;
- (4) <u>vessel</u> registration and description for each <u>vessel</u> used by the applicant for transporting purposes;
 - (5) whether the registration is for a single year or multiple calendar years.
- (c) Unless a registration under this section is issued for multiple calendar years, a transporter 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 transporter must submit a complete application under (a) of this section.
- (d) In accordance with AS 08.54.750, a registration under this section becomes effective on the date that is 60 days after the date the complete registration application form under (a) of this section is received by the department.
- (e) For the purposes of this section, a transporter use area is the same as a game management unit established by the Board of Game and described in 5 AAC 92.450.

On a motion made by Mr. Nickisch, seconded by Ms. Polley, and approved by majority of a roll call vote, it was

RESOVLED to accept regulation, 12 AAC 75.415 as public noticed and with above amendments.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO
Bob Mumford	X	
Kelly Vrem	X	
Karen Polley		Χ
Ted Spraker	X	
Leif Wilson		X
Brenda Rebne	X	
Paul Johnson	X	
Dirk Nickisch		X

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF 5 TO 3.

(This proposal was subsequently tabled to be re-public noticed for the December 2011 Board meeting.)

Mr. Marx requested that the Board add one other mapping revision to change the only two guide use areas with letter designations to standard numbered designations to help simplify the database. This change would be for 25-03A to be changed to 25-03 and 25-03B to be changed to 25-07. He went on to make it clear that any guides registered in these areas would automatically be switched to the correct designation. Mr. Johnson asked if there were any objections, and seeing none included these changes to the ongoing proposed regulation change.

Ms. Polley moved to adjourn and Mr. Vrem seconded.

The Board adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karl Marx, Licensing Examiner

Approved:

Paul Johnson, Chairperson Big Game Commercial Services Board