

IDAHO OUTFITTERS AND GUIDE BOARD

May 14, 15, 16, 1970, Salmon, Idaho

Board members present: James F. Baughman, Vice Chairman, Jim Renshaw, and H. W. Guth

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss problems with licensees and applicants. Mr. Baughman conducted the meeting until the arrival of Chairman Lanham.

First on the agenda was a discussion concerning the mutual boundaries of Ken Strickler and Richard Norris. Mr. Strickler offered to concede J. Fell Creek and possibly Spider Creek in exchange for the area immediately adjacent to his Camas Creek ranch. Mr. Norris says he would not have access to the Spider Creek area except very early in the season. No agreement was reached but the area in dispute is actually quite small.

Mr. Joe Scoble appeared to explain his intended operation in the big game hunting area which he has leased to various outfitters for a number of years. He stated his intention to conduct the big game hunting operation, himself, this year. He is primarily a boatman.

Mr. Dwight Switter, Nordman, appeared to explain his planned operation at Priest Lake. He was given information concerning the law and the area system. He said he would like to be licensed for all the area around the lake and trade off with Alpine Outfitters of Coeur d'Alene. He says the area is quite inaccessible to the general public--a substantial portion of the area.

Don Young and Mike Loening appeared to negotiate a release of part of Mr. Young's big game hunting area which is adjacent to Mr. Loening's property, the Foster ranch. There is an overlap with Ken Strickler and Richard Norris at Twin Peaks. They were told to negotiate if possible. Mr. Young then asked to have the balance of his area transferred to James M. Smith who is purchasing his ranch.

Mr. Charles Merrick and Mr. Aaron Angell agreed on a joint use area in the vicinity of the Merrick ranch, but across the river. They drew the area on the map, affixed their signatures, and submitted the map to the Board.

The meeting recessed for lunch until 1:15 p.m. *Chairman Lanham arrived.*

Mr. Albert Lamper appeared to request that his license show that he has a joint use of the sheep and goat area which he released to James Muscutt in 1969.

Miss Gertrude Maxwell appeared to explain that she has sold her ranch but will continue her outfitting operation this year.

Mr. Eddie Bennett appeared to inquire about the Sun Valley guides applying for outfitter licenses with big game hunting areas which might overlap his licensed area.

Mr. Ray Seal applied for additional area which adjoins his area on the east. His present hunting area has only a limited number of permits for elk, by drawing. He was told to submit an application for review.

Mr. Elvin Hincks was asked to explain his hunting activities on the area licensed to Mr. Glen Park. Mr. and Mrs. Park were also present. Mr. Hincks said the hunters used his camp and horses but he did not guide them and was not responsible for where they hunted. It was explained to him that he is required to keep his

camps and hunters within his licensed area even if they are only drop camps. The location of a trail which is their mutual boundary was determined.

Mr. Vaughn Haderlie appeared to question the status of joint use areas held with Mr. Tom Woolstenhulme.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Walker appeared to apply for a license for himself and Charles Grubin and Norman Riddle d/b/a Snake River Outfitters to boat on the Snake River and hunt from the Bud Wilson property on the river. The Board will contact other licensees with big game hunting areas on the Snake River to determine if they agree there is a need for another big game hunting operation in the area, and also check with Fish and Game and Forest Service personnel.

Mr. Jack Nygaard appeared to ask for a clarification on the boundary line between his big game area and that of Hank Hepburn. The Board found there is a discrepancy between maps in the location of Long Lake Point, which is one of the boundary locations. Using the Nygaard map there would be an extensive overlap in the areas at this point, but in using the Hepburn map, the overlap would be very small. It was suggested that the two area descriptions designate the particular maps from which the descriptions were drawn in approving the licenses.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester West appeared to request additional area as theirs is very small. There is no open area in the vicinity of the Whitewater Ranch.

Don French and his attorney, Jim Herndon, appeared. The Board requested that Mr. French appear to discuss a number of complaints concerning services rendered to clients during the 1969 season. He said he was unable to hire experienced guides and he realized the service was not as good as it should have been. He introduced Mr. John Naisbitt, who will be manager of the ranch this season.

Mr. Wayland Heaton and Mr. John Crump appeared to request that Mr. Crump be licensed for the big game hunting area presently licensed to Mr. Heaton. They said Mr. Crump has been promised campsites if his license application is approved.

Mr. Lynn Davis and Mr. George Redington appeared to request that his big game hunting area be divided and a part be licensed to him and separate areas to Mr. Redington and Mr. McDermot. They were told to draw up their mutual boundaries and submit applications for licenses.

Mr. John Buker appeared to assure the Board that he is going to operate his outfitting business during the coming season. He would like to adjust his boundary with the Gilmans to give him a campsite at the mouth of Brushy Creek. He was told to work it out with Gilmans.

Bob Crick appeared to ask for additional area around Toboggan Ridge. He was told to make application and it will be reviewed.

Erv Malnarich appeared to ask about making a trade with Ray Higgins. He was told for them to work it out together. He would also like his boundary with Louis Woolley clarified as Woolley had hunters far inside his area. He suggested that their line should be Battle Creek Lookout and the Gateway switchbacks. If this is not agreeable with Mr. Woolley, he would like to meet with him at the next Association meeting.

Bob Crick says he believes there <sup>is</sup> a number of unlicensed outfitters in the Kelly Creek area and suggested we write the District Ranger.

The meeting recessed at 6 p.m. until 9 a.m. at the Elks Lodge.

The meeting reconvened with all Board members present.

First on the agenda was to work out a budget for the third quarter of the current biennium, which must be submitted to the Budget Division at once. Provision was made for another investigator in case we wish to employ one.

Mr. Baughman and Mr. Guth reported on their work on rules and regulations and Mr. Guth was asked to read them at the Association meeting.

Mr. Renshaw made a motion that Mr. Baughman and Mr. Guth should be compensated for 2 days each and allowable meals, May 6 and 7, for the time spent on the rules, and Mr. Baughman for 1 day, April 30, spent at the State-Federal Inter-Agency meeting. Seconded by Mr. Holmes and approved unanimously.

Mr. George Simons was interviewed for a job as investigator.

The meeting recessed to allow attendance at the Association meetings.

An informal breakfast meeting with Forest Service personnel was held at Wally's Cafe at 7:30 a.m. on May 16. Approximately 20 people were there from the Forest Service, Regions I and IV. Mr. Henry Ketchie said he had read the Memo of Understanding written up a few years ago and he thought it was very good and should be revived and updated in conjunction with Region I. There was a general attitude of cooperation which leads to anticipation of a closer working relationship. *The Forest Service will have a revision to present at the next meeting of the Association.*

The Forest Service is drawing up regulations for running the rivers and they will consult with the Board. They anticipate that the present boat outfitters will be allowed to continue operations.

The meeting was reconvened at 3 p.m.

Mr. Gerald Richie would like to have his line with Mr. George Mattson resolved. Mr. Mattson has hunted over on Richie's area. He thought the line had been drawn some time ago.

The Board heard from Conservation Officer Don McPherson about the game violations of Scott Farr and Rick Hussey. Mr. Hussey was called in to give his story. The matter was tabled pending receipt of license applications from one or both of them.

*James G. Baughman*  
Vice Chairman

*Louis Merritt*  
Secretary