



INFORMATION CIRCULAR FOR COMMERCIAL HUNTING GUIDES

This information required under authority of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.101 to 324.90106

PREFACE

This information circular is provided to inform interested applicants and licensees about the regulations concerning Commercial Hunting Guides. This circular is designed specifically to address the regulations and the concerns of commercial businesses. This circular is not intended to be a guide to commercial hunting guides for individual landowners or other groups, nor does it cover aspects of commercial hunting guide programs unrelated to the specific authority granted by the license discussed herein.

Licensees will receive a current copy of this circular with license renewal information. Updates will be provided if regulations change. Licensees are expected to know and understand the state regulations and any pertinent local regulations related to commercial hunt guiding (i.e., discharge of firearms, etc.) and to act within those regulations. In addition, licensees are expected to conduct control operations in a professional manner to develop and foster public confidence in the integrity of the commercial hunting guide program.

Answers to questions not provided in this circular may be addressed to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Wildlife Division Permit Specialist at 517-284-6210/DNR-PermitSpecialist@michigan.gov, or by contacting a DNR office listed in the back of this circular.

INTRODUCTION

In November of 2023 the Michigan legislature approved Public Act No. 211 with an effective date of March 1, 2024, to regulate the act of commercial hunt guiding.

DEFINITIONS

Commercial hunting guide means an individual who, for a fee or other consideration of value, provides assistance to another individual in hunting game.

Consideration of value means an economic benefit, inducement, right, or profit, including monetary payment accruing to an individual or person. Consideration of value does not include a voluntary sharing of the actual expenses of the guiding activity by monetary contribution or donation of fuel, food, beverages, or other supplies.

Direct supervision means that visual and vocal contact is constantly maintained between the individual and the licensed commercial hunting guide.

Individual with a disability or physical limitation means a disabled person as that term is defined in section 19a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.19a.

Participating state means that term as defined in section 1615. Located in Act 451 of 1994 324.1615 Wildlife violator compact.

Sublicensee means an individual who is working under the direct supervision of a licensed commercial hunting guide when a hunting client is present.

THE ROLE OF A COMMERCIAL HUNTING GUIDE IN MICHIGAN

Many individuals enjoy the opportunity of hunting in Michigan. There can be several different scenarios in which an individual would want to hire a licensed commercial hunting guide for assistance.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR COMMERCIAL HUNTING GUIDE LICENSES

All applicants should read and understand the following steps involved in the application and licensing process. Read this Information Circular (IC1354) and the application/license form (PR1353) entirely. If you have questions, contact the Permit Specialist at 517-284-6210 or DNR-PermitSpecialist@michigan.gov.

1. Complete the application form. Be sure to indicate “new” and sign and date the application. Make sure you read the liability, indemnification, and certification prior to signing.
2. Applicants must have a valid base hunting license for the duration of the commercial hunting guide license.
3. Applicants must provide a copy of their current first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate, issued and approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association. The certificate must be issued to a person, not a business.
4. The application fee is \$150 for Michigan residents and \$300 for non-residents.
5. Allow 60 days to receive your approval to purchase your commercial hunting guide license.
6. Once you are approved, you will be required to go to our eLicense system to purchase your license. [Michigan DNR eLicense Home \(mdnr-elicense.com\)](http://mdnr-elicense.com)
7. You will be required to maintain records for the duration of your commercial hunting guide license. Report commercial hunting guide license activities per *Record Keeping Requirements* in this circular.
8. If changes are required to any of the information on your commercial hunting guide license, you must submit an amended application, per *Amending a License* in this circular.
9. Your commercial hunting guide license will expire on the third August 1 after the date of issue, per *Renewing a License* in this circular.

AMENDING A LICENSE

If a change is required regarding any information on your commercial hunting guide license, you must submit an amended application. For example, such changes may include a new business name, telephone number, or address. If changes are required, please follow these steps:

1. Contact the Permit Specialist (517-284-6210 or DNR-PermitSpecialist@michigan.gov) and request to amend your commercial hunting guide license.
2. There is not a fee for amending your commercial hunting guide license.
3. Allow 60 days to receive your approved amended commercial hunting guide license.

