

Linda Hay

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Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 12:01 PM
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Subject: HB158

Representative Costello and others,

I read your article in the Fairbanks New Miner today about the guide bill HB158. I thank you for taking up this cause and support it, but I am also scared about what DNR is going to end up with.

I am a hunting guide that started my hunting business about 5 years ago and have gone out of my way to stay away from other guides and be helpful to resident hunter. I accomplished this by concentrating on lessor species, mostly black bears and bison. I built a viable business, but just barely (no pun intended). Although I have hunted some of the more crowded Game Management units, I have never had a conflict with another guide or a resident hunter. I actually had a couple resident hunters that I have helped out in the field write recommendations for me for Federal concessions. I could not make this method work under the new proposed fees, no WAY! I think this is sad but I guess I am willing to accept it for the better of the industry. I have moved on to more profitable species but I am proud of the way I scratched it out in the beginning without stepping on anyone. I have taken as many as 40 black bears per year in an area that ADF&G was begging people to take more bears without a single conflict. While in the same area (unit 16) there are almost constant conflicts between guides over brown bears and between guides and residents over moose. These hunts are very low-budget and I sold many of them at cost or less to Veterans Non-Profits.

I would encourage you to encourage DNR to develop a method that will allow for the targeting of less desirable species or under-utilized species in an area. If this does not happen, ADF&G's predator management areas will suffer. Guides can currently register for extra areas in predator control areas, this is not allowed for in the proposed DNR plan. Thanks!

I have cc'd this to a few other legislators.

Thanks,

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Subject: guide areas on state land

Representatives, I am expressing my concerns over HB 158 that is in regard to establishing hunting guide concessions by the DNR on state land. I am not totally against guide areas as long as: they are needed, as long as they are fairly distributed, they cannot be bartered (passed down to a child or wife is good) and that the guide areas are implemented by the Guide Board, not DNR. Another issue is that any guide area should go along with air taxi or exporters. Air taxis have always put many more hunters in the field than all the guides.. We already work with many federal, state, and local agencies, why add another (DNR). Please let me view my "no vote" on HB 158

Sincerely,

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Linda Hay

From: Clifford Smith <clifford@triplec outfittersalaska.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 11:47 AM
To: Rep. Eric Feige
Subject: About House Bill 158 and My public comment about it
Attachments: my comment to hb158.docx

March 11th, 2014

Dear Representative,

My name is Clifford Smith, I moved here to Alaska with my dream of becoming a Alaska Guide in the hunting and fishing industry, I have put many hard years in the wield of Alaska, and many burdens upon my family to make this dream come true. I have final obtained my goal in becoming a registered Alaskan guide in Alaska. I have also invested my life's savings into my business, and the land in which I steward same as my grandfather did years ago when beginning his dairy farm in the 1900's. Now because of the Alaska Professional hunters Association and DNR, I stand to lose all I have invested in for myself and for my family. The APHA has introduced this idea to the DNR of a Permanent Guide Concession area on state land. Stating many untrue facts about overcrowding, and biological impact on our Sate resources, none of what the APAH asks and supports for HB158 is true and to the fact, APAH does not speak for the majority of the hunting guide industry either. They are but 144-160 of the 700 guides and their numbers also include assistant guides and class A guides who do not own nor operate a business in our state nor steward any land with in our state. Most of the guides in the APAH have federal concessions granting them sole use of their Federal area, they seek to eliminate all of their competition, and create a monopoly within our industry. They will say all kinds of things such as overcrowding, this is just plain wrong and untrue, I work in Unit 16 and have never had a problem with other guides our residents. There is no evidence that says there has been an impact on the biology of the game spices nor that it has affected the land our other natural resources in our grate state.

I would like you to please remember that our country is made from small business and this house bill 158 will destroy me, my family, and a majority of the small guiding business in our state. None of what is said in this HB 158 is based on Biological studies our impacts it is purely the matter of opinion and that opinion is mired in the APHA vision of what the industry should look like, and that is them controlling all hunting rights and areas for guiding big game in our state and increasing their business tenfold.

Besides the APHA, the DNR has better things to do with their time and money, than running a program that has no basis on the Biology of the ecosystem our the fundamental right of all to access it. I ask you to Please stop HB158 and that I do not support HB158. I ask that you please let this letter stand as my public comment for this committee on **House Bill 158**.

Sincerely
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Linda Hay

From: Wayne <args@mtaonline.net>
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To: Rep. Eric Feige; Rep. Dan Saddler
Cc: Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Geran Tarr; "Rep..Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov"@imta-38.everyone.net
Subject: HB 158

Representative Eric Feige, Representative Dan Saddler and the entire House Resources Committee.

