

**LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 18-01**

A RESOLUTION BY THE LAKE AND PENINSULA BOROUGH SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 267, "An Act requiring the release of certain records relating to big game hunters, guided hunts, and guided sports fishing activities to municipalities for certification of taxes payable; providing for an effective date."

WHEREAS, The Lake and Peninsula Borough imposes a tax on professional guides; and

WHEREAS, The it is the Borough's intent that the tax be accurately reported and taxes due; and

WHEREAS, The Borough intends the tax to be fairly applied; all guides that operate within the Borough's borders pay their tax due equitably; and

WHEREAS, The Borough needs to insure and verify the accuracy of self-reported guide activity to insure all tax due the Borough are paid; and

WHEREAS, The State of Alaska maintains hunting and sports fishing records that would if available to the Borough help the Borough in its duty to equitably enforce its tax code; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Code ensures confidentiality of all tax records and adherence to State laws concerning same.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly, by this resolution, resolves to express its support for and urge passage of House Bill 267.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the Lake and Peninsula Borough Assembly this 20th day of February, 2018.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

ATTEST:



Glen Alsworth Sr., Mayor



Kate Conley, Borough Clerk



CINDER RIVER LODGE *Alaska*



February 21, 2018

Tim Clark
Office of Rep. Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Capitol Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801

Lance & Nikki Kronberger
Cinder River Lodge Alaska
4005 Delores Dr.
Eagle River, AK 99577

To Whom It May Concern:

As a National Park Service concessioner within the Lake & Penn borough we are in support of HB267. The ability for the municipalities to have access to state hunt reports and fish logs for tax purposes only makes sense. This will cut down on the amount of paperwork that we must submit each year to the borough, along with allowing municipalities to make sure everyone is on the same playing field.

We strongly support HB267!

Sincerely,

Lance & Nikki Kronberger

Mr. Chairman & Committee Members;

My name is Bruce Hallingstad,

I own and operate Becharof Lodge Located in Egegik Alaska. (Lake and Peninsula Borough) I have been there since 2002. I am in support of the HB267 allowing municipalities access to information the state collects on hunting and sport fishing activities in their localities for use of collecting taxes only.

It would help decrease some of the paperwork that is needed to support my taxes that is paid, and it also would help in the disadvantage of some guide outfitters and fishing guides that are not reporting their fair amount of taxes for the resources they are taking out of the communities.

I report and pay my taxes to the Municipalities knowing that the use of tax money is going to a worthy cause which is the education of the children that resides in the Borough.

Thank You
Bruce Hallingstad

Timothy Clark

From: Phil Byrd <alaska.phil@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 11:40 AM
To: Timothy Clark; asstfinance@lakeandpen.com
Subject: HB267

Tim,

My name is David Byrd my wife and I own Arctic North Guides and Ugashik Lake Lodge. We are in support of this bill as I believe that it levels the playing field for everyone. I would like to stress the importance of keeping these records confidential, the locations in which we operate have taken large amounts of resources to find and I would hate to see them over used.

If you have any question please feel free to contact me

Phil Byrd
907-469-0581
Arctic North Guides

February 21, 2018

Mr. Chairman, Committee Members;

My name is Martin Kviteng and I am an Owner of an Alaska's Fishing Unlimited, Inc Located in Port Alsworth. I am in support of the HB267 allowing municipalities access to information the state collects on hunting and sport fishing activities in their localities for collecting taxes that is due to them.

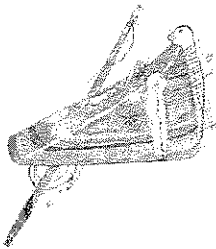
It would help decrease some of the paperwork that is needed to support my taxes that is paid, and it also would help in the disadvantage of some guide outfitters and fishing guides that are not reporting their fair amount of taxes for the resources they are taking out of the communities.

