



Notice of Proposed Changes in The Regulations of the Alaska Big Game Commercial Services Board

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

12 AAC 75.120, .130, and .145. The proposed regulations will add jurisprudence questionnaire as part of a requirement for initial license application for class-A assistant guide, assistant guide, and transporter license. The jurisprudence questionnaire is prepared by the board covering the statutes and regulations (AS 08.54 and 12 AAC 75) of this profession.

12 AAC 75.150. The proposed regulations will add requirements for the professional development of all license holders for this licensing program. To increase cooperation between the license holders and the various agencies that are directly connected to the services the license holders provide. The increased involvement may reduce investigations and costs as the license holders will be more engaged and up-to-date on federal, state, and municipal laws they are bound to follow for the privilege of maintaining their license.

12 AAC 75.230. The proposed regulations will require a minimum 3-year registration for guide use areas. It will outline eligibility for registration for Game Management Unit 9 for the spring 2021 brown bear season adopted into regulation by the Board of Game. The Board of Game moved the spring 2020 Unit 9 brown bear hunts to spring 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in an attempt to preserve hunter opportunity for non-resident hunters. The proposal is to conform with efforts made by the Board of Game to mitigate a portion of the impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on both the industry and the public.

12 AAC 75.400. The proposed regulations will clarify the requirements for transporter activity reports to be submitted to the department within a set time-frame to comply with annual reporting requirements of AS 08.54.650(c), which is used by law enforcement to ensure compliance with statutes and regulations in a timely manner.

2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

None known at this time.

3. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations goes to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

Do you have a question that is not answered here? Please email RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov so it can be added.