Earlier today (March 11th) I listened to the House Resource Meeting on HB 158 concerning the proposed DNR Guide Concession plan. Thank you for your hard work on this important issue!

I'm Wayne Kubat. I hold Alaska master guide-outfitter license #147. I've lived in Alaska year round since 1976, became an assistant guide about 1981, have lived in the Mat-Su Valley since 1984, and got my registered guide license in 1986. I've owned my own business – Alaska Remote Guide Service since that time. I hope you will support HB158. There is no doubt in my mind that the currently proposed Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Guide Concession Program (GCP) is much better for the guide industry as a whole, their clients, Alaska's wildlife resource and all resident Alaskans, than the current free for all that exists on much state land now.

The demand from those who want to be guides is always going to be a lot more than what our finite wild life resources can with stand. Additionally, there are already too many guides operating on state land, and we are still licensing more all the time with no place else for them to go but state land as well. I've seen numerous new guides come and go on state land since 1988. They set up shop on state land with good intentions, but more often than not, in places where there are already way too many guides. It usually doesn't take long for even those that strive to avoid crowding current operators, to be crowded out by others who don't care. After a few years, many of them find out they can't make it and move on to some thing else, but then another new wave comes in to replace them.

If everyone lived by the –“Golden Rule” of “Do unto others as you'd have them do to you”, we wouldn't need HB158 or the DNR GCP. But not everyone does. Unfortunately the new measure for ethical conduct by many operators seems to be – “If I don't know someone personally, it's OK to set up shop right on top of them” and/or “I'm only going to take 3-4 hunters so I'm not hurting anyone”, but several such operators certainly will. If a ship with 400 people is sinking and the life boat can only hold 200, who do you take? It's a tough predicament to be in, but that's where we are.

Many members of the opposition to a guide concession plan, are trying to paint this as a David and Goliath battle with them being David and APHA guides being the evil giant Goliath. The DNR plan is certainly a limiting plan, but I don't see APHA guides fairing any better as a group than most others, yet most of us are willing to risk some sacrifice in the short term in hopes of stability and viability for the industry down the road.

Some guides say they don't have problems where they operate – now. Also some people hunt mostly bear and they have fewer issues than sheep and moose hunters. So if we just deal with the hot spots and sheep, then guess where all those that don't get what they want, will end up and what animals they will be guiding for. Some that already deal with permits think everyone should have to. I think it is very difficult to run a business under a drawing permit system.

A question for the opposition – If you are fortunate enough to get an area or two, do you think it will improve on the viability and stability of your business, over never knowing who is going to drop in on top of you next? The answer to that question for me is definitely YES!!

300 or so registered and master guides are in disagreement over whether a guide concession plan will help or hurt their business, and guiding *is* a very important industry in Alaska and should be treated as such. But - what about the health of our wild life resource? What about the multiple thousands of Alaskan Resident Hunters, and all residents? Do you think they really want the state to continue to allow unlimited guide opportunities on state land so that more and more areas go to draw? If you take a look in any recent Board of Game proposal book, I think you will agree that the answer is no. You will find multiple proposals by resident hunters to eliminate or restrict non resident hunting and guiding opportunities.

Certainly, the fact that 90% of guide complaints are against guides who operate on state land, indicates that there is a problem on state land. I think you will find that the great majority of those guides receiving complaints, are also *Non APHA members*. I sincerely thank Representatives Feige, Austerman, Herron, Millet and Costello for sponsoring HB158 and taking on this difficult task. I think the DNR GCP is a good start and we can't wait any longer to start fixing the problem. I hope the House Resources Committee will support and move HB158 speedily on the way. I will be in Juneau on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12th and 13th and hope to be able to thank you in person for your efforts. I would be glad to meet with or reply to any of you who might have further questions.

Sincerely,

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PS I have been a professional member of Alaska Professional Hunters Association (APHA) since 1986, and was elected to the board of directors last December. I served on the Mat Valley Fish and Game Advisory Committee from 1998 to 2007 and was chairman the last 4 of those years. (The Mat Valley Advisory Committee did write a letter of support for the DNR GCP in the past) I've been active in the Big Game Commercial Services Board process, and March 12th and 13th will be the first time I've missed a single day of those meetings since 2008. I wish I could be in both places, but I felt it was more important to come to Juneau to speak in person to those of you who make the decisions.