RENEWING A LICENSE

Commercial hunting guide licenses are valid from the date of issue to the third August 1 after issue. For example, a license issued June 1, 2024, would be valid until August 1, 2027. You will be mailed/emailed renewal information, an application, and a report form during the month of May immediately preceding the expiration date of your license. Renewal applications and Activity/Renewal Reports are due by February 1 of the year your license expires. Your report is required regardless of whether or not you wish to renew your commercial hunting guide license. If you do not wish to renew, submit your report only, with a note attached indicating that you do not wish to renew. If you wish to renew your license, please follow these steps:

1. Complete the application with current information.
2. Indicate “renewal” and your current commercial hunting guide license number in the appropriate area.
3. Provide a copy of your current first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation certificate, issued and approved by the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association. The certificate must be issued to a person, not a business.
4. The renewal fee is \$150 for Michigan residents and \$300 for non-residents.

5. You should receive your renewed license prior to the expiration date of your current license.

FIRST AID REQUIREMENT

Commercial hunting guides are now required to have a certification in First Aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The certification must be issued by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or a comparable organization. (The DNR does not currently have any other authorized organizations.)

An individual shall not act as a commercial hunting guide unless that individual, when acting as a commercial hunting guide, carries a basic first aid kit that includes, but is not limited to, all the following:

- Tourniquet, chest seals, and compression gauze.
- CPR mask.
- Trauma shears.
- Sterile eyewash.
- Mylar emergency blanket.
- Bandages.
- Moleskin.
- Tweezers.

More information on becoming certified in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation can be found at: <https://www.michigan.gov/mde/services/ed-serv/ed-cert/cert-guidance/becoming-a-teacher/cpr-first-aid>.

SUBLICENSEES

Current legislation does not allow for sublicensees on commercial hunting guide licenses. Anyone who is assisting clients or operating as a guide will require their own license. The only time an individual license is not required is when operating under “direct supervision” of a license commercial hunting guide.

This means any person getting paid to work directly with a hunter is a guide and needs a license.

If a person is getting paid to establish/maintain that bait for a client, a guide license is required. If the paid guide has another person carry bait out to that location, but that other person never takes the client out or has other direct involvement with the client, then no license is required. However, that person would be responsible for any related violations. (i.e. excess bait, illegal bait type, baiting outside of established dates, etc.).

A person riding in a truck with both a licensed guide and the client is not considered a guide. This is because the licensed guide is directly with the client. The rider does not need the license as long as they are under direct supervision visually and verbally.

INSURANCE

Liability insurance is not currently a requirement for commercial hunting guides to have a business in Michigan. However, it is recommended.

PRIVATE LAND

Commercial hunting guides are required to have a DNR-issued commercial guiding license if providing services on private land. A commercial hunting guide license is not required for the following:

- The owner of private land while providing assistance to another individual in pursuing, capturing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to take game on that private land.
- The owner, employee, or member of a game bird hunting preserve licensed under part 417, or a designee of the owner, employee, or member, while providing assistance to another individual in pursuing, capturing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to take game birds authorized to be hunted on that game bird hunting preserve.

- The owner or employee of a privately owned game ranch while providing assistance to another individual in pursuing, capturing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to take privately owned game that the individual is permitted to own on the individual's privately owned game ranch. As used in this subparagraph, "privately owned game ranch" includes a cervidae livestock facility registered under the privately owned cervidae producers marketing act, 2000 PA 190, MCL 287.951 to 287.969.
- An individual, business, agency, or nonprofit organization issued a permit from the department to provide damage or nuisance animal control services, while providing those damage or nuisance animal control services.
- An employee or member of an organization conducting a not-for-profit event to recruit, retain, or promote hunting, while providing assistance to another individual in hunting game during that event.
- An individual who complies with subsection (2)(c) and who is working under the direct supervision of a licensed commercial hunting guide when a hunting client is present. As used in this subparagraph, "direct supervision" means that visual and vocal contact is constantly maintained between the individual and the licensed commercial hunting guide.
- An individual who provides assistance when a hunting client is not present.
- An individual who is compensated for providing assistance to an individual with a disability or physical limitation. As used in this subparagraph, "individual with a disability or physical limitation" means a disabled person as that term is defined in section 19a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.19a.

STATE LAND USE

A commercial guide license is required for any hunting guide that provides guiding service to clients wanting to hunt game on state-owned lands in exchange for goods, services, money, barter, or anything of value.

