

State of Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board

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## **Board Meeting Minutes of 04/17/2025**

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

A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda to add a public comment period after Board Business. The purpose of the meeting was to specifically address tag allocation, and the amendment allowed the Board to receive comments from members of the public present at the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

**Tag Designation:** Mr. Clifford presented the capped and controlled hunt designation calculations. He noted that Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) made several changes to the hunts, but nothing was substantive. He specifically informed the Board of the following changes:

- The number of allocated tags in Weiser River B was reduced, but this reduction had no impact based on historical use.
- Dworshak A was changed to a capped hunt but retained the 37 allocated tags.
- Pioneer B had its final year of tag decrease, and all outfitters in Pioneer B are aware of the decrease to four (4) allocated tags.
- Hunt 2179 tags were decreased from nine (9) to seven (7).
- 2024's hunt 2174 was removed and added to new hunt 2183 which also changed the area from 36A-1 to all of 36A.
- New hunt 2175 in unit 10A, has no historical use, so Dworshak A historical use was used as it was the hunt most similar to the new hunt.
- Other new hunts include: 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 1184, and 1185 which were all allocated based on historical use or their respective parent hunts.
- Hunts 1150, 1153, 1160, and 2212 showed higher tag use than what was originally designated tags because some outfitters' tags went into the pool and controlled hunt calculations are based on the highest of the last 2 years. Tag designation for these outfitters was determined with a random draw.

Lastly, Mr. Clifford explained how hunts with no recent historical use were designated tags through a random draw, as allocation for controlled hunts was previously set and has not changed, despite historical use changing.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the tag designation as presented to the Board. Ms. Overacker went on record that her outfitting business is affected by these designations; however, she had no knowledge of what designations would impact her business. The motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** Adam Bass, Boise River Outdoor Opportunities, addressed the proposed rule changes to increase the number of licensed outfitters on the BO1A section of the Boise River and stated he has been in contact with the land managers about the proposed changes. Addressing public concerns, he stated that he is following the correct process to pursue rule changes and noted that the public access points along the river can also be used by outfitters. To address environmental concerns, he proposed prohibiting fishing, avoiding the bald eagle preserve, and mitigating the impact on other outfitters by limiting the number of trips. Finally, he reviewed the portages available for outfitters on the river.

## Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 AM.

The next meeting is on 05/23/2025.