Linda Hay

From: Thor Stacey <thorstacey@gmail.com>
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To: Fleener, Craig L (DFG); ed.fogels@alaska.gov; Habeger, Don E (CED)
Cc: Moreland, Stefanie L (GOV); Ted Spraker; Nathan Turner
Subject: House Resources Testimony 3/11/13

Messrs Fleener and Fogel,

thank you so much for your testimony and diligent preparation for yesterday's hearing in House Resources. I think that this was a good introductory presentation for the legislature on the GCP. I had a couple of ideas to help describe more accurately Guide Concessions as specific component of game management that I, as a private person, can not accomplish.

Approximately 3 weeks ago I made a data request to the department for all the sheep harvest data for non-res and res hunters in units 13D, 20A & 26C, years 1983-2008. 13D and 20A lost concessions in 1988, 26C did not. My goal was to isolate concessions and develop a picture of the resident hunters experience post 1988 on state land, while comparing that to an area that has never lost guide areas. I'm not a scientist, but a cursory analysis of the following factors were very enlightening:

Res vs. Non Res success rates (trends pre-post 1988)
Res vs. Non Res days hunted, for hunters who harvest
% harvest of sheep over 40" res vs. non-res
Percent of overall harvest AND hunter effort in the field, res vs. non-res

Tentative conclusions:

pre 1988 harvest levels were stable, success rates for both non-res and res were higher and RESIDENTS killed high percentage of the big sheep. This was in all three units. Post 1988, in 13D and 20A non-res effort began to grow, res success rates begin to decline and percentage of non-res allocation begin to rise. In 26C, these numbers remained steady and are similar to pre 1988 numbers, today, except we see rising res-hunter effort, probably due to hunter displacement. Interestingly enough, post 1988, non-res begin taking a higher and higher percentage of <40" rams. Also, successful hunters non-res hunters actually were hunting less days (high reliance on airplane as a competitive advantage is the probable explanation).

The goal was to isolate concessions and their effect on a guide required species to more fully defend the value of concessions. Can a real scientist re-do my work (should take a tech with good excel skills 2-3 days) and verify my cursory look? After yesterday, I think this would be valuable.

Another thought that a GIS technician could quickly do to help inform the legislators.

Make a map of all the drawing hunts in AK in 1988. Color code them blue for state areas, green for federal DOI lands. Then make a map of new drawing hunts, post 1988 same colors. Add to this, with Ted Spraker's help, areas that WILL be draw shortly without concessions. All of this on a state-wide map. I think would help legislators understand where drawing hunts, as a function of land status.

Another idea to include **Dept. Commerce:**

During the peak of the Mulchatna caribou hunt many guides and transporters moved to unit 9, 19 and unit 17. Give a pre-1988 number and a post peak mulchatna hunt number of guides who conducted hunts in those units. Overlay that

with an ADF&G population trend of the Mulchatna herd. This will be quite dramatic. Keep in mind that enough of unit 9, 19 and 17 are state land, and caribou are migratory, that they essentially all get hunted on state land.

Thank you for all your help yesterday. I just wanted to share my ideas with you that might help answer some of the unanswered question I perceived in committee.

Sincerely,

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Linda Hay

From: David Lazer <lazertours@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 4:51 PM
To: Rep. Eric Feige

Rep. Eric. Feige, This is my public opinoin.

I came to Alaska in 1968 and have been in the guiding business since 1969.

I am a Master Guide.

I am totally opposed to HB-158.

THIS bill is pushed by APHA. There are approx. 1428 people with a class of guide license in Alaska. APHA only has approx. 125 members. They (APHA) do not represent the guiding industry. They do not represent the majority of guides, They do not represent ME !!!!!!!!!!!

They are controlling and guiding DNR.for their own special interests.

Please appoint a independent person to contact all guides especially registered and master guides to give us a vote!
The majority needs to be heard.

Please oppose HB-158

THankyou

David L. Lazer

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PS. Put the guide board under the sunset law.

Do not let a APHA member on the guide board and especially a chairman , like they have had for the last 6 years !!!!

THankyou.

Linda Hay

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Subject: Bill 158

Categories: Linda

This Email is to express my support for bill 158

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Linda Hay

From: Israel Payton <truewildernessadventures@yahoo.com>
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Subject: State Wide Sheep numbers for 29 years
Attachments: Sheep numbers.pdf
Categories: Linda

Dear House Resources Committee Members,

Here are 29 years of Sheep numbers copied from the ADFG website, I think they offer good insight.

Thank you,

Israel Payton

The Committee asked BOG and ADFG for some other numbers on sheep. Here they are. I'm not a biologist but it only took me a little bit of time on ADFG website to find lease. I don't know how to put numbers in fancy charts. These are just my observations but if you take the time to look I think the basic conclusion is for the last 29 years Sheep harvest and Non Res participation has been stable.

