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OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES LICENSING BOARD

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 1, 1996

APPROVED MINUTES

(MSC = Motion made, seconded, carried)

(MSF = Motion made, seconded, failed)

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board convened at 8:30 AM, February 26, 1996, with Board members Leo Crane, Diana Haynes, and Bill Bernt present. Board member Wayne Hunsucker is unavailable until Thursday, February 29, due to a previous commitment, and a replacement for the IDF&G Commission representative has not yet been named. Also present were Executive Director Dean Sangrey, Board Counsel Steve Scanlin, and Education/Law Enforcement Supervisor Bill Vetesy.

**DEAN SANGREY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:** The Executive Director presented his report to the Board, addressing such topics as the upcoming Senate confirmation hearings for members Bill Bernt and Wayne Hunsucker; Board rule modification; a possible license fee increase; Northern Idaho Forest Symposium; additional meeting and conference attendance by the director during the last two months; and preliminary discussion of possible locations for April Board meeting.

**RULES MODIFICATION:** The Board discussed modification to the recent rules package relating to Definition #49, Employ, Employed, or Employment of a Guide. The Director reported on his meeting with the legislative rules review committee and their expressed concerns about the language in this definition. A suggestion was made at that time to drop the definition from the rules amendment package and that the Board would take the matter under advisement for future consideration. MSC (Crane--Bernt) (Bernt-aye; Haynes-nay; Crane-aye) THAT BOARD STAFF TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO RESCIND THIS DEFINITION AS IT IS CURRENTLY WORDED DURING THE NEXT RULES MAKING SESSION.

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**SOUTH FORK EXPEDITIONS/LODGE AT PALISADES CREEK:** The Director presented a recommendation to the Board that charges pending against licensed outfitters South Fork Expeditions, John Hill, Designated Agent, and The Lodge At Palisades Creek, Chip Kearns, Designated Agent, relating to alleged illegal third party agreements, be dismissed. Director Sangrey explained that based on the results of extensive investigation by the Board's staff, it appeared the issues involved would best be served by recognizing we are dealing with a certain level of poor management decisions and perhaps questionable judgment on the part of the outfitters. While these actions should not be overlooked, it would not be in our best interest to pursue these as disciplinary matters before the Board. Following this discussion, MSC (Bernt--Haynes) THAT THE CHARGES IN BOTH CASES BE DISMISSED.

**LICENSE FEE INCREASE:** The Director made a presentation on a proposal for consideration of a license fee increase for the industry. His recommendations also included a suggestion for establishing a license application processing fee as an additional source of revenue. These recommendations are very preliminary at this time and will be discussed in further detail later during the Board meeting when representatives of the outfitter industry are available.

**STEVE SCANLIN, BOARD COUNSEL:** Board Counsel Steve Scanlin reviewed his activities and efforts on behalf of the Board since the December meeting. He also reviewed aspects of a recent communication with Randy Berry regarding his letter of concern forwarded to the Board during February. An appropriate response will be prepared by the Executive Director to go to Mr. Berry.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 11:45 AM and reconvened at 1:20 PM.

**BILL VETESY, EDUCATION/LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPERVISOR:** Education/Law Enforcement Supervisor Bill Vetesy presented his report to the Board covering a variety of issues including his second quarterly progress report. Additional issues of the report will be detailed at a later time.

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**MARLIN KENNEDY:** Mr. Kennedy met with the Board regarding problems he has been encountering with river access to his Oregon commercial hunting operation south of Pittsburg Landing on the Snake River. Woody Fine, Deputy Area Ranger for Hells Canyon National Recreation Area, also attended this meeting. Mr. Kennedy explained that he lives in Kooskia, Idaho, and operates Hat Point Outfitters in the Wallawa/Whitman National Forest in northeastern Oregon. During the fall hunting season his road access to his hunting area is sometimes closed due to weather conditions and the only way he can get his clients into his camps is by accessing the area from the river. The Forest Service position is that he can't transport clients by jetboat from Pittsburg Landing because he's not authorized a commercial permit and would also not be able to obtain the required outfitter license from Idaho. Following a lengthy discussion, the Board suggested he has two possible options he can pursue. First, and perhaps most viable, would be to negotiate an agreement to share operations with an existing jetboat outfitter, or, secondly, pursue a possible legislative resolution to his problem.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** The Board reviewed the current financial position of the Board as of January 31, 1996. Following review and discussion, MSC (Haynes--Bernt) THAT THIS REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS PRESENTED.