Hunting guides using state lands fits the definition of commercial use under R 299.921, Rule 21, which defines commercial operations:

- "Commercial operations" means any activity that involves, directly or indirectly, the buying or selling of goods or services, or the exchange or attempt or offer to exchange goods or services for money, barter, or for anything of value.

More information on state land use rules can be found at: [ARS Public - MI Admin Code for Natural Resources - Law Enforcement Division \(state.mi.us\)](#). Once you are at the site search "state land use".

COMMERCIAL FOREST LAND

Other than forestry, commercial use of lands enrolled in the Commercial Forest program is prohibited. It does not matter whether the landowner receives compensation or not, the commercial use is not allowed. Commercial guiding services are both an ancillary hunting activity and a commercial use that are prohibited by Commercial Forest Act statute. If a landowner gives a commercial guide permission to guide on Commercial Forest-enrolled land, then the landowner is in violation of the Commercial Forest Act section 324.51113 that prohibits commercial activity. The declassification process may be implemented to withdraw the property from the Commercial Forest program. If the commercial guiding is taking place without the landowners' permission, and the landowner reports the activity to law enforcement officials, those conducting the guiding activity may be in violation of trespass laws and subject to jail time and/or fines.

VIOLATIONS

To qualify for a commercial hunting guide license (new or renewal), the individual must not have been convicted of any of the following within the past 3 years:

A violation of any of the following:

(A) Section 40112.

324.40112 Obstructing or interfering in lawful taking of animals or fish; prohibited conduct; petition; injunction; violation as misdemeanor; penalties; section inapplicable to peace officer.

Sec. 40112.

- (1) An individual shall not obstruct or interfere in the lawful taking of animals or fish by another individual.
- (2) An individual violates this section when the individual intentionally or knowingly does any of the following:
 - (a) Drives or disturbs animals or fish for the purpose of disrupting a lawful taking.
 - (b) Blocks, impedes, or harasses another individual who is engaged in the process of lawfully taking an animal or fish.
 - (c) Uses a natural or artificial visual, aural, olfactory, gustatory, or physical stimulus or an unmanned vehicle or unmanned device that uses aerodynamic forces to achieve flight or that operates on the surface of the water or underwater, to affect animal or fish behavior in order to hinder or prevent the lawful taking of an animal or a fish.
 - (d) Erects barriers to deny ingress or egress to areas where the lawful taking of animals or fish may occur. This subdivision does not apply to an individual who erects barriers to prevent trespassing on his or her property.
 - (e) Interjects himself or herself into the line of fire of an individual lawfully taking wildlife.
 - (f) Affects the condition or placement of personal or public property intended for use in the lawful taking of an animal or a fish in order to impair the usefulness of the property or prevent the use of the property.
 - (g) Enters or remains upon private lands without the permission of the owner or the owner's agent, for the purpose of violating this section.
 - (h) Engages in any other act or behavior for the purpose of violating this section.
- (3) Upon petition of an aggrieved person or an individual who reasonably may be aggrieved by a violation of this section, a court of competent jurisdiction, upon a showing that an individual was engaged in and threatens to continue to engage in illegal conduct under this section, may enjoin that conduct.
- (4) An individual who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both, and the costs of prosecution. An individual who violates this section a second or subsequent time is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$2,500.00, or both, and the costs of prosecution. In addition to the penalties provided for in this subsection, any permit or license issued by the department authorizing the individual to take animals or fish shall be revoked. A prosecution under this section does not preclude prosecution or other action under any other criminal or civil statute.
- (5) This section does not apply to a peace officer while the peace officer performs his or her lawful duties.

(B) Section 40118(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (14), (15), (16), or (17).

324.40118 Violation as misdemeanor; penalty; additional penalties.

- (2) An individual who violates a provision of this part or an order or interim order issued under this part regarding the possession or taking of any game, except deer, bear, wild turkey, wolf, waterfowl, moose, or elk, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both, and the costs of prosecution.
- (3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection or subsection (19), an individual who violates a provision of this part or an order or interim order issued under this part regarding the possession or taking of deer, bear, wild turkey, or wolf is guilty of a misdemeanor and may be imprisoned for not more than 90 days, shall be fined not less than \$200.00 or more than \$1,000.00, and shall be ordered to pay the costs of prosecution. An individual shall not be punished under this subsection for lawfully removing, capturing, or destroying a wolf under 2008 PA 290, MCL 324.95151 to 324.95155, or 2008 PA 318, MCL 324.95161 to 324.95167.