Non-Res participation- High 1990 @ 653 hunters/ Low 1983 @ 402 29 year average 529 hunters

Total sheep successful harvest Resident and Non Res- High 1989 44% / Low 2000 26% 29 year average is 35% success

The Resident vs Non Res success is roughly a 25% / 65% split and that is because guided hunters hunt longer and harder.

The Dept. of ADFG cherry picked 2 sub (14A & 13D) units out of the whole state of Alaska that has 26 units of which have up to 4 subunits in them to state their case on sheep. In those units ADFG identified a biological problem and fixed it with a drawing hunt. I say to that, good job that is what they needed to do.

2011

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	458	25.3% <i>25.2% of all overlays</i>	1351	74.7% <i>74.5% of all overlays</i>	5	0.3%	1814	100%
Non Res	333	72.9% <i>72.7% of all overlays</i>	124	27.1% <i>27.1% of all overlays</i>	1	0.2%	458	100%
Unspecified	21	29.2% <i>29.2% of all overlays</i>	51	70.8% <i>70.8% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	72	100%
No Overlay	7	50% <i>50% of all tickets</i>	7	50% <i>50% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	14	100%
Total	819	34.7%	1533	65%	6	0.3%	2358	100%

2010

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	446	23% <i>23% of all overlays</i>	1490	77% <i>76.8% of all overlays</i>	3	0.2%	1939	100%
Non Res	294	64.8% <i>64.8% of all overlays</i>	160	35.2% <i>35.2% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	454	100%
Unspecified	6	30% <i>30% of all overlays</i>	14	70% <i>70% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	20	100%
No Overlay	1	8.3% <i>8.3% of all tickets</i>	11	91.7% <i>91.7% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	12	100%
Total	747	30.8%	1675	69.1%	3	0.1%	2425	100%

2009

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	459	22.8% <i>22.8% of all overlays</i>	1550	77.2% <i>77.2% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2009	100%
Non Res	336	66% <i>66% of all overlays</i>	173	34% <i>34% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	509	100%
Unspecified	5	27.8% <i>27.8% of all overlays</i>	13	72.2% <i>72.2% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	18	100%
No Overlay	15	55.6% <i>55.6% of all tickets</i>	12	44.4% <i>44.4% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	27	100%
Total	815	31.8%	1748	68.2%	0	0%	2563	100%

2008

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	480	23.4% <i>23.4% of all overlays</i>	1574	76.6% <i>76.6% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2054	100%
Non Res	307	63.4% <i>63.4% of all overlays</i>	177	36.6% <i>36.6% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	484	100%
Unspecified	0	0% <i>0% of all overlays</i>	0	0% <i>0% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	0	100%
No Overlay	55	42.6% <i>42.6% of all tickets</i>	74	57.4% <i>57.4% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	129	100%
Total	842	31.6%	1825	68.4%	0	0%	2667	100%

2007

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	514	22.5% <i>22.5% of all overlays</i>	1769	77.5% <i>77.5% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2283	100%
Non Res	403	67.2% <i>67.2% of all overlays</i>	197	32.8% <i>32.8% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	600	100%
Unspecified	2	66.7% <i>66.7% of all overlays</i>	1	33.3% <i>33.3% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	3	100%
No Overlay	18	43.9% <i>43.9% of all tickets</i>	23	56.1% <i>56.1% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	41	100%
Total	937	32%	1990	68%	0	0%	2927	100%

2006

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	484	22.7% <i>22.7% of all overlays</i>	1647	77.3% <i>77.3% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2131	100%
Non Res	339	60.9% <i>60.9% of all overlays</i>	218	39.1% <i>39.1% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	557	100%
Unspecified	0	0% <i>0% of all overlays</i>	2	100% <i>100% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2	100%
No Overlay	11	47.8% <i>47.8% of all tickets</i>	12	52.2% <i>52.2% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	23	100%
Total	834	30.7%	1879	69.3%	0	0%	2713	100%

2005

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	540	25.8% <i>25.8% of all overlays</i>	1553	74.2% <i>74.2% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2093	100%
Non Res	372	67.1% <i>67.1% of all overlays</i>	182	32.9% <i>32.9% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	554	100%
Unspecified	3	37.5% <i>37.5% of all overlays</i>	5	62.5% <i>62.5% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	8	100%
No Overlay	6	66.7% <i>66.7% of all tickets</i>	3	33.3% <i>33.3% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	9	100%
Total	921	34.6%	1743	65.4%	0	0%	2664	100%

