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To: Sen. Charlie Huggins
Subject: RE: Packer legislation

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From: Harvey Harms [<mailto:alaskatrophy@icloud.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 2:20 PM
To: Sen. Charlie Huggins
Subject: Packer legislation

Dear Mr. Huggins,

During my 46 years guiding hunters, I have trained dozens of highly respected guides, starting them out as packers. I currently have 3 registered and assistant guides who work for me that worked as packers for 3 to 7 years before I let them take a hunter on their own as an assistant or registered guide.

The late famous Pinnell and Tollofson used from 1 to 3 assistant guides on their Kodiak hunts for over 40 years.

Every profession has some sort of entry level or intern position.

Without a packer or trainee position how is a prospective guide to learn the hundreds of nuances of guiding hunters? That being said guides should not be able to let a packer guide a hunter without an assistant, registered, or master guide be in the field with them.

Feel free to e mail me if you need technical information about this.

Sincerely,

Dennis Harms. Alaska Master Guide #48

Sent from my iPad