

IOGLB Newsletter/Email

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March Update Letter

Attention Idaho Hunting Outfitters,

Another reminder about the Idaho Fish and Game Commission meeting on March 16th to set the capped and controlled hunt seasons and allocation for the 2023-2024 seasons. The Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board will meet on April 11th to finalize tag calculations. Following the Board meeting, designation letters will go out but not be final until after the 14-day dispute period. That said, it is estimated that outfitter tags will be available for purchase in late April or early May.

Below is a list of important dates to keep in mind:

03/16 – IDFG Commission Meeting

-Season & Allocation Setting

04/10 – Waiting Pool requests open

-For any without designation and those that have used all their designation.

04/11-04/12 – Quarterly Board Meeting

-Approval of designations for 2023-2024 capped and controlled hunts.

07/03 – Controlled hunt tags will be available for pick up.

07/06 – Quarterly Board Meeting

07/17 – Deadline to purchase and report use on capped and limited designated tags.

-Unused tags become available in the waiting pool.

07/31 – Deadline to purchase and report use on waiting pool tags.

-Tags not picked up and reported by end of the business day go back to the general pool for the public.

09/11 – Deadline to purchase and report use on controlled hunt tags.

-Unused tags become available in the waiting pool.

There is a new form for certifying and verifying tag use with the Department of Fish and Game [here](#). It is important that outfitters receive forms signed by IDFG office staff along with receipts for their records. IDFG is not responsible for maintaining a signed copy of the completed forms. Tag-use reporting forms not signed and completed by IDFG office staff will not count toward your historical use.

Allocated tags must be certified with IDFG on or before July 17th. Unused tags will be available via waiting pool requests on a first-come, first-served basis. Waiting pool tags not claimed by the end of July will be made available for sale to the public beginning August 1st.

Non-allocated tags must be verified with IDFG on or before December 20th to count as historical use. If an outfitter does not complete and submit the proper form to IDFG along with the \$20 fee by the deadline, it will not count as part of your use for the year. Verifying use on a non-allocated tag does not guarantee an increase in future allocations.

Tag allocations coincide with season setting and take into account many factors. This can include but is not limited to harvest statistics and winter mortality information in addition to outfitter historical use. If there is no established historical use in a hunt or area, the IDFG Commission can't establish an allocation for said hunt or area.

All tag use must be submitted to IDFG along with the associated \$5 fee for allocated tags and \$20 for non-allocated tags in-order for use to qualify as historical use. This was established in Idaho Code (Statute) section [36-408\(4\)](#) in 2020, and this is separate from the use you report to the Board for your license renewal. Tag use must be reported through IDFG, and licensure use must be reported through OGLB.