I pay taxes for all my guiding activity whether they are in the borough or not because the tax money is going to a worthy cause which is the education of the children that resides in the Borough.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Martin Kviteng', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Martin Kviteng
Alaska's Fishing Unlimited, INC
44 Mammoth Lane
Port Alsworth, AK 99653
907-781-2220



Native Village of Port Heiden
PO Box 49007
Port Heiden, Alaska 99549
907-837-2296 907-837-2297 (fax)

Resolution 18-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF PORT HEIDEN SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HB-267 "An Act requiring the release of certain records relating to big game hunters, guided hunts, and guided sport fishing activities to municipalities for verification of taxes payable; and providing for an effective date."

WHEREAS, the borough taxes professionally guided hunting and fishing activities within the borough; and

WHEREAS, those taxes collected from those activities are used to support the schools and infrastructure projects throughout our borough; and

WHEREAS, the Native Village of Port Heiden desires for all the residents of the borough to be fairly compensated for the use of their resources; and

WHEREAS, passage of HB-267 will help insure that such compensation for borough resources are fully and fairly paid and collected.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Native Village of Port Heiden hereby urges the Alaska State Legislature to enact HB-267.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Native Council of Port Heiden on this 22 day of Feb, 2018.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

ATTEST:


President/Mayor


Secretary/Clerk

Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation

P.O. Box 1484 • Dillingham, Alaska 99576 • (907) 842-4370 • Fax (907) 842-4338 • 1-800-478-4370



January 26th, 2018

Representative Bryce Edgmon
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK

Dear Representative Edgmon,

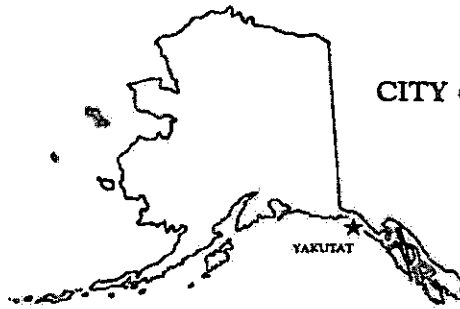
The Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation supports passage of HB267, giving municipalities' access to hunt and sports fishing records for the purpose of verifying taxes payable. Borough's tax revenue is translated into infrastructure; docks, renewable energy, erosion abatement, as well as supporting the village schools. This translates in to improvement in the lives of the Lake and Peninsula's residents by improving opportunities for self-sustained economic development.

There are lots of other arguments that could be made in support of the bill, and if necessary I'd be happy to speak to them but in the interest of brevity I'll keep this short. From the view point of BBEDC this bill is logical, practical, and promotes Economic Development.

If I can answer any additional questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Norman Van Vactor
CEO / President



CITY & BOROUGH of YAKUTAT

P.O. Box 160
Yakutat, Alaska 99689
Phone (907) 784-3323
Fax (907) 784-3281

February 15, 2018

The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol – Room 208
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Re: HB 267/Release of Hunting and Fishing records to Municipalities

Speaker Edgmon,

The City and Borough of Yakutat supports the passage of HB 267 that gives municipalities affected, the access to guided hunt and guided sport fishing records for the purposes of verifying taxes payable to them.

As oil prices plummeted in recent years, the ability of the state to continue various state programs to assist communities around the state has been severely impacted. This is in addition to almost non-existent capital budgets over the same time period.

This has prompted municipalities such as ours to not only tighten our belts, but it is incumbent upon us to ensure our residents are fully compensated for the resources that are being harvested from our management areas or jurisdictions if you will.

To us it is a matter of fairness that we have access to these records to ensure compliance with our various ordinances. This will lead to additional revenues for a myriad of infrastructure needs in our towns and villages that the state can no longer afford to provide.

It is also a matter of fairness to the guides that are paying their fair share. By having these records we can level the playing field and capture significant revenue from those operators that have not paid their taxes due for one reason or another.

In addition, all records of this nature are strictly confidential and are punishable to the fullest extent of the law if violated.

Thank you for the opportunity to add these comments to the public record. Keep up the good work in the House.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Erickson", with a horizontal line above the signature.