The meeting recessed for the evening at 5:15 PM, and reconvened on Tuesday, February 27, at 8:15 AM. Board members Leo Crane, Diana Haynes, and Bill Bernt were in attendance as well as Board Executive Director, Education/Law Enforcement Supervisor, and Board attorney.

**PALOMINO RANCH:** The Director reviewed the status of the Palomino Ranch and the issue of their horse riding program conducted in Careywood, Idaho. The Director reported on the results of an investigation that had been completed since January, including discussions with the proprietors, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Bishop, and personnel from the Sandpoint Ranger District. The Bishop's have a small operation that consists of horse riding instruction conducted on their 160 acre ranch. On occasion, some lessons go

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off of their ranch to adjacent private property but not onto any National Forest land. Following a thorough discussion, MSC (Bernt--Haynes) THAT THE BOARD CONCURS WITH THE PREVIOUS DECISION THAT THE OPERATIONS OF THE PALOMINO RANCH DO NOT COME UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES ACT AND THEREFORE A LICENSE IS NOT REQUIRED.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** In accordance with the provisions of § 67-2345, Idaho Code, the Board went into Executive Session at 11:25 AM to discuss personnel matters, and came out of Executive Session 11:48 AM, with no decisions made.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:50 AM and reconvened at 1:35 PM.

**BRUCE BUTLER, SMOKY MOUNTAIN OUTFITTERS:** Mr. Bruce Butler and Mr. Milt Butler appeared in a joint show cause hearing relating to charges that Bruce Butler operated outside his assigned area and employed an unlicensed guide and that Milt Butler was operating in an area for which he was not licensed. At the conclusion of testimony, the following Findings of Fact were established: 1) Bruce Butler is a licensed outfitter and Milt Butler is a licensed guide in the State of Idaho; 2) Bruce Butler, dba: Smoky Mountain Outfitters (SMO), did conduct a commercial trailride in the Murdock Creek area of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) on or about August 25, 1994. SMO was not licensed by the State of Idaho nor permitted by the U.S. Forest Service for this activity in that area; and 3) Milt Butler, the guide who conducted this trailride, was not properly licensed to operate in that area. Therefore, the Conclusions of Law are: 1) conducting a commercial trailride in the Murdock Creek area of the SNRA on or about August 25, 1994, was a violation of § 36-2113(a)(8)(i) and (9), Idaho Code; and 2) pursuant to § 36-2113, a licensee may be subject to suspension, revocation or restriction, or in lieu thereof of a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 by the Board for violations of the provisions of this Chapter. Following review of the testimony and further discussion, MSC (Bernt--Haynes) THAT MR. BRUCE BUTLER BE FINED \$250.00 FOR OPERATING OUTSIDE HIS ASSIGNED AREA AND EMPLOYING AN UNLICENSED GUIDE. SAID FINE IS WITHHELD THROUGH MARCH 31, 1997,

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THE END OF THE 1996-97 LICENSE YEAR. IF NO FURTHER VIOLATIONS OCCUR DURING THAT TIME, THE CHARGES WILL BE DISMISSED. FURTHER, MR. BUTLER IS DIRECTED TO IMMEDIATELY PURSUE A RESOLUTION OF THE SPECIAL USE PERMIT AND LICENSING ISSUES REGARDING POSSIBLE OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA OF THE SNRA. FURTHER, THE CITATION AGAINST MR. MILT BUTLER IS HEREBY DISMISSED.

**RONNIE WEST, WEST OUTFITTING:** Mr. West appeared in a show cause hearing relating to charges that he has been convicted for violating Idaho Fish & Game regulations. Mr. West stipulated to the Board charges and acknowledged his Fish & Game conviction. After thorough consideration, MSC (Haynes--Bernt) THAT, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE VIOLATION AND MR. WEST'S ADMISSION OF GUILT REGARDING THE FISH AND GAME CITATION, THE CURRENT PROBATION ON HIS OUTFITTER LICENSE THAT IS SET TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, 1998, BE EXTENDED FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS, TO EXPIRE MARCH 31, 2000. ADDITIONALLY, THE DIRECTOR WAS INSTRUCTED TO INFORM MR. WEST THAT THE BOARD STRONGLY SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES HIS EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENT DESIGNATED AGENT TO MORE CLOSELY MANAGE AND COORDINATE THE OPERATION OF HIS BUSINESS IN IDAHO.

