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Board Meeting Minutes of 09/02/2026

Board Members Present:	Tammy Overacker - Chair Kenneth Long Carl Rey Lonnie Allen Derick Attebury	**Division Staff:**	John Price, Executive Officer Greg Loos, General Counsel Matthew Storm, Designations Coordinator Steve Hogue, Investigations Supervisor Allegra Earl, Licensing Program Manager Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist
		Others Present:	Eric Nelson, Prosecuting Attorney

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

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 28, 2026, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Louise Stark, retired guide, outfitter, and ex-board member, expressed concern that the Board previously prioritized federal decision-making impacting operating areas. She urged ongoing engagement with federal agencies on upcoming rule changes, especially amid Forest Service reorganization. Stark recommended that the Board communicate proactively and re-evaluate the current Memoranda of Understanding, which she finds concerning, aiming for a new signed agreement by 2027.

Scott Feiner expressed opposition to expanding outfitting on the B01 section of the Boise River. Mr. Feiner noted that as a fisherman, he values the river's preserved, non-commercial nature near Boise. Mr. Feiner stated that the public is unaware that outfitters can be licensed there and plans to take legal action to restrict commercial use.

Patrick O'Neil expressed opposition to permitting or licensing on the B01 section of the Boise River. Mr. O'Neil emphasized the Boise River value as a pristine resource and expressed concern that commercialization would strip Idaho of a rare and precious natural asset.

Kevin Cablik opposed outfitting on the Boise River B01 section, citing fiscal, safety, and ecological concerns. Mr. Cablik warned that opening this section would increase costs to taxpayers and Idaho funds, urging a cost analysis. He emphasized the need for public dialogue and expressed safety concerns. He also called for the removal of current licensing.

JR Mayard stated his opposition to the use of the B01 river section and that he is in agreement with the prior comments made.

Tony Hauser expressed his opposition to licensure on B01 due to safety concerns. Mr. Hauser emphasized that this is the Governor's designated river and should remain non-commercialized. As the only non-commercialized river home to blue trout, Mr. Huaser expressed concern about the potential negative impact on the health of the fisheries.

Mike Reed stated his opposition to licensure on the B01 Boise River section. Mr. Reed expressed concern about the impact on fisheries and wants to keep the river with trout as an Idaho resource.

Erik Weiseth, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association (IOGA), acknowledged concerns but emphasized the Board's priority is public health and safety in licensing. The river section was proposed during a previous year's negotiated rulemaking (NRM) process without public comment on today's concerns, despite ample opportunity. Mr. Weiseth pointed out that some Idahoans rely on outfitters to experience the state's natural areas, citing the Middle Fork River as an example. Outfitters are held to higher safety standards than the public and are best qualified for river safety. Mr. Weiseth corrected a previous statement, clarifying that outfitter fees are collected by the Board and do not impact public funds or taxpayers. He also briefly addressed the Oregon reciprocity issue, stating IOGA is working with the Board on potential solutions.

Additional Information relating to public comments can be found attached to these minutes.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Universal Discipline Training: Mr. Loos provided an overview of House Bill 703, codified in Idaho Code section 67-2616 (Universal Discipline), which became effective on July 1, 2026, including the disciplinary enforcement tools available under the statute.

Public Member Training: Mr. Loos presented training to the Board on the role and importance of Public Members appointed to regulatory boards.

State Travel Policy Update: Mr. Price presented a summary of the changes incorporated into the updated Idaho State Travel Policy, which took effect on July 1, 2026.

Financial Update: Mr. Price presented the Board's financial report for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2026.

BOARD BUSINESS

IDFG Presentation: Ellary Tucker-Williams, Legislative and Community Engagement Coordinator for Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), provided an update on outfitter tag

allocation, covering its history, current setup, areas of agreement, next legislative steps, upcoming NRM, and a proposed timeline.

Legislation Coordination: Mr. Weiseth discussed allocation tag reform, including an agreement with IDFG and the need for legislative rulemaking in 2027-2028. The reform aims to align utility zone allocations, recalculate non-controlled hunts, and decouple outfitter tags from non-resident tags. Additional fees may be added to offset designation costs, with a timeline for completion. Ms. Tucker Williams noted IDFG's strict restrictions on tag fee use and the need to navigate legal rules. Mr. Storm summarized that proposed changes are minor and ongoing collaboration with IDFG and IOGA will address designation impacts.

2027 Tag Designation Uncapped Elk – General Deer: Mr. Storm presented historical outfitter tag allocation data, focusing on 2027 uncapped elk and general deer outfitter designations. He reviewed the 2022-2026 outfitter tag allocations and actual use and then detailed 2027 designations. He summarized the designation process, highlighting three cases that required Board tie-breakers, and shared staff-proposed tie-breaker designations.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2027 outfitter tag designation for uncapped elk and general deer as presented and to direct staff to send out designation letters to outfitters. The motion carried unanimously.

Oregon Snake River Rulemaking: Mr. Price noted Oregon State Marine Board rulemaking requiring licensure for Snake River outfitters and guides, potentially impacting Idaho operators with additional fees and licensing. This opposes reciprocity and burdens outfitters using Oregon facilities. Mr. Weiseth added that the only river access is on the Oregon side, and guides face high Oregon license fees. His main concern is the financial and administrative burden of extra licensure, compounded by the licensing disparity between states. The Board considered submitting a comment to the Oregon State Marine Board advocating true reciprocity.

A motion was made and seconded to draft a comment on behalf of the Board to be reviewed by board member Long and sent to the Oregon State Marine Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Stan Potts Update: Mr. Price indicated that the Forest Service offered the Stan Potts permit to two outfitters to share, with the boundary to be determined collaboratively. Neither party initially reached an agreement, but the boundary has since been established; however, neither outfitter is fully satisfied with the outcome.

Waiting List/Prospectus Procedure: Mr. Price suggested adding a review step for the Executive Officer to assess the Forest Service's decision before finalization, to prevent conflicts like the Stan Potts incident. Following discussion, the Board decided to maintain the current process, but to specify the number of licenses intended to be granted to the Forest Service and enhance communication with the EO before approving candidates.

Permanent Controlled Tag Transfer Request: Mr. Storm stated that two outfitters who have been transferring tags would like a permanent transfer of tags.

A motion was made and seconded to approve permanent transfer of CH 2175 in Unit 10A from Shattuck Creek Outfitters to Back 30 Outfitters beginning with the 2027 tag designation process. The motion carried unanimously.

Work Plan Update: Mr. Price provided an update on the work plan, including completed items and tasks.

Licensing Report: Ms. Earl presented the licensing report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
A motion was made and seconded to enter executive session under Idaho Code section 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code section 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to retain a license or registration. The vote was: Ms. Overacker, aye; Mr. Rey, aye; Ms. Allen, aye; Mr. Long, aye; and Mr. Attebury, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Exit Executive Session: A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION(S) RESULTING FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motions Regarding Discipline:
A motion was made and seconded to authorize the prosecuting attorney to include the violations for case numbers 2037301 and 2090490 into an existing administrative complaint as discussed in executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to close case numbers 1764979 and 1917101 with an advisory letter. The motion carried unanimously

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the prosecuting attorney to negotiate a Stipulation and Consent Order with terms discussed in executive session for case numbers 1931301, 2131560, and 2099371 and to allow the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

The next meeting is on 11/04/2026.