(4) An individual who violates a provision of this part or an order or interim order issued under this part regarding the possession or taking of elk is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 180 days or a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$2,000.00, or both, and the costs of prosecution.

(5) An individual who violates a provision of this part or an order or interim order issued under this part regarding the possession or taking of moose is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year and a fine of not less than \$1,000.00 or more than \$5,000.00, and the costs of prosecution.

(6) An individual who violates a provision of this part or an order or interim order issued under this part regarding the possession or taking of waterfowl is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not less than \$250.00 or more than \$500.00, or both, and the costs of prosecution. An individual who violates a provision of this part or an order or interim order issued under this part regarding the possession or taking of waterfowl a second or subsequent time is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of \$500.00, or both, and the costs of prosecution.

(14) An individual who violates a provision of this part or an order or interim order issued under this part regarding the taking or possession of an animal that has been designated by the department to be a protected animal, other than an animal that appears on a list prepared under section 36505, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not less than \$100.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both, and the costs of prosecution.

(15) An individual who buys or sells game or a protected animal in violation of this part or an order or interim order issued under this part is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both, for the first offense, and is guilty of a felony for each subsequent offense.

(16) An individual who willfully violates a provision of this part or an order or interim order issued under this part by using an illegally constructed snare or cable restraint is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of \$1,000.00 for the first illegally constructed snare or cable restraint and \$250.00 for each subsequent illegally constructed snare or cable restraint, or both, and the costs of prosecution.

(17) An individual who violates a provision of this part or an order or interim order issued under this part regarding the importation of a cervid carcass or parts of a cervid carcass, other than hides, deboned meat, quarters or other parts of a cervid that do not have any part of the spinal column or head attached, finished taxidermy products, cleaned teeth, antlers, or antlers attached to a skullcap cleaned of brain and muscle tissue, from another state or province is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$2,000.00, or both, and the costs of prosecution.

(C) Section 41105.

324.41105 Violation as misdemeanor; penalty.

Sec. 41105.

A person who takes or kills any fish, game, fur-bearing animal, or game bird, contrary to an order issued or rule promulgated under this part, or who violates this part, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable for the first offense by imprisonment for not more than 60 days or a fine of not more than \$100.00. For each offense that is charged as a second or subsequent offense, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not less than \$50.00 or more than \$250.00.

(D) Section 44524.

324.44524 Violation as misdemeanor; penalties; seizure, condemnation, and confiscation of vessel; issuance of appearance ticket.

Sec. 44524.

(1) A person who violates this part or a rule promulgated under this part is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(2) When a vessel is operated in violation of section 44502, 44509, or 44516(1) or (2), the vessel may be seized as evidence, and upon conviction of the owner, the vessel may be condemned and confiscated in the same manner as provided for under part 16.

(3) A peace officer may issue an appearance ticket to any person violating this part or a rule promulgated under this part.

324.44524.amended Violation as misdemeanor; penalties; failure to submit activity reports; civil infraction; seizure, condemnation, and confiscation of vessel; issuance of appearance ticket.

Sec. 44524.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person who violates this part or a rule promulgated under this part is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 1 year or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(2) A person who fails to submit catch activity reports as required under section 44508(5)(c) and (d) is responsible for a state civil infraction and shall be ordered to pay a civil fine as follows:

(a) For the first violation during a calendar year, \$100.00.

(b) For a second or subsequent violation during a calendar year, \$200.00.

(3) If a person fails to submit catch activity reports for 2 or more reporting periods and has been cited by the department for each violation, the department shall not authorize the person to operate a charter boat until the delinquent reports are submitted to the department.

(4) When a vessel is operated in violation of section 44502, 44509, or 44516(1) or (2), the vessel may be seized as evidence, and upon conviction of the owner, the vessel may be condemned and confiscated in the same manner as provided for under part 16.

(5) A peace officer may issue an appearance ticket to any person violating this part or a rule promulgated under this part.

(E) Section 48738(2) or (3).

324.48738 Violations as misdemeanors; violation as felony; violation as civil infraction; penalties; suspension or revocation of permit or license; issuance or reinstatement.

(2) An individual who uses dynamite, nitroglycerin, any other explosive substance, lime, electricity, or poison for the purpose of taking or killing fish, who uses nets not authorized by law for taking game fish, or who buys or sells game fish or any part of game fish is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days or a fine of not less than \$250.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both.

