

Definitions and Guide Services (2 proposals)

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**PROPOSAL 14**

**5 AAC 75.995. Definitions.**

Modify the definition of bag limit to include fish landed but not originally hooked by an angler, as follows:

Allow captains, deckhands & other anglers to assist anglers in hooking their fish and the fish will belong to the bag limit of the angler that was assisted.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Current rules do not allow hook & hand fishing where one person hooks or assists in hooking a fish and handing the rod off to an angler to become part of the bag limit of the angler who fights, reels and land the fish. Small children, older people, people with disabilities, or beginners often need help from a guide, deckhand, or parent in hooking fish. The practice of hooking a fish and handing off the rod is common practice in fisheries throughout the world, but in Alaska is illegal.

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**PROPOSAL 15**

**5 AAC 75.075. Sport fishing services and sport fishing guide services; salt water license and fresh water registration requirements; regulation of activities; 75.076. Sport fishing guide and operator reporting requirements; and 75.077. Sport fishing guide vessel registration requirements.**

Prohibit reselling of guide services by anyone other than licensed guides, as follows:

Only Licensed, & registered fishing guides & Guide businesses are allowed to sub-contract fishing trips to other licensed, & registered fishing guides & businesses.

**What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?** Unlicensed, & unregistered Fishing guide services & businesses, selling, & sub contracting fishing trips without a guide license or being a registered guide business. This is unfair competition to licensed guide businesses, & also a consumer protection issue to anglers, This is also a deterrent to the orderly development, & operational conduct of a fishery.

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