2004

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	582	26.3% <i>26.3% of all overlays</i>	1633	73.7% <i>73.7% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2215	100%
Non Res	361	70.8% <i>70.8% of all overlays</i>	149	29.2% <i>29.2% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	510	100%
Unspecified	17	34% <i>34% of all overlays</i>	33	66% <i>66% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	50	100%
No Overlay	2	28.6% <i>28.6% of all tickets</i>	5	71.4% <i>71.4% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	7	100%
Total	962	34.6%	1820	65.4%	0	0%	2782	100%

2003

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	594	25.9% <i>25.9% of all overlays</i>	1699	74.1% <i>74.1% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2293	100%
Non Res	360	64.9% <i>64.9% of all overlays</i>	195	35.1% <i>35.1% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	555	100%
Unspecified	3	23.1% <i>23.1% of all overlays</i>	10	76.9% <i>76.9% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	13	100%
No Overlay	1	9.1% <i>9.1% of all tickets</i>	10	90.9% <i>90.9% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	11	100%
Total	958	33.4%	1914	66.6%	0	0%	2872	100%

2002

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	561	24.1% <i>24.1% of all overlays</i>	1762	75.9% <i>75.9% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2323	100%
Non Res	319	58.5% <i>58.5% of all overlays</i>	226	41.5% <i>41.5% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	545	100%
Unspecified	2	40% <i>40% of all overlays</i>	3	60% <i>60% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	5	100%
No Overlay	12	52.2% <i>52.2% of all tickets</i>	11	47.8% <i>47.8% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	23	100%
Total	894	30.9%	2002	69.1%	0	0%	2896	100%

2001

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	540	23.7% <i>23.7% of all overlays</i>	1738	76.3% <i>76.3% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2278	100%
Non Res	338	65.3% <i>65.3% of all overlays</i>	180	34.7% <i>34.7% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	518	100%
Unspecified	0	0% <i>0% of all overlays</i>	4	100% <i>100% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	4	100%
No Overlay	11	34.4% <i>34.4% of all tickets</i>	21	65.6% <i>65.6% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	32	100%
Total	889	31.4%	1943	68.6%	0	0%	2832	100%

2000

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	486	19.9% <i>19.9% of all overlays</i>	1955	80.1% <i>80.1% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2441	100%
Non Res	292	54% <i>54% of all overlays</i>	249	46% <i>46% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	541	100%
Unspecified	3	50% <i>50% of all overlays</i>	3	50% <i>50% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	6	100%
No Overlay	9	39.1% <i>39.1% of all tickets</i>	14	60.9% <i>60.9% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	23	100%
Total	790	26.2%	2221	73.8%	0	0%	3011	100%

1999

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	592	23.2% <i>23.2% of all overlays</i>	1961	76.8% <i>76.8% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2553	100%
Non Res	348	61.8% <i>61.8% of all overlays</i>	215	38.2% <i>38.2% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	563	100%
Unspecified	0	0% <i>0% of all overlays</i>	1	100% <i>100% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	1	100%
No Overlay	11	64.7% <i>64.7% of all tickets</i>	6	35.3% <i>35.3% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	17	100%
Total	951	30.3%	2183	69.7%	0	0%	3134	100%

1998

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	619	24.1% <i>24.1% of all overlays</i>	1945	75.9% <i>75.9% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2564	100%
Non Res	366	62.6% <i>62.6% of all overlays</i>	219	37.4% <i>37.4% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	585	100%
Unspecified	3	50% <i>50% of all overlays</i>	3	50% <i>50% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	6	100%
No Overlay	12	66.7% <i>66.7% of all tickets</i>	6	33.3% <i>33.3% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	18	100%
Total	1000	31.5%	2173	68.5%	0	0%	3173	100%

1997

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	553	22.8% <i>22.8% of all overlays</i>	1868	77.2% <i>77.2% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2421	100%
Non Res	363	67.3% <i>67.3% of all overlays</i>	176	32.7% <i>32.7% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	539	100%
Unspecified	2	25% <i>25% of all overlays</i>	6	75% <i>75% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	8	100%
No Overlay	24	34.8% <i>34.8% of all tickets</i>	45	65.2% <i>65.2% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	69	100%
Total	942	31%	2095	69%	0	0%	3037	100%

1996

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	701	25.6% <i>25.6% of all overlays</i>	2032	74.4% <i>74.4% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2733	100%
Non Res	365	66.5% <i>66.5% of all overlays</i>	184	33.5% <i>33.5% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	549	100%
Unspecified	6	40% <i>40% of all overlays</i>	9	60% <i>60% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	15	100%
No Overlay	17	43.6% <i>43.6% of all tickets</i>	22	56.4% <i>56.4% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	39	100%
Total	1089	32.6%	2247	67.4%	0	0%	3336	100%