Jon Erickson,
City and Borough Manager
PO Box 160
Yakutat, AK 99689
Office (907) 784-3323 x.103

cc: Rep. Andy Josephson, Chair, House Resources Committee

**IGIUGIG VILLAGE COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 18-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE IGIUGIG VILLAGE COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HB-267 "An Act requiring the release of certain records relating to big game hunters, guided hunts, and guided sport fishing activities to municipalities for verification of taxes payable; and providing for an effective date."

WHEREAS, the borough taxes professionally guided hunting and fishing activities within the borough; and

WHEREAS, those taxes collected from those activities are used to support the schools and infrastructure projects throughout our borough; and

WHEREAS, the Igiugig Village Council desires for all the residents of the borough to be fairly compensated for the use of their resources; and


WHEREAS, passage of HB-267 will help insure that such compensation for borough resources are fully and fairly paid and collected.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Igiugig Village Council hereby urges the Alaska State Legislature to enact HB-267.


PASSED AND APPROVED by the Igiugig Village Council on this 22nd day of February, 2018.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

ATTEST:



President



Vice President



Kokhanok Village Council
RESOLUTION 2-22-18 A

A RESOLUTION OF THE Kokhanok Village Council
SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HB-267 "An Act requiring the release of certain records relating to big game hunters, guided hunts, and guided sport fishing activities to municipalities for verification of taxes payable; and providing for an effective date."

WHEREAS, the borough taxes professionally guided hunting and fishing activities within the borough; and

WHEREAS, those taxes collected from those activities are used to support the schools and infrastructure projects throughout our borough; and

WHEREAS, the Kokhanok Village Council
desires for all the residents of the borough to be fairly compensated for the use of their resources; and

WHEREAS, passage of HB-267 will help insure that such compensation for borough resources are fully and fairly paid and collected.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kokhanok Village Council
hereby urges the Alaska State Legislature to enact HB-267.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Kokhanok Village Council
on this 22nd day of February, 2018.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

ATTEST:

Rebecca Andrew
President/Mayor

M. Actre
Secretary/Clerk

Levelock Village Council
RESOLUTION 02-09-18-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE Levelock Village Council SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HB-267 "An Act requiring the release of certain records relating to big game hunters, guided hunts, and guided sport fishing activities to municipalities for verification of taxes payable; and providing for an effective date."

WHEREAS, the borough taxes professionally guided hunting and fishing activities within the borough; and

WHEREAS, these taxes collected from those activities are used to support the schools and infrastructure projects throughout our borough; and

WHEREAS, the Levelock Village Council desires for all the residents of the borough to be fairly compensated for the use of their resources; and

WHEREAS, passage of HB-267 will help insure that such compensation for borough resources are fully and fairly paid and collected.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Levelock Village Council hereby urges the Alaska State Legislature to enact HB-267.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Levelock Village Council and it's Members on this 9th day of February, 2018.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

ATTEST:



President - Alexander Tallekpalek



Secretary - Hans Apokedak

Tribal Village of Levelock Official Members are, President - Alexander Tallekpalek,
Vice President - Raymond Apokedak, Secretary - Hans Apokedak,
Member - Sergie Chukwak, Member - Greg Andrew Jr.

CITY OF NEWHALEN
P.O. Box 165
Newhalen, Alaska 99606
Ph. (907) 571-1226 FAX (907) 571-1540
cityofnewhalen@yahoo.com

RESOLUTION 2018-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEWHALEN SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF HB-267
"An Act requiring the release of certain records relating to big game hunters, guided hunts, and
guided sport fishing activities to municipalities for verification of taxes payable; and providing for
an effective date."

WHEREAS, the borough taxes professionally guided hunting and fishing activities within the borough;
and

WHEREAS, those taxes collected from those activities are used to support the schools and infrastructure
projects throughout our borough; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newhalen desires for all the residents of the borough to be fairly compensated
for the use of their resources; and


WHEREAS, passage of HB-267 will help insure that such compensation for borough resources are fully
and fairly paid and collected.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Newhalen hereby urges the Alaska State
Legislature to enact HB-267.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City of Newhalen on this 21st day of February, 2018.

IN WITNESS THERETO:

ATTEST:


President/Mayor


Secretary/Clerk