(3) An individual who takes or possesses sturgeon in violation of this part or rules or orders issued to implement this part is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 180 days or a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$2,000.00, or both, and the costs of prosecution.

(F) Section 48739(1), (2), or (3).

324.48739 Violation of part as misdemeanor; possession or sale of multipointed hook with weight permanently attached as misdemeanor; penalties.

Sec. 48739.

(1) A person who snags fish in violation of this part is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not less than \$250.00 or more than \$500.00, or both, and costs of prosecution.

(2) A person who is convicted of a second violation of snagging fish in violation of this part is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not less than \$500.00 or more than \$1,000.00, or both, and costs of prosecution. In addition, the court shall suspend a sports fishing license issued to a person sentenced under this subsection for not less than 2 years and order that the person shall not secure a fishing license during that 2-year period.

(3) A person who is convicted of a third or subsequent violation of snagging fish in violation of this part is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or a fine of not less than

\$1,000.00 or more than \$2,000.00, or both, and costs of prosecution. In addition, the court shall suspend a sports fishing license issued to a person sentenced under this subsection for not less than 3 years and order that the person shall not secure a fishing license during that 3-year period.

(ii) Any felony.

(iii) A violation of a law of a participating state substantially corresponding to a violation described in subparagraphs (i) to (ii).

LIABILITIES

Licensee hereby releases, waives, discharges and covenants not to sue the State of Michigan, its departments, officers, employees and agents, from any and all liability to licensee, its officers, employees and agents, for all losses, injury, death or damage, and any claims or demands thereto, on account of injury to person or property, or resulting in death of licensee, its officers, employees or agents, in reference to the activities authorized by this license.

RECORD KEEPING/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A commercial hunting guide shall file an annual report with the department, in a format determined by the department, that contains information related to all the following:

- The counties of this state where the individual acted as a commercial hunting guide.
- The species of game for which the individual acted as a commercial hunting guide.
- The number of clients that the commercial hunting guide had during the year.
- The number of game animals harvested by the clients of the commercial hunting guide.
- Any additional information the department requires regarding the biological characteristics of the game animals harvested.
- (7) Information submitted in a report under subsection (6) is confidential and is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

COMPLAINTS

All complaints regarding violations of the commercial hunting guide program regulations by licensees should be forwarded to the DNR Law Enforcement Division by email DNR-LawEnforcement@michigan.gov or phone 517-284-6000.

If immediate action is required, call the nearest Department Office, Conservation Officer, or the toll-free Report All Poaching Hotline 1-800-292-7800. The Hotline number is exclusively for reporting violations and is not a general information number.

LICENSE SUSPENSION/REVOCAION PROCEDURES

The department may revoke a license, after notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, for any of the following reasons:

- (a) The department determines that the individual is not eligible to hold a license.
- (b) The individual provides false information.
- (c) The individual fails to file an annual report, and that report remains unfiled for more than 90 days after the report is due.

ACT NO. 221 PUBLIC ACTS of 2023

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 104

AN ACT to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "An act to protect the environment and natural resources of the state; to codify, revise, consolidate, and classify laws relating to the environment and natural resources of the state; to regulate the discharge of certain substances into the environment; to regulate the use of certain lands, waters, and other natural resources of the state; to protect the people's right to hunt and fish; to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for certain charges, fees, assessments, and donations; to provide certain appropriations; to prescribe penalties and provide remedies; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding sections 43528c and 43528d.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 43528c. (1) Beginning March 1, 2024, an individual shall not act as a commercial hunting guide in this state unless that individual possesses both of the following:

(a) A valid license issued under subsection (2).

(b) A valid base license issued under section 43523a. 2 (2) To obtain a license to act as a commercial hunting guide, an individual shall submit the application fee described in section 43528d and an application to the department. The application must be in a format determined by the department. The department shall only grant a license to an individual if the department determines all of the following:

(a) That the individual holds a valid certification in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation issued by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, or a comparable organization approved by the department, and that the individual can provide to the department, upon request, a copy of the certification.

(b) The individual has a valid, lawfully obtained Michigan driver license issued under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923, an official state personal identification card issued under 1972 PA 222, MCL 28.291 to 28.300, or a sportcard issued under section 43522.

