

# Report Highlights

## Why DLA Performed This Audit

The audit was performed to determine if there is a continued need for the board and if its termination date should be extended. The board is set to sunset on June 30, 2024, and will have one year from that date to conclude its administrative operations.

## What the Legislative Auditor Recommends

1. The Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing's director should improve oversight procedures to ensure required licensure documentation is obtained and reviewed.
2. The board should consider whether two private landholder board seats continue to be necessary for effective regulation.

# A Sunset Review of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Big Game Commercial Services Board (board)

June 22, 2023

**Audit Control Number 08-20136-23**

## REPORT CONCLUSIONS

Overall, the audit concludes that the board operated in the public's interest by conducting its meetings in an effective manner, supporting statutory changes when deemed necessary, and actively amending regulations. The audit also concludes that board licenses were not consistently supported by adequate documentation and two private landholder board seats were vacant or had absences for extended periods.

In accordance with AS 08.03.010(c)(9), the board is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2024. We recommend that the legislature extend the board's termination date six years to June 30, 2030, which is two years less than the eight-year statutory maximum. The reduced extension recommendation reflects the need for more timely oversight in recognition of the audit findings.

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Members of the Legislative Budget  
and Audit Committee:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 24 and Title 44 of the Alaska Statutes (sunset legislation), we have reviewed the activities of the Big Game Commercial Services Board and the attached report is submitted for your review.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD  
SUNSET REVIEW

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The audit was conducted as required by AS 44.66.050(a). Per AS 08.03.010(c)(9), the board is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2024. We recommend the legislature extend the board's termination date to June 30, 2030.

The audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. Fieldwork procedures utilized in the course of developing the findings and recommendations presented in this report are discussed in the Objectives, Scope, and Methodology.

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Legislative Auditor