

## Idaho Outfitters &amp; Guides Licensing Board



# Newsletter

## July 2025

### Board Mission:

*Safeguarding the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and to assist with conservation efforts*



## 2025 Negotiated Rulemaking Proposal

Below is a summary of rule changes to IDAPA 24.35.01. that the Board proposed at their quarterly meeting on May 23, 2025.

Current administrative rules - [IDAPA 24 - Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses.book](#)

### Proposed changes:

100.05. – Removing language duplicative of Idaho Code 36.2102(b).

203.04. – Removing Hot Pursuit as it is covered under an existing Predator Overlap Agreement under 203.06.

203.06 – Adding language to allow trapping under a Predator Overlap Agreement.

257 – Adding language throughout 257 for “limited” tags to align with IDFG rule language. 03, 04, 04a, 05a, and 09.

257.04.c – New section proposed by IOGA to add a step in the calculation that would restore one (1) tag to those that were rounded down when not at six tenths (0.6) only if there are enough tags available at the end of the first step to give all those that were rounded down a tag.

**This is an alternate proposal to the proposal made to add 257.06.**

257.06. – To change the rounding from six tenths (0.6) to five tenths (0.5). **This is an alternate proposal to the proposal made to add 257.04.c.**

259.01. – Add BO1C on the Boise River from Eckert Road Bridge to Discovery Park. A maximum of one outfitter is limited to one raft or up to five paddle boards or kayaks per day, with no fishing opportunities.

257.02. – (SA8) Salmon River, update language to better define the boundary.

257.03. – (SN2) Snake River, update language to better define the boundary.

257.03. – (SN14) Snake River, update language to better define the boundary.

257.03. – (SJ1) St. Joe River, removing a typo.

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DOPL will host a Negotiated Rulemaking meeting in August to receive verbal comments. Written comments are always welcome at any time. Please email comments to [OGLB-Licensing@dopl.idaho.gov](mailto:OGLB-Licensing@dopl.idaho.gov). Meeting information will be made available on the DOPL calendar webpage and Townhall Idaho, both of which are linked below.

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The redline draft of the proposed changes will be made available on the Idaho Administrative Bulletin in August. If we get an early copy of the draft, we will post it on the DOPL Rule-Making page, which is also linked below. You can also subscribe to DOPL to receive notifications when new proposed rule changes are added.

[Current Administrative Bulletins | adminrules.idaho.gov](#)

[Statutes, Rules and Guidance | Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses](#)

## **Trapping Excursions Information**

In response to Senate Bill 1013, the Board voted at its May 23, 2025, meeting to administratively add “Trapping” as an authorized activity for all outfitters and guides currently licensed to hunt wolves and other predators. Senate Bill 1013, which takes effect July 1, 2025, permits individuals to engage in trapping under the direct supervision of a certified guide, even if the individual is not certified themselves.

Outfitters and guides who intend to offer trapping excursions must meet the trapper education requirements outlined in IDAPA 13.01.02.201 and obtain a valid trapping license from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG).

Be sure to check with your State or Federal permit administrator to see if any changes are required.

## **Hot Pursuit Changes**

As noted in the Rulemaking Proposals section, the Board intends to phase out the use of “Hot Pursuit,” as this process can be better addressed through a Predator Overlap Agreement. This proposed change has been discussed with both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (FS), and all parties have agreed with the shift in approach.

As a result, “Hot Pursuit” will be removed from the Outfitter/Designated Agent Request and Authorization Form, and it will also be removed from the minor amendment options within Online Services in the future.

Outfitters anticipating a potential need for “Hot Pursuit” scenarios are encouraged to establish an Overlap Agreement with neighboring outfitters proactively in advance.

## **New Open Opportunity**

Starting July 1, 2025, a new river section will be open for applications. The (LS1) Little Salmon River will have two opportunities for application. Only complete applications will be accepted, and the application period will be open through July 31, 2025. The Board will score each complete application based on the requirements outlined in the *Open Opportunities Process* materials found on the Board webpage linked below. The materials include information on how to apply as well.

[OGLB-New-Open-Opportunity-LS1.pdf](#)

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## Enforcement Corner

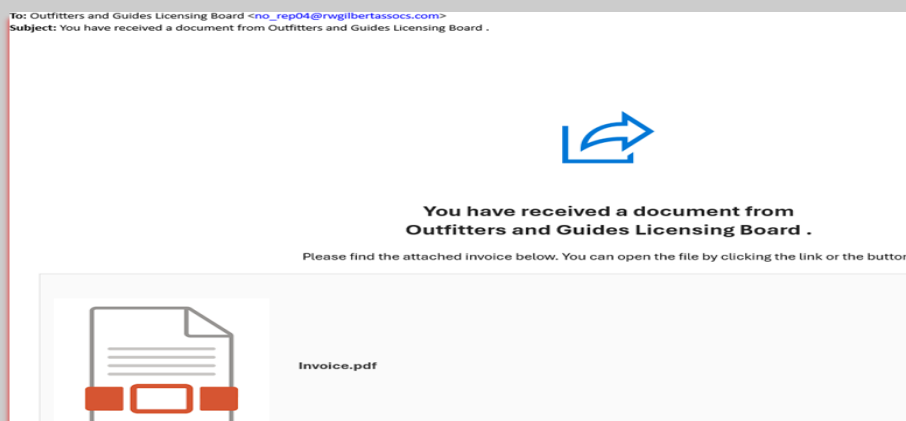
Unlicensed outfitting and guiding are crimes (IC § 36-2104). The Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board does not have jurisdiction over criminal offenses. Criminal activity should be reported as follows: Wildlife crimes can be reported online to Idaho Fish & Game: [idfg.idaho.gov/tipline](http://idfg.idaho.gov/tipline) or by calling: 800-632-5999; Other crimes should be reported to the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the area (i.e., Sheriff's Office, United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management).

