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March 19, 2010

Mr. Tom Irwin
Commissioner, Dept. of Natural Resources
550 W. 7th Ave. Suite 1400
Anchorage, AK 99501

Dear Commissioner Irwin,

Re: Support to re-establish a program to limit guide/outfitter activity that occurs on State lands and the continued cooperation between Department of Natural Resources and the Big Game Commercial Services Board.

The Big Game Commercial Services Board (BGCSB) held its spring meeting during March 2010 in Fairbanks. Public testimony given by Mr. Clark Cox (DNR) suggested that they had made significant progress towards the public process in establishing guide concessions areas. He also stated that DNR's accomplishments in the process have reached a level where the BGCSB input is no longer necessary. We hope this was a misunderstanding from the testimony.

As you know, the BGCSB has played an essential role in the development of the concession area concept and strongly believe we should be allowed a continued advisory position in the decision making process. Furthermore, we are hopeful that members of our board will be able to hold a joint October 2010 meeting in Anchorage, in order to provide input. Our board has openly been a strong supporter of DNR's efforts and appreciated the advisory role we have played; however, to discontinue our participation in the process at this point may negatively impact the support from the guiding industry that we are relying on.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to your consideration into this matter.

Best Regards,

Paul Johnson
Paul Johnson, Chairman
Big Game Commercial Services Board

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