

Chapter 75. Big Game Commercial Services Board.

12 AAC 75 is amended by adding a new section to read:

12 AAC 75.150. Professional development for, master guide-outfitter, registered guide-outfitter, and transporter licensees. (a) “Professional Public Involvement Requirement”, to initially apply for, or renew a master guide-outfitter, registered guide-outfitter, or transporter license, the applicant must document professional public involvement. A licensee, must attend and participate in one of the following for at least five days per biennial licensing period; a new applicant, must attend and participate in one of the following for at least five days in the two years prior to application:

- (1) Fish and Game Advisory Committee meeting;
- (2) Alaska Board of Game meeting;
- (3) Big Game Commercial Services Board meeting;
- (4) Federal Subsistence Board or Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council meetings;
- (5) Big Game Commercial Services Board exam proctoring; or
- (6) Federal Subsistence Resource Commission.

(b) An applicant or licensee is exempt from the requirements in (a)(1) – (6) of this section if, at the time of application or renewal, the applicant or licensee is currently serving as a:

- (1) board member of a related industry association, or wildlife or conservation organization;
- (2) hunter education instructor;
- (3) Alaska Native corporation conservation, hunting, land management, or

subsistence committee member;

(4) youth outdoor outreach program leader;

(5) “becoming an outdoors woman” (BOW) instructor; or

(6) other board approved conservation and hunter advocacy activities.

(c) “Professional Agency Coordination Requirement”, to initially apply for, or renew a master guide-outfitter, registered guide-outfitter, or transporter license, the applicant must document meeting, at least once per year, in person or telephonically, with:

(1) an Alaska wildlife trooper assigned to a region in which the licensee operates or applicant intends to operate, to discuss enforcement information in the area; or

(2) a Department of Fish and Game biologist assigned to a region in which the licensee operates or applicant intends to operate, to discuss biological information in the area.

(d) The requirements listed in this section will be documented on a form provided by the department and signed by the chairperson or executive director of the applicable boards, commissions, or organizations listed in (a) and (b) of this section; and either signed by the Alaska wildlife trooper or Department of Fish and Game biologist listed in (c) of this section or in a letter on department’s letterhead if meeting was conducted telephonically. (Eff.

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