



State of Idaho
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Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board

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Board Meeting Minutes of 03/12/2026

Board	Tammy Overacker, Acting Chair	Division	John Price, Executive Officer
Members	Brad Compton	Staff:	Matt Storm, Outfitter Designation Program Coordinator
Present:	Kenneth Long		Greg Loos, General Counsel
	Carl Rey		Steve Hogue, Investigative Unit Supervisor
	Lonnie Allen		Ben Harris, Licensing Unit Supervisor
			Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist
		Others	Eric Nelson, Board Prosecutor
		Present:	

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Tammy Overacker.

Introductions: Mr. Price introduced the DOPL staff and Board members present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 11/19/2025 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Cody and Weston Bjorkland stated the business mission and goal for Bjorkland Bros. Fishing and stated their intent to join the waitlist for the Snake River.

Jeff Bitton, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association, expressed his appreciation for Mr. Compton's service on the Board.

Erik Weiseth, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association, also expressed his appreciation for Mr. Compton's service on the Board and stated his gratitude for working with Mr. Price through the 2026 Legislative Session.

DIVISION BUSINESS

2026 Legislative Session Overview: Mr. Storm presented information on the following legislation:

- H0565 repeals Sections 36-116, 36-715, and 36-1120, Idaho Code as obsolete, outdated, and unnecessary.
- H0651 ensures that all available money in the Big Game Depredation Fund is fully and efficiently paid out for valid claims arising from damage caused by big game to private property by clarifying claim payment procedures, prioritizes the distribution of available funds to approved claims, and provides mechanisms for proportional payment when claims exceed available balances, ensuring that funds are not unnecessarily left unexpended while landowners and agricultural producers wait for compensation.

- H0652 declares hunting as the Idaho state sport.
- H0653 protects private property rights by allowing landowners and public lands grazing permittees to be notified of proposed transplant and relocation efforts by the Department of Fish and Game.
- H0678 allows wolf trappers to inspect their trap remotely with transmitting cameras.
- HCR026 codifies the need to recognize and support the development and implementation of wildlife crossings as a means of improving public safety and the conservation of big game migration corridors.
- HJM009 calls on the United States Congress to reaffirm the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) as the primary authority governing federal land management and land exchanges.
- HJR010 amends Article IX, Section 8 of the Idaho Constitution to establish an updated framework for managing state endowment and public lands by replacing the "maximum long-term financial return" mandate with expanded land management practices that prioritize ongoing revenue generation, including but not limited to timber sales, mining, and grazing, followed by public access for recreation, hunting, fishing, and trapping.
- S1238 amends Idaho Code §36-105, to provide for a 30-day public comment period prior to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission adopting, repealing, or amending any season-setting proclamation
- S1241a affirms the right to utilize working animals for mutual benefit and welfare and prohibits state or local governments from enacting or enforcing ordinances, regulations, or rules that are more restrictive than state law or that effectively prohibit the lawful use of working animals or working animal enterprises.
- S1300 provides for senate advice and consent as well as gubernatorial appointment for the directors of the Idaho Departments of Transportation, Fish and Game, and Parks and Recreation, consistent with other state agencies.
- SJM108 calls upon the federal government to adopt rules to ensure that depredation claims cannot be used as a basis for modifying or revising a federal grazing permit or lease.
- SJM111 encourages Idaho's congressional delegation to continue its efforts to oppose any attempts to sell or transfer Idaho's public lands and to introduce or co-sponsor legislation such as the Public Lands in Public Hands Act.
- SJR102/SJR103 proposes an amendment to Section 8, Article IX of the Idaho Constitution, distinguishing between state endowment lands granted for specific institutional purposes and public lands acquired from the federal government.

Mr. Storm also presented information on H0703, H0497, H0520, and H0537.

Respectful Workplace Training: The Board viewed a video presentation on ensuring board meetings are a respectful workplace.

2026 DOPL Strategic Plan: Mr. Price provided an overview of the Division's updated strategic plan.

Financial Update: Mr. Price presented the Board's financial report for the second quarter of FY2026, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$205,686.00 as of December 31, 2025.

BOARD BUSINESS

Idaho Fish & Game Update: Rick Ward, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), gave a presentation on the non-resident deer and elk tag draw process, IDFG rulemaking on big game animals, IDFG 2026 legislation, a wildlife update on bighorn sheep, deer, and elk, and an update on chronic wasting disease in Idaho.

OASIS Update/Demonstration: Mr. Clifford presented system changes to OASIS for outfitters and guides. Mr. Clifford and the Board discussed the functionality of guide documents and directed staff to implement changes based on the discussion. The Board thanked Mr. Clifford for his ongoing work to improve the OASIS portal for guides and outfitters.

Work Plan Update: Mr. Price gave an update on the work plan. He reviewed items and tasks that have been completed.

Licensing Report: Mr. Harris 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: Ms. Overacker, aye; Mr. Rey, aye; Ms. Allen, aye; Mr. Long, aye; and Mr. Compton, 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 numbers 1499076, 1980583, and 1943068 with an advisory letter. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the prosecuting attorney to negotiate Stipulation and Consent Orders in case numbers 1737562, 1897785, 1972836, 1846788, and 1992663 with terms discussed in executive session and to authorize the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to close case numbers 1875985, 1879501, 1875987, 1877626, 1874452, and 1869389 with an advisory letter and to delegate to Division Staff the ability to close substantially similar cases with an advisory letter as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

Hardship Requests

A motion was made and seconded to grant the hardship requests submitted by Selway Ridgerunner Outfitters and Sawtooth Wilderness Outfitters. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 PM.

The next meeting is on 05/28/2026.