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Board Meeting Minutes of 6/27/2024

Board	Brad Compton - Chair	Division	John Price, Executive Officer
Members	Tammy Overacker	Staff:	Greg Loos, General Counsel
Present:	Dennis Skinner		Zac Clifford, OGLB Program Coordinator
	Erik Weiseth		Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to ratify the motions and approve the minutes of the 5/1/2024 Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD BUSINESS

Public Comment:

Louise Stark commented on the Forest Service MOU draft. She recommended separating Exhibit 4 into multiple exhibits to make the MOU more understandable. She also recommended including all forms in the appendix that require the signature of the Land Manager and the authorization and acknowledgment of authorization initiated by the agency.

Aaron Lieberman, Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association, commented on the Forest Service MOU. He stated Exhibit 4 is very complicated and hard to follow and recommended dividing it into smaller amendments. He also stated all references to DOPL should be changed to OGLB. He suggested adding language that requires the United States Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to recognize the outfitted public as non-distinct from the non-outfitted public to protect the outfitting industry from harmful policies.

Proposed Rule Changes: Unless stated otherwise, the following changes are being contemplated, pending notice of intent to promulgate rulemaking, stakeholder input, and final votes by the Board:

Rule 002.08 – Hazardous Desert or Mountain Excursions: The Board rewrote the rule to “Hazards” defined as “Potential dangers to the health, safety, or welfare of the outfitted public which are known risks inherent to an outfitted or guided activity” based on public feedback to include a definition of hazards in rule.

Rule 100.03 – Examination: The Board struck the rule as conflicting with Idaho Code § 67-9409.

Rule 103.02.b.i – Activity-Specific Qualifications: The Board struck all language in the rule following the first sentence as redundant to Rule 103.02.iii.

Rule 105.05 – Renewal: The Board updated the renewal language to align with annual and biennial renewal cycles under Idaho Code § 36-2108.

Rule 205.04 – Application Period and Consideration: The Board struck “including all applicable fees” to defer processing application fees until the license has been approved.

Rule 257.09 – Undesignated Tag Pool: The Board discussed proposed language in subsections b, d, and e clarifying that an outfitter may be granted tags from the pool on a first come, first serve basis prioritizing those without allocation. The proposed language also defines ineligibility for tags when the outfitter does not pick them up. The Board approved the proposed language but anticipates comments from stakeholders with alternative language to consider before the rules go pending. No changes were made.

Rule 259.01 – (CF1) Clark Fork River: The Board changed the end date for float season from December 31 to November 30 to coincide with Idaho Fish and Game’s recommendations.

Rule 259.02 – (LS1) Little Salmon River: The Board added language that defines the boundaries of the LS1 from the Highway 95 bridge at Hazard Creek to the confluence of the Main Salmon River to better define the boundaries of the Little Salmon River. The Board also added language that closes float boat operations during the salmon fishing season, so outfitted float boating will not conflict with the fishing season.

Rule 259.04 – Other – Table: The Board increased the maximum number of boats per operator to two boats for Lake Coeur d’Alene, Lake Pend Oreille, and Priest Lake based on industry feedback.

Rule 259.05 – Other Lakes and Reservoirs: The Board added “fishing” to clarify that this rule only applies to fishing outfitters.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the rules as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Forest Services MOU: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Forest Service MOU. The motion was amended to accept the MOU amended to have all references to DOPL changed to OGLB. A discussion was had to postpone accepting the MOU until Exhibit Four could be changed as recommended by the public comments. Following discussion, the motion failed with two dissenting votes.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

The next meeting is on 8/23/2024.