

March 30, 2013

Senator Kevin Meyer
State Capitol Room 518
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Senator Meyer:

The Kenai River Professional Guide Association supports Senate Bill No. 79, "an Act establishing the Sport Fishing Guide Services Board and the licensing requirements for sport fishing guide-outfitters, sport fishing assistant guides, and the sport fishing transporters..."

While the sport fishing guided industry within Alaska is recognized as a viable industry that contributes much to the economy and status of the state of Alaska, at present the sport fishing guided industry is without uniform process and procedure. There currently is no consistent process for licensing guiding operations nor methods and procedures by which they are to function. Senate Bill No. 79 provides for a Sport Fishing Guide Service Board that will have nine members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the legislature. They will represent varying geographic locations and interests. The Board will have specific legislated responsibilities to deal with the guiding industry statewide. Additionally, the Board will have enforcement authority.

Senate Bill No. 79 is definitely needed and the state of Alaska will benefit greatly from its passage as it will bring uniformity and consistency to an industry that is a vital part of the future of the state of Alaska.

Sincerely,



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