

IDAHO OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES BOARD

Boise, Idaho

February 10-11, 1971

Members present: James F. Baughman, Vice Chairman, H. W. Guth, R. J. Holmes and Jim Renshaw.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Gene Nichols, Gary Madsen and Jim Muscutt to determine the best disposition of the area presently licensed to Mr. Muscutt who is quitting the outfitting business, and to take care of any other business at hand.

Mr. Del Cameron, Victor, Montana, appeared to apply for an Idaho outfitter license to take summer fishing parties and hunt bear and cougar. He is a licensed outfitter in Montana. He was given application forms.

Mr. Baughman, assisted by Mr. Guth and Franczy, has completed a new set of area maps. Idaho Blue Print will charge 75¢ a foot to back them with cloth. They suggested that we might do it our selves. The cloth is \$31.95 for a 3'X50' roll. It was decided that Franczy should try it and complete the set if she finds that she can do it satisfactorily.

The Board decided that we should get bids to have the office painted at a time when it would interfere with our work the least.

A complaint against G. & S Guide Service was reviewed. The complainant is to be given information on their bond.

Mr. Baughman reported on his meeting with Mr. William Rozynek who had just returned from a Forest Service Region IV meeting to establish policy for boating on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. In 1970 there were 748 boats on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, with 3050 people. They are predicting 2000 more people in 1971. They will issue permits for all commercial trips, free this year. By 1972 they expect to stagger the trips and designate campgrounds. The Salmon N.F. will be the issuing agency and the Cobalt Ranger will dispense information on water hazards. At present they can predict about 3 days in advance. The Forest Service will employ 2 or 3 more men to study the traffic problems and will classify the rapids.

The meeting adjourned for lunch until 1:15 p.m.

The Muscutt, Nichols, and Madsen areas were reviewed. Mr. and Mrs. Madsen, Mr. Gene Nichols, and Mr. Jim Muscutt appeared. Since both Mr. Madsen and Mr. Nichols have small areas with short season, the area was divided to lengthen the season for both. Mr. Madsen is to have the area south of the ridge between Wilson Creek and Hoodoo Creek. Mr. Nichols will have the area west and north of this ridge to the Primitive Area boundary. The Board will determine the exact description.

Vladimir Kovalik appeared to request a license for boating on the Middle Fork. The Board determined that since his request for an application was received on January 2, before the moratorium was declared on January 28, he should be given an opportunity to apply for a license. Applications will be sent to all those whose requests were received prior to the moratorium. Motion made by Mr. Renshaw, seconded and carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m. until 9a.m. on February 11.

The meeting reconvened with the same members present.

Mr. George May appeared with his attorney, Mr. John Jellum, to answer to a complaint from outfitter Pat Reed that he had trespassed on his sheep and goat area on Golden and Pappoose Creeks. Also, a complaint from a client, Mr. Noah Garrett. He said he didn't think he trespassed on Pat Reed as he was in his camp and asked him where he was going to hunt and George didn't hunt until he was over on the other side of Big Mountain.

Mr. May said he had received a copy of the letter written by Mr. Garrett from the man who cooked for the hunting party, and that the letter contains many false statements and charges. He said that he would answer the charges point by point. He said that his wife was ill and he did not help with this particular party; that Bud Cooper was in charge and he prefers not to hunt with horeses, but horses were available at the camp at all times.

Larry Jarrett appeared to see about getting an outfitter license. He had heard that Bud Grotzinger wanted to move to an area near his ranch, and Mr. Jarrett wanted to make application for the Grotzinger area if it becomes available. He will apply for an open area on Clear Creek if the above area is not avialable.

The proposed rules and regulations for boating were reviewed amd revised to include the placing of a limit of 30 people in any one party, including the boatmen, on the Middle Fork.

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Lee Bridges came in to discuss a complaint against his services which was forwarded to the Board by the Fish and Game Department. He said everything seemed to be all right at first until he left to check on another camp. When he came back he found this Mr. Egger had tried unsuccessfully to organize a protest in the camp. Mr. Eggers then left camp but the rest stayed. Mr. Bridges said he guided them in tracking at least 1 trophy deer but they were not able to keep up and didn't get a shot. He said they knew in January that there would be no elk hunting.

The boating moratorium was revised to include power boating, only, on the Salmon River from the mouth of the Middle Fork downstream to the mouth of French Creek. We are to have copies of the moratorium printed for distribution.

We have not had a response to our letter asking Tom Demorest of Diamond D Ranch to send us the names and addresses of his guides during the last season. He is to have a letter listing some of the major complaints and telling him that it will be necessary for him to appear before the Board before another license will be issued to him.

The Board authorized Cecil Sanford to install a radio in his truck if he can get one from Fish and Game surplus. A letter is to go to Mr. Phil Swanstrum requesting the use of a surplus radio.

New contracts are to be sent Mike Wilkins and Cecil Sanford for signing. The rate for horse hire is to be raised to \$6.00 per day per horse and not more than \$18.00 per day as this is the rate used by the Fish and Game Department.

The first meeting for reviewing license applications was scheduled for April 19, 1971. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

James F. Bangeman
Vice Chairman

Luis Merritt
Secretary