(c) The individual has not been convicted of any of the following within the past 3 years:

(i) A violation of any of the following:

(A) Section 40112.

(B) Section 40118(2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (14), (15), (16), or (17).

(C) Section 41105.

(D) Section 44524.

(E) Section 48738(2) or (3).

(F) Section 48739(1), (2), or (3).

(ii) Any felony.

(iii) A violation of a law of a participating state substantially corresponding to a violation described in subparagraphs (i) to (ii).

(d) The individual is eligible to purchase a license for the game species for which the individual is acting as a commercial hunting guide. This subdivision does not apply to an individual who is ineligible to obtain a hunting license solely because that individual has previously been issued a hunting license for that species.

(3) An individual shall not act as a commercial hunting guide unless that individual, when acting as a commercial hunting guide, carries a basic first aid kit that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Tourniquet, chest seals, and compression gauze.

(b) CPR mask.

(c) Trauma shears.

(d) Sterile eyewash.

- (e) Mylar emergency blanket.
 - (f) Bandages.
 - (g) Moleskin.
 - (h) Tweezers.
- (4) An individual shall not act as a commercial hunting guide on commercial forestland.
- (5) A license issued under this section is valid for 3 years after the date it is issued. The department may revoke a license under this section, after notice and opportunity for hearing in accordance with the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, for any of the following reasons:
- (a) The department determines that the individual is not eligible to hold a license under this section.
 - (b) The individual provides false information under this section.
 - (c) The individual fails to file an annual report under subsection (6), and that report remains unfiled for more than 90 days after the report is due.
 - (6) A commercial hunting guide shall file an annual report with the department, in a format determined by the department, that contains information related to all of the following:
 - (a) The counties of this state where the individual acted as a commercial hunting guide.
 - (b) The species of game for which the individual acted as a commercial hunting guide.
 - (c) The number of clients that the commercial hunting guide had during the year.
 - (d) The number of game animals harvested by the clients of the commercial hunting guide.
 - (e) Any additional information the department requires regarding the biological characteristics of the game animals harvested.
 - (7) Information submitted in a report under subsection (6) is confidential and is exempt from disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246. 3
 - (8) The department shall annually post on its website all of the following:
 - (a) The number of applications submitted under subsection (2) in the previous year.
 - (b) The number of licenses issued under this section in the previous year.
 - (c) A list of individuals who have valid licenses under this section.
 - (9) An individual shall carry that individual's commercial hunting guide license and shall exhibit the license upon the demand of a conservation officer, a peace officer, a tribal conservation officer, a park and recreation officer if commercial hunting guiding takes place on property regulated under part 741 or 781, or the owner or occupant of any land where the individual is acting as a commercial hunting guide.
 - (10) An individual who acts as a commercial hunting guide without a valid license issued under this section or who acts as a commercial hunting guide on commercial forestland is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$500.00. An individual who acts as a commercial hunting guide without a valid license issued under this section or who acts as a commercial hunting guide on commercial forestland a second or subsequent time is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00. A civil fine collected under this subsection must be deposited in the game and fish protection account established in section 2010.
 - (11) An individual who provides false information to the department under this section is subject to a civil fine of not more than \$500.00.
 - (12) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Commercial hunting guide" means an individual who, for a fee or other consideration of value, provides assistance to another individual in hunting game. Commercial hunting guide does not include any of the following:
 - (i) The owner of private land while providing assistance to another individual in pursuing, capturing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to take game on that private land.

(ii) The owner, employee, or member of a game bird hunting preserve licensed under part 417, or a designee of the owner, employee, or member, while providing assistance to another individual in pursuing, capturing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to take game birds authorized to be hunted on that game bird hunting preserve.

(iii) The owner or employee of a privately owned game ranch while providing assistance to another individual in pursuing, capturing, catching, killing, taking, or attempting to take privately owned game that the individual is permitted to own on the individual's privately owned game ranch. As used in this subparagraph, "privately owned game ranch" includes a cervidae livestock facility registered under the privately owned cervidae producers marketing act, 2000 PA 190, MCL 287.951 to 287.969.

(iv) An individual, business, agency, or nonprofit organization issued a permit from the department to provide damage or nuisance animal control services, while providing those damage or nuisance animal control services.

(v) An employee or member of an organization conducting a not-for-profit event to recruit, retain, or promote hunting, while providing assistance to another individual in hunting game during that event.

