

Sec. 08.54.591. Creation and membership of board.

(a) For the purposes of licensing and regulating the activities of providers of commercial services to big game hunters in the interest of the state's wildlife resources, there is created the Big Game Commercial Services Board. For administrative purposes, the board is in the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development.

(b) The board consists of nine members as follows:

(1) two members who are current, licensed registered guide-outfitters;

(2) two members who are licensed transporters;

(3) one member of the Board of Game who is chosen by the Board of Game and who does not hold a guide or transport license;

(4) two members who represent private landholders affected by guided hunting activities or transportation services and who do not hold a license issued under this chapter; and

(5) two public members.

Sec. 08.54.595. Board assistance.

State agencies shall provide the board with information, data, or technical assistance requested by the board for the purposes of licensing and regulating the activities of providers of commercial services to big game hunters.

Sec. 08.54.600. Duties of board.

(a) The board shall

(1) prepare and grade

(A) a qualification examination for a registered guide-outfitter license that requires demonstration that the applicant is qualified generally to provide guided and outfitted hunts and, in particular, possesses knowledge of fishing, hunting, and guiding laws and regulations; and

(B) a certification examination for each game management unit in which the registered guide-outfitter intends to provide big game hunting services; the examination must require demonstration that the registered guide-outfitter is qualified to provide guided and outfitted hunts in the game management unit for which the registered guide-outfitter seeks to be certified and, in particular, must require demonstration that the registered guide-

outfitter possesses knowledge of the terrain, transportation problems, game, and other characteristics of the game management unit;

(2) authorize the issuance of registered guide-outfitter, master guide- outfitter, class-A assistant guide, assistant guide, and transporter licenses after the applicant for the license satisfies the requirements for the license;

(3) impose appropriate disciplinary sanctions on a licensee under [AS 08.54.600](#) — 08.54.790;

(4) require an applicant for issuance or renewal of any class of guide license or of a transporter license to state in a written and signed document whether the applicant's right to obtain, or exercise the privileges granted by, a hunting, guiding, outfitting, or transportation services license is revoked or suspended in this state or another state or in Canada;

(5) regularly disseminate information regarding examinations and other qualifications for all classes of guide licenses to residents of the rural areas of the state;

(6) adopt procedural and substantive regulations required by this chapter;

(7) provide for administration of examinations for registered guide- outfitters at least twice a year;

(8) meet at least twice annually;

(9) coordinate and consult with the Board of Game and the Department of Natural Resources to fulfill the duties of each under [AS 16.05.262](#) and [AS 38.05.022](#).

(b) The board shall provide for administration of an oral examination for a registered guide-outfitter license or for a game management unit certification if requested at the time of application for the license.

(c) In addition to the regulations required under (a) of this section, the board may adopt regulations the board considers appropriate, including regulations to

(1) establish a code of ethics for professions regulated by the board;

(2) establish requirements for the contents of written contracts to provide big game

hunting services and transportation services to clients;

(3) authorize the department to request a copy of a big game hunting services or transportation services contract entered into by a person licensed under this chapter.