



State of Idaho

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Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board

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Board Meeting Minutes of 11/13/2024

Board Members Present:
Brad Compton - Chair
Tammy Overacker
Dennis Skinner
Erik Weiseth
Lonnie Allen

Division Staff:
John Price, Executive Officer
Greg Loos, General Counsel
Zac Clifford, OGLB Program Coordinator
Skip Liddle, Investigative Unit Manager
Allegra Earl, Licensing Program Manager
Rebecca Kientz, Licensing Specialist
Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

Others Present:
Eric Nelson, Board Prosecutor

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 08/23/2024 and 09/03/2024 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Louise Stark asked the Board to provide an update from the Forest Service on the MOU. She thanked the Board for its representation on the Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group and stated how important it is for the Board to express concerns about Idaho moving to a draw system.

Ian Gee, from the Sawtooth Wilderness, commented on his hardship request explaining the land closures due to forest fires prohibited him from providing the majority of services and asked that his purchased tags be recognized as use.

Adam Bass, Boise River Outfitter, requested that the Board modify the B01 boundary location description. He requested changing the boundaries of B01 from Ekert Bridge to Discovery Park to provide outfitters with more access points and allow them to operate on more of the river.

Aaron Lieberman, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association (IOGA), thanked the Board members and staff for the information sent to licensees. He stated there is confusion with the initial rollout of the new licensing system concerns about duplicate charges for birthday renewals, and unclear instructions in step four of the licensing system guide. He requested the Board conduct a rule change for Rule 259.05 to add language clarifying what fishing entails and echoed Ms. Stark's concerns about non-resident tag changes. He stated that recalculating previously capped elk hunts and concerns over "break hunting" are ongoing topics of discussion within IOGA. He mentioned that IOGA has noticed an increase in closures from the Forest Service in recent years. He advised the Board to contact the World Fly Fishing Competition that is coming to Idaho Falls in 2025, due to the high risk of illegal outfitting. He also thanked the staff for attending the annual IOGA meeting.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Respectful Workplace Training: The Board viewed a Respectful Workplace presentation.

BOARD BUSINESS

BLM Presentation – Special Recreation Permit Audit: Shannon Bassista, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), gave a presentation on the 2025 BLM special audit.

DIVISION BUSINESS:

Financial Report: Mr. Price presented the financial report.

2025 Legislative Update: Mr. Price provided an update on the Executive Action Legislation the Division will be presenting during the upcoming legislative session.

BOARD BUSINESS

Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group Update: Mr. Compton stated that the Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group was formed in response to legislation by the Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) Commission to limit non-resident tags to 10%. The advisory group is considering whether to use a draw system for nonresident tags or continue the over-the-counter system. The Board discussed outreach and keeping outfitter businesses solvent.

GIS Mapping Update: Mr. Clifford stated that 106 maps have been completed since IDFG started in August. 30 are still being worked on and 75 have been identified as unmappable due to ambiguous boundary descriptions. Mr. Clifford is working with IDFG on reaching out to the land managers and outfitters for better area descriptions. He stated that he and Mr. Price had recently met with IDFG Deputy Director Amber Worthington and the Wildlife Information System Program Manager regarding updates to the mapping process and the websites that host the maps for public use.

Minor Amendments Update: Mr. Price and Mr. Clifford stated Designated Agents had their Designated Agent and Guide Licenses consolidated in OASIS as it is not required to hold individual licenses for each outfitter. Outfitters will have the opportunity to consolidate licenses in December. More communication on the process will be sent to all outfitters beforehand.

Open Opportunities Discussion: A motion was made and seconded to allow for federal and state agencies with a review process for open opportunities to select the outfitter from the qualified candidates provided by the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Stan Potts Prospectus: The Board discussed the pros and cons of using a first-come, first-serve process for choosing an outfitter for a new opportunity versus using a prospectus comparative analysis.

A motion was made and seconded for staff to move forward with the prospectus and appoint a Board member to assist staff in making changes to the prospects. The motion carried unanimously.

Fees for Predator Overlap or One-Time Hazardous Excursions: Mr. Price stated the \$100 fee for Predator Overlap or One-Time Hazardous Excursions is not supported by statute.

A motion was made and seconded to make predator overlap and one-time hazardous excursions minor amendments with a \$35 fee. The motion carried unanimously.

Work Plan Update: Mr. Price reviewed the work plan. The Board also reviewed the ongoing rule change proposals and some that are being proposed for the upcoming legislative session.

Allocated Tag Hardship Deadline: Mr. Clifford gave possible deadline dates for hardship requests.

A motion was made and seconded to send letters on February 5th with a deadline for requests by the 19th. The motion carried unanimously.

OASIS Update: Mr. Clifford informed the Board that the initial rollout is going well. Mr. Price commended Mr. Clifford for his work on OASIS.

Licensing Report: Ms. Earl presented the licensing report.

Executive Session

A motion was made and seconded to 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 documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to obtain or retain a license or registration. The vote was: Mr. Compton, aye; Ms. Overacker, aye; Mr. Weiseth, aye; Mr. Skinner, aye; and Ms. Allen, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimously. No decisions were made in executive session.

Discipline

A motion was made and seconded to close case number I-OGB-2024-47 with an advisory letter. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to close case numbers I-OGB-2024-46, I-OGB-2025-8, and I-OGB-2025-9 with an advisory letter. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the prosecutor to negotiate a stipulation and consent order in case numbers I-OGB-2024-45, I-OGB-2024-52, I-OGB-2024-54, I-OGB-2025-1, and I-OGB-2025-2, and authorize the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to table case number I-OGB-2024-53 pending additional information. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the final order in case number I-OGB-2024-11 and authorize the Board chair to sign. The motion carried unanimously.

Hardship Request:

A motion was made and seconded to table the Sawtooth Wilderness hardship request pending further information. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:58 PM.