

IDAHO OUTFITTERS & GUIDES BOARD

Boise, Idaho

January 28, 1971

Members present: James F. Baughman, H. W. Guth, and R. J. Holmes.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Vice Chairman Baughman. The purpose of the meeting was to review conditions on the Middle Fork and Lower Salmon Rivers and the licensing of outfitters for boating on these rivers. *middle only JFM*

It appears that the considerable increase in traffic during the past season has seriously overtaxed the capacity of sanitary facilities, endangering the health, welfare, and safety of the passengers of commercial boatmen and of others enjoying the unique recreational qualities of these rivers, thus contributing to the critical deterioration of the ecology of the rivers and the surrounding areas.

After discussions with boatmen on the rivers, with concerned citizens, and with representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, and after taking into consideration the 60% increase in boat outfitter licenses issued in 1970 and the large number of new requests for licenses on file already in 1971, it is the unanimous opinion of those present that it is desirable and necessary at this time to declare a one-year moratorium on the issuance of new outfitter licenses for boating on these rivers.

It is not the desire of the Board to restrict only those people who wish to avail themselves of the services of a professional boatman. If there must be restrictions, they should apply to the amateur boatman as well as the professional. By placing this temporary ban on the issuance of new licenses, it is hoped that the various agencies involved can work out a plan for the orderly, scheduled use of our rivers and thereby provide for the accommodation of a maximum number of people during the boating season.

*Memo*  
By order of the Board, notice of the above action is to be sent to all new applicants for boat licenses for carrying passengers on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and on the main Salmon River from the mouth of the Middle Fork to the mouth of French Creek. *for power boats. JFM*

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

James F. Baughman

John M. Hunt