1995

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	729	26.4% <i>26.4% of all overlays</i>	2035	73.6% <i>73.6% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2764	100%
Non Res	402	68.7% <i>68.7% of all overlays</i>	183	31.3% <i>31.3% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	585	100%
Unspecified	2	25% <i>25% of all overlays</i>	6	75% <i>75% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	8	100%
No Overlay	3	15% <i>15% of all tickets</i>	17	85% <i>85% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	20	100%
Total	1136	33.6%	2241	66.4%	0	0%	3377	100%

1994

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	661	24.1% <i>24.1% of all overlays</i>	2083	75.9% <i>75.9% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2744	100%
Non Res	347	67.4% <i>67.4% of all overlays</i>	168	32.6% <i>32.6% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	515	100%
Unspecified	6	33.3% <i>33.3% of all overlays</i>	12	66.7% <i>66.7% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	18	100%
No Overlay	13	61.9% <i>61.9% of all tickets</i>	8	38.1% <i>38.1% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	21	100%
Total	1027	31.1%	2271	68.9%	0	0%	3298	100%

1993

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	758	26% <i>26% of all overlays</i>	2157	74% <i>74% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2915	100%
Non Res	323	65.4% <i>65.4% of all overlays</i>	171	34.6% <i>34.6% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	494	100%
Unspecified	15	36.6% <i>36.6% of all overlays</i>	26	63.4% <i>63.4% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	41	100%
No Overlay	9	42.9% <i>42.9% of all tickets</i>	12	57.1% <i>57.1% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	21	100%
Total	1105	31.8%	2366	68.2%	0	0%	3471	100%

1992

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	716	26.5% <i>26.5% of all overlays</i>	1988	73.5% <i>73.5% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2704	100%
Non Res	368	69.2% <i>69.2% of all overlays</i>	164	30.8% <i>30.8% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	532	100%
Unspecified	9	31% <i>31% of all overlays</i>	20	69% <i>69% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	29	100%
No Overlay	16	43.2% <i>43.2% of all tickets</i>	21	56.8% <i>56.8% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	37	100%
Total	1109	33.6%	2193	66.4%	0	0%	3302	100%

1991

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	944	31.8% <i>31.8% of all overlays</i>	2028	68.2% <i>68.2% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2972	100%
Non Res	447	73.2% <i>73.2% of all overlays</i>	164	26.8% <i>26.8% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	611	100%
Unspecified	8	40% <i>40% of all overlays</i>	12	60% <i>60% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	20	100%
No Overlay	22	52.4% <i>52.4% of all tickets</i>	20	47.6% <i>47.6% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	42	100%
Total	1421	39%	2224	61%	0	0%	3645	100%

1990

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	852	31.9% <i>31.9% of all overlays</i>	1819	68.1% <i>68.1% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2671	100%
Non Res	493	75.5% <i>75.5% of all overlays</i>	160	24.5% <i>24.5% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	653	100%
Unspecified	9	45% <i>45% of all overlays</i>	11	55% <i>55% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	20	100%
No Overlay	52	50% <i>50% of all tickets</i>	52	50% <i>50% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	104	100%
Total	1406	40.8%	2042	59.2%	0	0%	3448	100%

1989 Year Full curl was expanded across most of Alaska.

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	930	35.4% <i>35.4% of all overlays</i>	1696	64.6% <i>64.6% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2626	100%
Non Res	475	76.6% <i>76.6% of all overlays</i>	145	23.4% <i>23.4% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	620	100%
Unspecified	26	45.6% <i>45.6% of all overlays</i>	31	54.4% <i>54.4% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	57	100%
No Overlay	23	67.6% <i>67.6% of all tickets</i>	11	32.4% <i>32.4% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	34	100%
Total	1454	43.6%	1883	56.4%	0	0%	3337	100%

1988

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	886	34.9% <i>34.9% of all overlays</i>	1651	65.1% <i>65.1% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2537	100%
Non Res	491	77.9% <i>77.9% of all overlays</i>	139	22.1% <i>22.1% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	630	100%
Unspecified	43	50.6% <i>50.6% of all overlays</i>	42	49.4% <i>49.4% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	85	100%
No Overlay	16	28.1% <i>28.1% of all tickets</i>	41	71.9% <i>71.9% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	57	100%
Total	1436	43.4%	1873	56.6%	0	0%	3309	100%

