

RC 35

**AGENDA CHANGE REQUEST FORM
ALASKA BOARD OF GAME**

The Board of Game (board) will accept requests to change its schedule under certain guidelines set forth in 5 AAC 92.005. The board will accept these agenda change requests (ACRs) only:

- 1) for a conservation purpose or reason; or
- 2) to correct an error in regulation; or
- 3) to correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted.

The board will not accept an ACR that is predominantly allocative in nature in the absence of new compelling information, as determined by the board [5 AAC 92.005 (a) (2)].

Please answer all questions to the best of your ability.

1) CITE THE REGULATION THAT WILL BE CHANGED IF THIS ACR IS HEARD. If possible, enter the series of letters and numbers that identify the regulation to be changed. If it will be a new section, enter "5 AAC NEW."

Alaska Administrative Code Number 5 AAC: 92.057 Special provisions for Dall sheep and mountain goat drawing permit hunts and 5 AAC: 92.069 Special provisions for moose drawing permit hunts

2) WHAT IS THE PROBLEM YOU WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO ADDRESS? STATE IN DETAIL THE NATURE OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM. Address only one issue. State the problem clearly and concisely. The board will reject multiple or confusing issues.

During the March, 2014 statewide Board of Game meeting the Board passed proposal 146, which effectively eliminated the requirement for a non-resident to have a signed guide-client contract with a registered guide in place before they could apply for certain draw permits for sheep, mountain goat, and brown bear, if they were going to use a registered guide and not a 2nd degree of kindred relative guide. The Board of Game amended the proposal to not take effect until July 1st of 2015, which is the start of the new regulatory year. The Board stated that it was not their intent to eliminate the guide-client contract requirement, but to shift responsibility of proof that the contract was in place from the Dept. of Fish and Game to the guides and the Dept. of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing. They said they intended to revisit the issue before July 1st, 2014. Without a guide-client contract requirement non-residents could apply themselves and in the past some of these non-residents drew and they couldn't find a guide that would take them at a cost they could afford so they would not go hunting and a guiding opportunity and income would be lost. Without a guide-client contract requirement it also opens the opportunity for anti-hunters to apply for these permits to 'save' an animal.

3) WHAT SOLUTION DO YOU PREFER? Or, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new or amended regulation say?

The Board of Game should again require a guide-client contract be in place before a non-resident or their guide can apply for these non-resident draw permit hunts. The Big Game Commercial Services Board has adopted a policy that a guide must be registered for the guide use area at the time the application takes place and also the year the permit is valid. When this is verified the guide will be issued a Unique Verification Code (UVC) and that will be proof that the guide is registered for the guide use areas that the hunt will occur in. It also verifies that the guide has in place a guide-client contract before their client or they apply for a permit. This UVC requirement was already in effect for the 2015 draw permit applications that were submitted in November and December of 2014.

4) STATE IN DETAIL HOW THIS ACR MEETS THE CRITERIA STATED ABOVE. If one or more of the three criteria set forth above is not applicable, state that it is not.

a) for a conservation purpose or reason:
not applicable

b) to correct an error in regulation:
not applicable

c) to correct an effect on a hunt that was unforeseen when a regulation was adopted:

If the adoption of proposal 146 is not reconsidered on a state wide basis, the guide-client requirement will be deleted. The Board stated that it was not their intent to remove the guide-client contract requirement.

5) WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THIS PROBLEM IS NOT SOLVED PRIOR TO THE REGULAR CYCLE?
The guide-client contract requirement regulation will be removed on July 1, 2015 and will not be in place for the next draw application cycle.

6) STATE WHY YOUR ACR IS NOT PREDOMINANTLY ALLOCATIVE.

This ACR only asks the Board to reconsider the removal of the guide-client contract requirement and does not address allocation at all.

7) IF THIS REQUEST IS ALLOCATIVE, STATE THE NEW INFORMATION THAT COMPELS THE BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ALLOCATIVE PROPOSAL OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CYCLE.

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8) STATE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE ISSUE THAT IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACR. (e.g., hunter, guide, subsistence user, trapper, etc.)

I am a Masater Guide, # 173, and have been putting clients in for these draws for 22 years.

9) STATE WHETHER THIS ACR HAS BEEN CONSIDERED BEFORE, EITHER AS A PROPOSAL OR AS AN ACR, AND IF SO, DURING WHICH BOARD OF GAME MEETING.

This proposal has not been considered during any previous Board of Game meetings. There is a similar proposal before the Board for the Region 4 meeting (Proposal 108) but not for a state wide requirement.

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