**INTERNAL LICENSING PROCEDURES:** The Executive Director and operations staff members Bambi Thomason and Fay Allen reported to the Board on the effectiveness of current licensing procedures being followed in the office. Nearing completion of licensing efforts for the 1995-96 license year, the staff has found that internal adjustments and improvements implemented during this time period have contributed significantly to improved performance in the licensing function from the standpoint of quicker turnaround and issuance of licenses. With few exceptions, during 1995 properly completed license applications were processed within a seven day time frame and overall licensing procedures ran more smoothly. Based on this performance and these results, the staff recommends that plans to hire additional clerical help during the busy spring and summer season not be implemented. Following this discussion, the Board concurred with their recommendation.

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**BILL BERNT:** Mr. Bernt requested that the Board review the standing approval that he received in 1986 from the Licensing Board and the Bureau of Land Management. This agreement allows Aggipah River Trips to "float through" on the SA7A section of the Salmon River, for which he is not licensed, on the rare occasion that he would need to do so in conjunction with a commercial float trip incorporating the SA6 and SA8 sections of the Salmon River, for which he is licensed. Following this discussion, the Board acknowledged it's continued recognition of this joint agreement, with proper prior approvals.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to the provisions of § 67-2345, Idaho Code, the Board went into Executive Session at 3:45 PM to discuss personnel issues, and came out of Executive Session at 4:28 PM with no decisions made.

The meeting recessed for the day at 5:10 PM and reconvened at 8:10 AM on Wednesday, February 28. Board members Leo Crane, Bill Bernt, and Diana Haynes were in attendance, as well as the executive director and Board attorney.

**GORDON FROST, WARM SPRINGS OUTFITTERS:** Mr. Frost appeared in a show cause hearing relating to charges that he improperly used an apprentice guide during the 1995 hunting season, that he pled guilty to violating two or more U.S. Forest Service regulations, and for subjecting an animal to needless abuse or cruel treatment. Following review of the evidence and further discussion and deliberation by the Board, the Board finds that: 1) Gordon Frost, dba: Warm Springs Outfitters, Respondent, is a currently licensed outfitter in the State of Idaho. Mr. Frost stipulated to Board citations for violations of the improper use of an apprentice guide and forfeitures for two or more violations of U.S. Forest Service (USFS) regulations; and 2) Mr. Frost purchased a roan Clydesdale in the spring of 1993. The horse was thin at the time. On or about September 5, 1995, the horse was observed by USFS Law Enforcement Agent Mike Myers in a thin condition with two sores on its shoulders. Dr. Niemi, a Grangeville veterinarian, examined the horse the next day, September 6, 1995, and the horse was thin, lacked fat and muscle

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mass, had two sores on its shoulders which had been treated with salve, had a temperature of 103 degrees (F) with 100 degrees being normal, a heartbeat of 80 beats per minute with 40 beats being normal, and as a result of specimens taken at the time, the horse later tested positive for parasites at 777/5 gram sample and tested positive for equine infectious anemia (EIA). EIA is a chronic viral disease of horses for which there is no cure and for which the horse must either be destroyed or quarantined for life. Mr. Frost took the horse to a livestock auction in Lewiston, Idaho, before the results of the EIA test were known, and later destroyed the horse on his property. He also had to have 12 of 28 horses tested in his string destroyed because of EIA infection. Conclusions of Law: 1) The improper use of an apprentice hunting guide is a violation of § 36-2113(a)(14), Idaho Code, and IDAPA 25.01.01.035.02; 2) Conviction for two or more forfeitures of any deposits of money with an administrative agency for violations of regulation of the USFS is a violation of § 36-2113(a)(4), Idaho Code; 3) The treatment of the horse was unethical and unprofessional conduct and is a violation of § 36-2113(a)(5)(14) and Board Rule 002.45. However, Respondent was not charged with these violations, but rather with a violation of § 36-2113(a)(12), subjecting an animal to needless abuse and cruel treatment. The Board does not reach a conclusion that Respondent was subjecting an animal to needless abuse and cruel treatment; and 4) Pursuant to § 36-2113, a licensee may be subject to suspension, revocation or restriction, or in lieu thereof of a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00 by the Board for violations of the provisions of this Chapter. Based on these Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, MSC (Haynes--Bernt) THAT 1) MR. FROST BE FINED \$100.00 FOR THE IMPROPER USE OF AN APPRENTICE GUIDE; 2) FOR THE TWO FORFEITURES FOR VIOLATION OF USFS REGULATIONS HIS OUTFITTER LICENSE BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR ONE YEAR, THROUGH THE END OF THE 1996-97 LICENSE YEAR WITH THE USUAL TERMS OF BOARD PROBATION THAT HE MAY NOT HAVE ANY AMENDMENTS APPROVED FOR HIS OPERATION AND THAT HE MUST NOT VIOLATE ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAWS; AND 3) THE CHARGE OF A VIOLATION OF § 36-2113(A)(12), SUBJECTING AN ANIMAL TO NEEDLESS ABUSE AND CRUEL TREATMENT IS HEREBY DISMISSED.