1987

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	869	32.9% <i>32.9% of all overlays</i>	1771	67.1% <i>67.1% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2640	100%
Non Res	434	78.8% <i>78.8% of all overlays</i>	117	21.2% <i>21.2% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	551	100%
Unspecified	38	45.8% <i>45.8% of all overlays</i>	45	54.2% <i>54.2% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	83	100%
No Overlay	17	58.6% <i>58.6% of all tickets</i>	12	41.4% <i>41.4% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	29	100%
Total	1358	41.1%	1945	58.9%	0	0%	3303	100%

1986

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	853	33.9% <i>33.9% of all overlays</i>	1660	66.1% <i>66.1% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2513	100%
Non Res	381	78.6% <i>78.6% of all overlays</i>	104	21.4% <i>21.4% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	485	100%
Unspecified	20	41.7% <i>41.7% of all overlays</i>	28	58.3% <i>58.3% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	48	100%
No Overlay	32	44.4% <i>44.4% of all tickets</i>	40	55.6% <i>55.6% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	72	100%
Total	1286	41.2%	1832	58.8%	0	0%	3118	100%

1985

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	784	33.9% <i>33.9% of all overlays</i>	1532	66.1% <i>66.1% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2316	100%
Non Res	330	76.2% <i>76.2% of all overlays</i>	103	23.8% <i>23.8% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	433	100%
Unspecified	12	52.2% <i>52.2% of all overlays</i>	11	47.8% <i>47.8% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	23	100%
No Overlay	3	30% <i>30% of all tickets</i>	7	70% <i>70% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	10	100%
Total	1129	40.6%	1653	59.4%	0	0%	2782	100%

1984

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	657	27.7% <i>27.7% of all overlays</i>	1716	72.3% <i>72.3% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2373	100%
Non Res	322	76.7% <i>76.7% of all overlays</i>	98	23.3% <i>23.3% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	420	100%
Unspecified	14	58.3% <i>58.3% of all overlays</i>	10	41.7% <i>41.7% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	24	100%
No Overlay	15	55.6% <i>55.6% of all tickets</i>	12	44.4% <i>44.4% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	27	100%
Total	1008	35.4%	1836	64.6%	0	0%	2844	100%

1983

	Successful		Unsuccessful		Did Not Hunt		Total Hunters	
	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct	Number	Pct
Residents	676	31.2% <i>31.2% of all overlays</i>	1492	68.8% <i>68.8% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	2168	100%
Non Res	282	70.1% <i>70.1% of all overlays</i>	120	29.9% <i>29.9% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	402	100%
Unspecified	12	34.3% <i>34.3% of all overlays</i>	23	65.7% <i>65.7% of all overlays</i>	0	0%	35	100%
No Overlay	9	56.3% <i>56.3% of all tickets</i>	7	43.8% <i>43.8% of all tickets</i>	0	0%	16	100%
Total	979	37.4%	1642	62.6%	0	0%	2621	100%

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Subject: HB 158

March 12, 2013

Dear Representative Costello, Representative Feige, Representative Austerman, Representative Herron, and Representative Millett

Re: HB158

I am writing in support of HB 158 which would allow the Department of Natural Resources to better manage guides on State lands. Currently there is little that can be done to limit the number of guiding operations on State lands. This has a negative impact on the wildlife resources in the area and every hunter in pursuit of these resources ... resident and non-resident alike. We had a similar situation in Southeast Alaska about 15 years ago and the situation just got worse over time until the USFS went to a restrictive permitting system similar to what DNR is proposing. In Southeast Alaska we now have healthy bear population, good resident hunting opportunities, and a healthy guiding industry.

The DNR Guide Concession Program is not perfect. Neither is the USFS permitting system even though it's been in place for quite a few years now. Over time the USFS system has improved and so will the DNR system if it is implemented. Please support the DNR program.

Brad Dennison

Sitka, AK

Master Guide #138

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Subject: Public Comment about house bill 158

Members of the House Resources Standing Committee:

Greetings

Please allow me to voice my opposition to the APHA/DNR GUACP and HB 158. Although I did not submit my comments in opposition to the plan on the DNR public comment page of their web site during this last comment period I did attend the public meeting in Anchorage last month and I had an hour and a half long meeting with Clark Cox and Christy, his assistant, in the DNR office in Anchorage later that week. I have attended a number of DNR public comment meetings and each time there has been a 70% to 80% opposition to this plan.

Please find attached to this memo my previous comments posted on the DNR web site. As you can see in the introductory paragraph of my comments I have been a contracting big game sport hunting guide since 1995 and I began my career as an apprentice assistant guide in 1988. I have been a professional member of the APHA (Alaska Professional Hunters Association) since 1996.

