

Commercial Guiding

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House Bills 5358, 5359 & 5360

Quick Hits :

- \$150 three-year registration fee for residents; \$300 for non-residents
- Existing charter captains operating with a US Coast Guard license are exempt from the registration fee
- Data reporting required, similar to what is required currently on the Great Lakes and connecting waterways
- Common sense exemptions respect private landowners and hunting and angling recruitment efforts
- All commercial guides must possess: a valid base (\$11) or fishing license (\$26); must be CPR and first aid certified; and have a state identification card or driver's license
- A person must not have been convicted of any felony or certain fish and game violations in the past three years

The Issue:

Currently, Michigan law is lax on regulation of commercial hunting and inland fishing guides. If enacted, these bills allow enforcement action to be taken against bad actors that put clients in danger or violate game laws.

Our Position:

Change to commercial guiding has been a priority for MUCC members since 1997. There is a need to provide some structure, accountability and gather data from this industry. This package of bills requires a minimum requirement to protect Michigan's rich outdoor heritage and the important economic contributions of Michigan's hunting and fishing guides.

In Support:



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