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The Meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:50 PM, and reconvened at 2:08 PM.

**RICHARD NORRIS, DBA: MOOSE CREEK OUTFITTERS, AND DARRELL NORRIS, DESIGNATED AGENT:** Mr. Richard Norris and Mr. Darrell Norris appeared in a joint show cause hearing relating to charges that Richard Norris has violated multiple Forest Service regulations and operated outside his assigned area on two separate occasions, and that Darrell Norris operated outside his assigned area. Mr. Jon Wyman, attorney for the Norris', and Mr. Steve Tobiason, acting on behalf of the Licensing Board, consulted at the beginning of the hearing and reached a plea agreement. Based on these discussions and a stipulation to the USFS violations by Mr. Richard Norris, MSC (Haynes--Crane) THAT 1) RICHARD NORRIS' OUTFITTER LICENSE BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR TWO YEARS WITH TERMS OF PROBATION THAT HE NOT BE APPROVED FOR ANY AMENDMENTS AND THAT HE NOT VIOLATE ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAWS, WITH THE TERM OF PROBATION TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 1998; AND 2) HE BE FINED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00 FOR HIS GUIDE MIKE PRPICH OPERATING OUTSIDE HIS ASSIGNED AREA. THE REMAINING CITATION FOR RICHARD NORRIS INVOLVING ANOTHER INCIDENT OF OPERATING OUTSIDE HIS ASSIGNED AREA WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL THE APRIL BOARD MEETING. IN THE INTERIM, MR. NORRIS IS INSTRUCTED TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH TIM CRAIG, BOULDER CREEK OUTFITTERS, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRY TO RESOLVE THE BOUNDARY DISPUTE BETWEEN THE TWO OPERATING AREAS. IF THE ISSUE IS NOT SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED, THIS CITATION WILL BE BROUGHT BACK BEFORE THE BOARD AT THE APRIL MEETING FOR FURTHER REVIEW. THIS SAME PROVISION APPLIES TO THE CITATION ISSUED TO DARRELL NORRIS FOR OPERATING OUTSIDE HIS LICENSED AREA.

The meeting recessed at 6:55 PM and reconvened at 8:10 AM, Thursday, February 29, 1996. Board members Leo Crane, Diana Haynes, Bill Bernt and Wayne Hunsucker were present, as well as the executive director, board attorney and education/law enforcement supervisor.

**DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES:** The Board reviewed the December, 1995, Board minutes. Following this review, MSC (Haynes--Bernt) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

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**BRET ARMACOST:** Mr. Armacost met with the Board to discuss his interest in being considered for possible licensing for big game hunting opportunities on a restricted access portion of the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam. He related that he is frequently approached by hunters who want to camp and hunt in the Granite Creek Ridge area below the dam, but are prohibited from accessing that area because of the terrain, etc. Following a discussion with the Board, it was determined that apparently no one else is presently licensed in this area for hunting, and the Board recommended that Mr. Armacost submit an appropriate amendment request to be evaluated by the staff. The director will work with Mr. Armacost in this endeavor.

**AARON HOWELL, EMPOWARE, INC.:** Mr. Howell gave a presentation to the Board on a computer generated advertising program his company is developing that provides statewide information on big game hunting regulations, harvest statistics, geographic information on hunting units, and licensed outfitters and their activities. He demonstrated a prototype of the interactive CD ROM application which was very comprehensive and informative. Board members made several comments and suggestions about the content and thanked Mr. Howell for the demonstration.

