

## PROPOSAL 108 COMMENTS

**The Alaska Professional Hunters' Association is asking the Board to extend the delay of the repeal of the guide-client contract requirement for one more year, until July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2016. We want to make a state-wide proposal that covers all of these issues that would be heard by this Board of Game in March of 2016 at the state wide meeting.**

During the March, 2014 state wide meeting in Anchorage, this Board of Game voted to adopt proposal 146, submitted by the Department of Fish and Game. This proposal repealed the requirement for a non-resident hunter to have a signed Guide-Client Contract in place before they could apply for any draw permit hunt that these contracts had been required in. The Board amended the proposal to leave this requirement in place for Kodiak and Afognak Island (Unit 8) and repealed it everywhere else. The Board also delayed implementation of this repeal until July 1, 2015. With delaying the action on this proposal the Board urged the Department of Fish and Game, the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (which licenses the guides), and the Big Game Commercial Services Board (which regulates them) to find an easy way for the Dept. of Fish and Game to verify that a guide is in fact registered for the guide use area where the hunt would take place. The Department of Fish and Game has worked with the Department of Commerce and the Big Game Commercial Services Board to do this. During the last draw application period, all guides were required to get a Unique Verification Code (UVC) before the application period started. This UVC number is issued by the Dept. of Commerce to a guide only after the BGCSB staff has confirmed that the guide is in fact registered for the guide use area in which the hunt will take place both at the time of application and for the year in which the hunt would take place. The Dept. of Fish and Game does not have to verify the stipulations or terms required to get a UVC code, only that the UVC code exists. Working with the Dept. of Fish and Game and the Department of Commerce, the Alaska Professional Hunters Association is comfortable that this a good solution to the problems which the Department of Fish and Game had noted in their proposal to repeal the requirement. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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