

Kodiak AC - Transporter Working Group
February 14, 2023 Meeting Notes
Called to Order 12:05 p.m.

Attendees: Brandon Bartelson, Ron Blondin, Mike Brady, Coral Chernoff, Paul Chervenak, Bill Dunker, Duncan Fields, Andy Finke, Eric Howard, Alexis Kwatchka, Jeff Peterson, Tyler Polum, Rebecca Skinner, Paul Yatsik, Mike Zweng

Working Group discussed and made recommendations on the following proposals:

BOARD OF GAME - deadline March 3, 2023

Proposal 73 – reduce bag limits for residents and non-residents in Unit 8 Remainder.

Recommended Position: Oppose

Oppose because
There is no biologic concern with Kodiak deer population
Reducing bag limits will make it harder for local hunters to get their food
This proposal is unlikely to significantly limit or reduce transporter activity

Proposal 209 - reallocating elk permits to resident registration hunts

Recommended Position: None

BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD - deadline March 29, 2023

12 AAC 75.XXX. Marking of aircraft and boats used by guides and transporters

Recommended Position: Support, with suggested application to boats 36-40 feet or bigger

Support because	Concerns noted
Facilitates identification of transporter boats, and may help track transporter effort & location	Unclear why this proposal is needed
Makes enforcement easier	There are already too many numbers required on the side of transporter boats
Creates consistency between airplane and boat marking requirements	This requirement is unlikely to change transporter behavior

12 AAC 75.440 Professional Ethics Standards for Providers of Transportation Services

Recommended Position: Support

Support because
We should be ethical leaders and support this approach
Transporters should be aware of private land ownership, and share accountability for hunters they drop off trespassing on private land
This proposal enhances accountability for transporters
This is required of guides already, enhances consistency

12 AAC 75.XXX Boat Based Transporters with Living Accommodations on Saltwater

Recommended Position: Support through (a)(1) only, striking everything from (a)(2) on

Support because
Could reduce number of transporters and number of hunters
Could improve quality of experience for all hunters