

**OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES LICENSING BOARD**  
**Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses**  
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**Board Meeting Minutes of 4/29/2022**

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

**DIVISION STAFF:** Anne Lawler, Bureau Chief  
Cesley Metcalfe, Board Support Supervisor  
Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joan Callahan, Outside Legal Counsel  
Misty Lawrence, Division of Financial Management  
Jeff Bitton, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association  
Aaron Liebermann, Idaho Outfitters and Guides  
Association  
Billijo Beck, Big Timber Outfitters  
Blaine Hamilton, Tapadeera, LLC  
Cary Hamilton, Tapadeera, LLC

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM MDT by Brad Compton.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Aaron Lieberman stated his concern about case-by-case decision making by the Board and encouraged the Board to seek an all-encompassing solution for tag designations.

Jeff Bitton asked that the Board hold in open session as much of its tag designation process discussion as possible.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Stark made a motion that the Board enter 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 discuss petitions to change designations. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. The vote was: Mr. Compton, aye; Ms. Stark, aye; and Ms. Overacker, aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Stark made a motion to leave executive session. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. Motion carried. No decisions were made in executive session.

## **PETITIONS TO CHANGE DESIGNATIONS**

Ms. Overacker made a motion to correct 2021 use numbers for McGowan to reflect outfitter transfer of tags and to ensure that credit for use stays with the transferring outfitter. It was seconded by Ms. Stark. Motion carried.

Ms. Stark made a motion to approve the requests for variances and to recalculate the tag designations using only the allocated numbers from 2021 for the following hunts: Lemhi A, McCall A, McCall B, and Unit 18 Regular Deer. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. Following discussion about seeking an emergency rule change per Idaho Code § 67-5230, the motion carried.

Regarding Panhandle A, Palouse A & B, 8A Regular Deer, and 6 Regular Deer and Whitetail, Ms. Overacker made a motion to grant Idaho Whitetail Guides' objection based on verification of 2020 use and to approve the variance request. It was seconded by Ms. Stark. Motion carried.

Ms. Stark made a motion to deny the objection to calculations for Unit 1 Regular Deer because the outfitter requested more tags than were allocated by the Commission. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. Motion carried.

Ms. Stark made a motion to grant Sportsmans Hunting Adventures' reconsideration of its original hardship request. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. Following clarification that Sportsmans Hunting Adventures will be credited for its actual use in addition to its corrected allocation, the motion carried.

Regarding Unit 76, Mr. Compton made a motion to grant a proposed order to Sportsmans Hunting Adventures' objection to Tapadeera's use and to have Tapadeera's use reflect its actual use for 2021. The outfitter should not receive credit for use of tags that were not actually used. It was seconded by Ms. Stark. Motion carried.

Mr. Compton made a motion to approve Sportsmans Hunting Adventures' request for reconsideration for Unit 76 Regular Deer to include both actual use and deemed use. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. Motion carried.

Ms. Stark made a motion to deny requests to change 2020 use to include use that was not previously reported, excepting Idaho Whitetail Guides, whose request was previously granted. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. Following discussion that there was ample time for corrections and hardship requests, motion carried.

Ms. Stark made a motion to deny Heaven's Gate Outfitters' request to change 2021 use because the outfitter did not submit any tag or hunter data to support a change, and the Board's reported use data agreed with IDFG data. It was seconded by Ms. Overacker. Following discussion that outfitters should compare their records with IDFG at the end of the year to confirm agreement of numbers, motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Compton adjourned the meeting at 2:22 PM MDT.