

From: Mike Munsey <munseymike12@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 1:32 PM
To: Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>
Subject: BGCSB bill - SB43

Dear Senator Wilson,

My name is Mike Munsey. I was born and raised on Kodiak Island and have made my living from Big Game Guiding for over 40 years. I was raised in the guiding business and have seen many changes over the years and have seen firsthand the importance of professional and ethical standards in this business and accountability for those who don't meet those standards. The Big Game Commercial Services Board is our only means of insuring that accountability and these standards. In addition, the BGCSB provides the guiding industry with a voice to help shape policy, discipline, investigation and testing.

Thank you for your support of this vital part of the hunting and guiding industry in Alaska.

Mike Munsey
Munsey's Bear Camp
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From: dennis@idohuntak.com

Date: February 18, 2019 at 3:43:09 PM AKST

To: senator.david.wilson@akleg.gov

Subject: Support for the BGCSB

Dear Senator Wilson,

My name is Dennis Zadra and I am Master guide #182. I want to thank you for sponsoring SB43 and want to show my support for this bill. I have been operating out of Cordova for 24 years and feel that it is imperative that we keep the Big Game Commercial Services Board. The guiding industry is especially valuable to Rural Alaska and we need the oversight that this Board provides.

Sincerely,

Dennis M. Zadra

Lonesome Dove Outfitters, Inc

Dear Christa,

I am writing to ask that you encourage Sen Wilson to continue to support SB43, which will renew the Big Game Commercial Services Board. I live in West Anchorage, and my wife and I have 2 small children. I own a guide business, and it provides about 85% of my family's annual income... I NEED the guiding industry to function openly, smoothly, transparently, and I need to be able to give feedback. Without the venue of the Big Game Commercial Services Board there is no realistic way for me to affect any meaningful change in the regulatory process, or stay abreast of trends and proposals in guiding. I have historically been involved in the BGCSB process, and usually attend 1 of the 2 annual meetings of the BGCSB.

Without the BGCSB we guides would be muzzled in the rulemaking process. Please let us keep our voice and involvement in the future of guiding in Alaska. Guiding is an important industry in Alaska. I am not a huge operator, but my business alone brings in \$250,000 - \$300,000 annually to the Alaska economy through guide wages, lodging, air-taxi flights with small businesses, taxidermy and expediting, meat processing, retail gear and equipment sales, and peripheral tourism ventures. At least 80% of that money stays here in Alaska and benefits multiple other small businesses, many of them in rural villages and bush communities.

Thank you for your consideration on this, and please keep the Big Game Commercial Services Board alive by supporting SB43.

Sincerely,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cabot Pitts <alaskawildwind@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 9:16 PM

To: Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>

Subject: Support for SB43

Dear Senator Wilson,

I am writing in great support for SB43. I am a registered guide in Alaska and operate on the Alaskan Peninsula in my guide exclusive area of the Katmai Preserve. My business supports a minimum of 6-8 Alaskan employees a season that work directly for my operation; On top of employing local air taxi providers, lodging operations and other services in King Salmon and Naknek I was not born in Alaska but it only took one trip to this wonderful state to know that it would become my home. I started coming to Alaska and working 16 plus years ago. I have been a resident of Alaska now for over 10 years and reside in Palmer. I work with numerous outfitters throughout the state, outside of my operating season and I am also a commercial salmon fishermen in Bristol Bay.

We need the Big Game Commercial Services Board for numerous reasons. One main reason is we have to have professional standards in the guiding community with consequences for operators that do not comply. It keeps the standards higher than just "getting" by. With the BGCSB facilitating guide exams also helps keep the standards and regulate qualified guides in the industry. With out testing there would be no testing requirements for new entry level guides and advanced licenses. A second reason is how important the public process is, and how input on changes and standards should be met and kept current. I was around when the BGCSB was in debt. We have now pulled out of the red and into the black and I see no reason to fall back into a situation like we had before. The BGCSB is important to Alaska and I give full support.

- Cabot Pitts

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mont Mahoney <akcubpilot@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 6:35 PM

To: Sen. David Wilson <Sen.David.Wilson@akleg.gov>

Subject: SB43

Dear Senator Wilson,

My name is Mont Mahoney. I am a Registered Guide, having guided for over 25 years here in Alaska. I've been a resident of Alaska since 1976 and currently live in Big Lake, Alaska. I strongly support SB43. The Big Game Commercial Services Board is essential to the success and quality of the Guiding Industry here in Alaska. Please do every thing you can to see that it continues to exist.

Thank you for your service and efforts to continue to make Alaska the Great Land that it has been and is today!

Sincerely,

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