(vi) An individual who complies with subsection (2)(c) and who is working under the direct supervision of a licensed commercial hunting guide when a hunting client is present. As used in this subparagraph, "direct supervision" means that visual and vocal contact is constantly maintained between the individual and the licensed commercial hunting guide.

(vii) An individual who provides assistance when a hunting client is not present.

(viii) An individual who is compensated for providing assistance to an individual with a disability or physical limitation. As used in this subparagraph, "individual with a disability or physical limitation" means a disabled person as that term is defined in section 19a of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.19a.

(b) "Consideration of value" means an economic benefit, inducement, right, or profit, including monetary payment accruing to an individual or person. Consideration of value does not include a voluntary sharing of the actual expenses of the guiding activity by monetary contribution or donation of fuel, food, beverages, or other supplies.

(c) "Participating state" means that term as defined in section 1615.

Sec. 43528d. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the department shall charge a resident applying for a commercial hunting guide license under section 43528c an application fee of \$150.00. The department shall charge a nonresident applying for a commercial hunting guide license under section 43528c an application fee of \$300.00. Money collected under this section must be deposited in the game and fish protection account established in section 2010.

4 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

Enacting section 2. This amendatory act does not take effect unless all of the following bills of the 102nd Legislature are enacted into law:

(a) Senate Bill No. 103.

(b) Senate Bill No. 105.

KEY CONTACTS

Who do I contact for more information about Guiding on Commercial Forest?

DNR Forestry Division Resource Protection and Cooperative Programs Section

517-284-5866

or

The National Forest Office

Hiawatha National Forest: 906-428-5800

Huron-Manistee National Forest: 231-755-2421

Ottawa National Forest: 906-932-1330

Who do I contact with questions about the Commercial Hunting Guide process?

Who do I contact for general information about commercial use of state land, including hunting guides?

Casey Reitz, Permit Specialist

Department of Natural Resources

Wildlife Division

PO Box 30444

Lansing, MI 48909-7944

517-284-6210

DNR-PermitSpecialist@michigan.gov

Who do I contact for more information about wildlife management?

Contact your local biologist at the closest DNR Customer Service Center. Their number can be found on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnr, or the Michigan Hunting Regulations Summary.

Marcy Simms, Commercial Forest Program Leader

DNR-Forest Resources Division

P.O. Box 30452

Lansing, MI 48909

517-930-4329, 517-373-2443 (fax)

simsm4@michigan.gov

Michigan.gov/CommercialForest

Who do I contact about inland sportfishing guiding licenses and reporting?

Inland Sportfishing Guide Program information can be found:

<https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/fisheries/business/guides>

Questions on Commercial Use permits for fishing guides on the Pere Marquette River:

Lori Green

DNR Parks & Recreation Division

989-889-9178

greenl9@michigan.gov

QUESTIONS?

License Regulation or Application Questions?

Contact: Permit Specialist, DNR, Wildlife Division, PO Box 30444, Lansing, MI 48909-7944, 517-284-6210 or DNR-PermitSpecialist@michigan.gov.

Law Enforcement Questions or Damage Control or Biological Questions

Contact a DNR, Customer Service Center Below:

Baraga Customer Service Center

427 US-41 North
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6651

Escanaba Customer Service Center

6833 US-2, 41 & M-35
Gladstone, MI 49837
906-786-2351

Marquette Customer Service Center

1990 US-41 South
Marquette, MI 49855
906-228-6561

Newberry Customer Service Center

5100 State Highway M-123
Newberry MI 49868
906-293-5131

Cadillac Customer Service Center

8015 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, MI 49601
231-775-9727

Traverse City Customer Service Center

2122 South M-37
Traverse City, MI 49685
231-922-5280

Gaylord Customer Service Center

1732 West M-32
Gaylord, MI 49735
989-732-3541

Roscommon Customer Service Center

8717 N. Roscommon Road
Roscommon, MI 48653
989-275-5151

Plainwell Customer Service Center

621 North 10th Street
Plainwell, MI 49080
269-685-6851

Bay City Customer Service Center

3580 State Park Drive
Bay City, MI 48706
989-684-9141

Lansing Customer Service Center

4166 Legacy Pkwy
Lansing, MI 48911
517-284-4720

Detroit Customer Service Center

1801 Atwater Street
Detroit, MI 48207
313-396-6890