The first vestige of the GUACP was hatched during an annual APHA membership meeting in the late nineties when Bobby Fithian was hired as the Executive Director. The current DNR/(ADF&G) GUACP handle is simply a smoke screen to hide the obvious croney capitalist connection of the handful of minority voice, special self interest motivated, primarily APHA past and present Board of Directors, and the various government bureaucrats that have bought into this scheme.

The membership of the APHA represents maybe 15% of the big game sport hunting industry in Alaska and the percentage of the professional membership in the APHA in favor of this program ... although there has never been an official consensus gathering effort made by the Board of Directors of the APHA ... is under 50% of the membership.

The APHA has suffered a steady loss in membership as a result of this flawed mission. The current President of the APHA stated in a recent memo to the APHA membership that \$600,000 in membership fees, "Hunters Conservation Fund" ... required extortion payments payed by a handful of the membership ..., and "gifts" payed to the APHA by national "Conservation" groups such as the elists "good ole boy's" clubs like the Dallas and Houston Safari clubs ... has been spent on the lobbying effort pushing the GUACP since its inception. Last July, as the result of an internal "coup" in the Board of Directors and the accusations of fraud leveled at the Executive Director, the membership of the APHA called for a meeting to get to the bottom of the problem.

As a result of the malfeasance perpetrated by the Executive director during the past 11 years of his supposed leadership he was fired ... (he was offered a contract position as "Government Liason" but he turned down the offer) ... and the past Treasurer, during the time of the malfeasance and the President at the time, of the membership called meeting, and the Secretary resigned. None of the details of the malfeasance or accusations of the fraud were presented at this meeting but the Board was unable to hide the fact that the "Simmon/Waugh tax exempt Charitable Trust" status of the organization had been taken away by the IRS due to taxes owed in arrears .

None of the original authors of this plan conducted their hunts on state land at that time of the inception of this scheme and all of them had and still have either sole use or limited USF&WS Refuge Permits, US Forest Service Permits, US Park Service, Permits, or exclusive trespass permits with native corporations. This plan has nothing to do with wildlife conservation and has everything to do with reducing the competition for clients for the same handful of self serving individuals that hatched this government "taking". Thor Stacey, the paid lobbyist for the APHA in Juneau, does not represent the Alaska big game sport hunting guide industry.

The President of the APHA has stated in various memos to the BOG addressing proposals calling for the reduction in non-resident allocations that the APHA endorses "no net loss". This statement must solicit the question from any thinking person ... " how then do you facilitate no net loss in allocation to nonresidents when the proponents of this GUACP are on record stating that the implementation of this program will result in a 50% to 70% loss of the guide industry on state land"?

Please read my comments on the APHA/DNR GUACP that I have attached to this memo. It has been my desire to stay engaged in this issue by providing alternatives to this subjective and capricious program. We as the shareholders in this issue must come together in the spirit of solidarity in our commitment to personal liberty and to the rule of Common Law and work from strength to strength to preserve this uniquely Alaskan sport hunting culture.

Your careful and thoughtful consideration of these comments will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

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Subject: Amend HB 158 to say.....

Representative Tarr,

Thank you for your response. This whole HB 158/ GCP is nothing more then guides trying to get rid of other guides. If you truly want to make a difference and wildlife and land stewardship are truly being abused then HB 158 needs to be amended to say something like- *DNR may not limit only hunting guides but all commercial operations involved with non- resident hunters, i.e. air taxi and transporters that do drop off hunts and only when DNR has developed a program to cover all commercial user groups will an type of program be allowed.*

Or something like that, you heard in the hearing that air taxis are a huge concern. It is not right to restrict one user group when the burden is shared by all.

I would encourage you or a colleagues to make an amendment to HB 158 before it goes to the other committees. If we are truly going to address/ fix problems lets do it and not band-aide it .

Thank you,

Israel Payton
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Subject: Hb158

Hello House Representative,

My name is Peter Barela and I have a few concerns in regards to the DNR's idea of fixing the conflicts in the big game guiding industry on state land. What is being proposed will not only put so many of use out of business, but will not fix the original concerns that were brought up originally. The DNR should not have the authority to limit who does and who doesn't get to make an income for his/her family on state land. Fish and Games responsibility to manage wildlife, not DNR, Vote against HB158 Thank you, Peter Barela
Guide#1272

Ps. Has anyone thought of the idea of making changes to the law so it would be similar to the commercial fishing industry? Then the state can have control and we as business men would have an investment that would be worth something to pass on to family or sell and be more invested in the resources out there.

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