*Remember that safety should always be your top priority when acting as a witness to a crime.*

On behalf of the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board, from March to June 2025, there have been 18 investigations conducted. Common complaints that were investigated include the following:

- Breach of contract.
- Fraudulent, untruthful, or misleading advertising.
- Noncompliance with or revocation of a special use permit.
- Willfully operating in an area for which the licensee is not licensed.
- Employment of an unlicensed guide by an outfitter.
- Harassment of the public in their use of Idaho's outdoor recreational opportunities.
- Interfering with a land management agency.
- Conviction of a felony or any fish and game violation.
- Failure for an outfitter to have a designated agent.

Recently, a scam email that appears to be an invoice from the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board has been brought to our attention. Please be advised that this message is fraudulent. The Board or Division will never send invoices via email. Do not click on any links or provide any information—delete the message immediately.



Please be cautious when receiving unsolicited emails, especially those requesting personal information, financial details, or urgent action. Scammers often impersonate legitimate organizations or individuals to trick recipients into clicking malicious links or sharing sensitive data. Always verify the sender's identity, check for suspicious language or unusual requests, and never provide confidential information via email.

If in doubt, contact the organization directly using a trusted method. Stay vigilant to protect yourself from email fraud.

# Important News & Updates

*Highlight: Important information on the nonresident deer and elk tag draw for 2026*



## **Nonresident Deer and Elk Tag Drawing Update**

At their May meeting, the IDFG Commission approved moving to a drawing for the 2026 nonresident deer and elk tags. Currently, this change does not impact outfitter-allocated tags or the process for purchasing outfitter-allocated tags.

- Designation of allocated tags has not been changed, so outfitters can continue to designate their allocated tags to other clients.

For outfitters interested in or needing tags outside their designated allocated tags, you will want to keep an eye on IDFG's website for more information. Applications for the drawing will open in December, with results anticipated in January. See below for some important notes if you intend to have potential clients apply for the drawing:

- A 2026 hunting license is required to apply
- Tags will need to be purchased by a deadline yet to be set
  - ◊ Tags not claimed by the deadline will be made available in the second application. Additionally tags not claimed by the end of the second app deadline will be made available in returned tag sales at later dates on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Successful applicants in the first application who do not claim their tag by the deadline will not be eligible for the second application.

IDFG will release more information about how to apply as we get closer to the draw. A link to their most recent article regarding the changes to non-resident deer and elk tags can be found under the helpful resources.

## **2025 Important Dates**

Important licensure dates:

- September 30, 2025 – The last day for an outfitter to reinstate a lapsed license
  - ◊ Once an outfitter's license expires, they have six (6) months to reinstate the license. If not reinstated in that window, per IDAPA 24.35.01.101.04, the Board

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## **Helpful Resources**

Drawing for 2026 nonresident deer/elk tags	<a href="#">Link</a>
IDFG Big Game Rules Brochure	<a href="#">Link</a>
Helpful How-to guides for navigating the new system	<a href="#">Link</a>
Follow DOPL and OGLB Rulemaking Updates here	<a href="#">Link</a>

may consider the operating area and activities as an available opportunity.

- December 1, 2025 – Renewal window opens for outfitters, designated agents, and guides to renew their license for the 2026 season.
- March 31, 2026 – The deadline to renew your license for the 2026 season.

Important allocated tag dates:

- July 3, 2025 – Controlled Hunt tags become available for purchase.
- July 16, 2025 – The deadline to purchase allocated general season deer, non-capped elk, and capped elk tags before unused tags go to the Undesignated Tag Pool.
- July 31, 2025 – The deadline to purchase remaining allocated tags from the Undesignated Tag Pool before all tags return to IDFG to be made available to the general public in August.
- September 10, 2025 – The deadline to purchase allocated controlled hunt tags before unused tags go to the Undesignated Tag Pool.
- December 20, 2025 – The deadline to verify non-allocated tags (tags outside your designated tags) with IDFG.

## **New Board Members**

A warm welcome to the newest members of our Board, Kenneth Long and Carl Rey!

Kenneth joined us for his first Board meeting during the recent quarterly session in May. His background as an experienced outfitter brought valuable insight and perspective to a full agenda of discussions and decisions.

We also extend a warm welcome to Carl Rey, our newest public member. We look forward to Kenneth and Carl's contributions in the meetings ahead.

A special thanks to Erik Weiseth and Dennis Skinner for their service on the Board. We wish them the best and look forward to continuing to work with Erik in his new role as Executive Director of the Outfitters and Guides Association.





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## Board Members

Brad Compton (Chair)

Tammy Overacker (Member)

Lonnie Lee Allen (Member)

Kenneth Long (Member)

Carl Rey (Public Member)

## Upcoming Meetings

TBD—Negotiated Rulemaking Meeting

Sep. 4—Quarterly Meeting

Nov. 19—Quarterly Meeting

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