

OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES LICENSING BOARD

Quarterly Meeting Minutes of 3/18/2022

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Compton - Chair
Louise Stark
Tammy Overacker

DIVISION STAFF: Anne Lawler, Bureau Chief
Kent Absec, Licensing Program Manager
Nicholas Crema, General Counsel
Joan Callahan, Legal Counsel
Cesley Metcalfe, Board Support Supervisor
Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist
Susan Knapek, Licensing Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Bitton, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association
Lauren McCullough, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association
Ash Jenkins, Sportsmans Hunting Adventures

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 PM MDT by Brad Compton.

APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDED AGENDA

Ms. Overacker made a motion to approve the amended agenda. It was seconded by Ms. Stark. Motion carried.

BOARD BUSINESS

2022 TAG DESIGNATION

Ms. Lawler provided an overview of the tag designation process, including the litigation and judicial decision that delayed tag designation until early 2022.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Stark made a motion that the Board go into executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to review hardship requests and tag designation calculations. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. The vote was: Ms. Stark, aye; Ms. Overacker, aye; and Mr. Compton, aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Overacker made a motion to come out of executive session. It was seconded by Ms. Stark. Motion carried.

HARDSHIP REQUESTS AND OBJECTIONS

Ms. Stark made a motion to approve Ace Outfitters' hardship request for tag use in 19A and McCall B providing that no allocated tags are shifted away from existing outfitters licensed in those zones. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. Motion carried.

Ms. Stark made a motion to approve 2021 use calculations as provided by counsel using the 2019 and 2020 use data that implements the judge's order. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. Motion carried.

Ms. Overacker made a motion to assume that they would have used full designation for allocated tags. It was seconded by Ms. Stark. Ms. Stark stated that this motion allows the Board to proceed with the 2022 tag designations. Motion carried.

Ms. Stark made a motion that verified non allocated tags shift to allocated tag use in the calculation. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. Motion carried.

Ms. Stark made a motion to credit an outfitter who used more allocated tags than would have been designated to him with those hunters as non-allocated tag use for the 2021 tag designation. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. Motion carried.

Ms. Stark made a motion that McCall B and McCall A tags for S&A Enterprises use not be included in the 2022 designation calculations because the outfitter was not licensed at the time the use occurred. It was seconded Ms. Overacker. Motion Carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Mr. Compton stated that tag designations will be finalized at the next Board meeting after making the necessary adjustments based on the hardship requests approved at today's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Compton adjourned the meeting at 12:29 PM MDT.

Brad Compton, Chair