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Dear Board of Game members,

Please consider the following request for reconsideration on your vote on Proposal 146.

The APHA requests that you take this proposal back up and where you removed references to "Guide Client Agreements" in certain drawing hunts, you add the following language:

"Only a legally licensed Guide who is appropriately guide use area certified, may apply for applicants for this hunt. A legal agreement, defined by the department of Commerce Community and Economic Development, must be in place between the applicant and the legally licensed, area certified guide for these applications to be accepted by the Department of Fish and Game."

Explanation:

Without requiring the guide to apply for their potential clients the Department of Commerce or the Big Game and Commercial Services Board could potentially fail to act in a timely manner, or at all, thus resulting in a loss of continuity for this valuable program that benefits clients and ethical guides alike. The Board of Game obviously does not want a program lapse or an unenforceable regulation. **This draft regulation for your reconsideration is, in fact, THE ONLY REGULATORY RECOMMENDATION FOR THE BOARD OF GAME THAT WAS PUT FORWARD BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE THAT WORKED ON THIS ISSUE. FAILURE TO PASS THIS RECOMMENDATION JEOPARDIZES THE REGULATION PACKAGE CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED BY THE BIG GAME COMMERCIAL SERVICES BOARD.**

Thank You,

Thor Stacey