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2017 Heliskiing Allocations

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Haines Borough Code 5.18.080 establishes a maximum of 2,600 skier days to be allocated by the Manager among three heliski companies. Alaska Heliskiing (AH), Southeast Alaska Backcountry Adventures (SEABA), and Alaska Mountain Guides (AMG) have requested a combined 2,600 skier days for the 2017 heliski season. HBC 5.18.080(C)(2) lists the following factors to be considered when making allocation decisions:

- a. The quality of the operating and safety plans submitted by the permittee.
- b. The economic impact of the allocation on the permittee.
- c. The safety and well-being of the general public.
- d. Historic use of skier days by the permittee.
- e. The interests of the borough in the promotion of tourism.
- f. Past safety record of the permittee.
- g. The applicant's past record of compliance with borough ordinances related to commercial ski tours.
- h. The existence and terms of any voluntary agreement between the borough and the applicant pertaining to operational practices of the applicant.

An informal hearing was conducted on Friday, September 30, and the heliski companies explained and clarified their requests. I have decided to issue skier days for the 2017 season, as ultimately requested by them:

	2017	
	Requested Allocation	Manager's Allocation
AH	1425	1425
SEABA	975	975
AMG	250	250
Total	2600	2600

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