



# Haines Borough Administration

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### Final Commercial Heli-skiing 2018 Season-End Report

Compiled July 17, 2018 in compliance with Haines Borough Code 5.18. 080 (F)(6).

#### 1. Number of Skier Days used by each permitted company compared to previous years:

Comparison Report 2007-2018													
		2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
	skier days available	2600	2600	2600	2600	2600	2600	2600	2600	1200	**1200	1000	1000
	photo days available	Now included with skier days								140	**260	140	140
<b>AK Heli</b>	skier day allocation	1325	1425	1300	1450	1400	**1150	1490	1450	750	650	650	650
	skier days used	240	734	941	998	792	1103	1232	1363	659	664	445	281
	photo day allocation	N/A								90	90	100	100
	photo days used	N/A								53	117	122	40
<b>SEABA</b>	skier day allocation	975	975	900	1000	*1000	1000	870	750	450	350	350	350
	skier days used	591	614	633	647	121	868	722	560	615	406	320	222
	photo day allocation	N/A								10	10	20	20
	photo days used	N/A								24	11	8	20
<b>AMG</b>	skier day allocation	300	250	400	150	*200	**350	200	200	New permittee in 2011			
	skier days used	144	226	32	0	0	0	5	8				
		975	1574	1606	1645	913	1971	1959	1931	1351	1198	895	563
<p>* On 2/19/14, the borough manager approved a transfer of 50 skier days from AMG to SEABA.</p> <p>** On 4/19/13, the borough manager approved a transfer of 100 skier days from AMG to AK Heli.</p> <p>*** 2009 - Emergency Ordinance 09-04-205 added 200 skier days and 120 photo days to the code-allowed 1,000 and 140. The ordinance did not stipulate specific operator allocations. AK Heli and SEABA both used some of the additional days allowed under the emergency ordinance, so they did not inappropriately exceed their initial allocation.</p>													

The 2018 Season was difficult due to weather and snow conditions. Only 37.5% of allocated skier days were used, and the season cut short voluntarily for lack of opportunity.

## **2. Permit infractions and response**

Five dates of operation by AK Heliskiing and AK Mountain Guides each and four dates of operation for SEABA were spot-checked.

No permit infractions or violations were identified.

Alaska Mountain Guides self-reported a minor infraction – flying an hour before allowed time – on Saturday, April 7. This was noted on their bi-weekly report.

A condition to document servicing helicopter communications equipment was made in response to the discovery that weak signals caused by weak electronic connections could be responsible for reporting erroneous data.

## **3. Allowances**

As allowed by HBC 5.18.080 F (2) permission was granted to Alaska Mountain Guides to begin operations at 6:30 am from the Haines Heliport and at 7:00 am from 10 mile, 18 mile, 33 mile and 35 mile Heliports from April 13 through April 21.

## **4. Complaints and Comments**

No complaints were received during the operating season.

A citizen recommendation was made for amendment to "*Agreement Regarding Flight Operations and Practices of Commercial Ski Tours*" to acknowledge the 35 mile Heliport and identify flight routes.

Additional information including Skier Day Use Reports may be accessed at <http://www.hainesalaska.gov/administration/2018-heliskiing-information>.

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