**MAVERICK RANCH LITE BEEF, INC., CHARLES C. MOORE, DESIGNATED AGENT:** The next scheduled show cause hearing involved Maverick Ranch Lite Beef and Designated Agent Charles C. Moore. Board Prosecutor Steve Tobiason recommended approval of a stipulated agreement reached with Mr. Moore, which Mr. Tobiason presented for Board review. The terms of the settlement are: 1) Mr. Moore will pay a fine in the amount of \$600.00 relating to his failure to provide minimum training to a guide; 2) the charge of engaging in an activity for which he was not licensed will be dismissed; and 3) Maverick Ranch Lite Beef, Inc., and Charles C. Moore will not apply for an outfitter's or guide's license in the state of Idaho for calendar years 1996 and 1997. Following discussion, MSC (Hunsucker--Haynes) TO ACCEPT THE STIPULATED AGREEMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY MR. TOBIASON.

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**RICK SCHULTSMEIER:** The next scheduled show cause hearing involved Mr. Schultsmeier. Board Prosecutor Steve Tobiason recommended approval of a stipulated agreement reached with Mr. Schultsmeier, which Mr. Tobiason presented for Board review. The terms of this settlement are that Mr. Schultsmeier will pay a fine in the amount of \$300.00 for guiding an activity for which he is not licensed. Following discussion, MSC (Hunsucker--Haynes) TO ACCEPT THE STIPULATED AGREEMENT AS RECOMMENDED BY MR. TOBIASON.

**PALISADES RANGER DISTRICT, TARGHEE NATIONAL FOREST:** The Board reviewed the applications submitted in response to the commercial recreational opportunity identified on the Palisades Ranger District. At the conclusion of a systematic evaluation of all applications received, MSC (Bernt--Hunsucker) TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS OF HADERLIE AND SONS, HANSEN-SILVER GUEST RANCH, MCGARRY BROTHERS, AND KELLY VAN ORDEN, DBA: MOOSE CREEK RANCH, INC., AND ASSIGNMENT OF APPROPRIATE SERVICE DAYS FOR TRAILRIDE ACTIVITIES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PALISADES RANGER DISTRICT.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Under the provisions of § 67-2345, Idaho Code, the Board went into Executive Session at 4:25 PM to discuss personnel issues and came out of Executive Session at 4:45 PM with no decisions made.

The meeting recessed at 5:20 PM and reconvened at 8:15 AM, Friday, March 1, 1996. Board members Leo Crane, Diana Haynes, Bill Bernt and Wayne Hunsucker were present, as well as Board executive director, board attorney, and education/law enforcement supervisor.

**BART BUTTERFIELD, IDF&G:** Mr. Bart Butterfield made a visual presentation to the Board to demonstrate the results of preliminary work accomplished with assistance from Licensing Board staff to integrate outfitter licensing data into the Geographic Information System (GIS) computer mapping system used by the Idaho Department of Fish & Game. The presentation was the result of two months of work by staff from both offices, and demonstrated the capabilities of the GIS system to incorporate information on outfitter assigned operating areas and approved activities into the statewide system. The results were very

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dramatic and showed how helpful the inclusion of this information will be for everyone who accesses information from the system. Lawrence Hartpence and Tom Reinecker from the Department of Fish & Game also joined the presentation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to the provisions of § 67-2345, Idaho Code, MSC (Hunsucker--Haynes) to go into executive session at 8:45 AM to discuss litigation and investigation matters. Board came out of executive session at 9:23 AM with no decisions made.

**PROPOSED LICENSE FEE INCREASE:** The Executive Director made a presentation regarding issues related to consideration of a potential license fee increase for the outfitting industry. IOGA Executive Director Grant Simonds and IOGA members Mike Scott and Louise Stark were in attendance. The director outlined the present status of the Board free fund balance and how that cash reserve relates to the day-to-day operations of the Board as well as the overall fiscal year budget that funds their operations. Proposed fee increases for outfitter, designated agent, and guide licenses were discussed as well as some other options for additional revenue considerations. Several comments and recommendations were discussed from members of the Board and others and were taken under advisement. The director indicated he would make some modifications to the information packet and work on coordinating further review of the proposal with members of the Board as well as those in the industry. A potential timeline was discussed, identifying that some firm decisions would need to be made during the next three to four months in order to consider preparation of required legislation during the summer and fall. The Board members acknowledged that if significant support was not evident from the industry, it would be futile to expend the time and energy required to prepare legislation and budget considerations that would focus on increased revenue from a fee increase.

**APRIL BOARD MEETING:** After discussing several significant issues that presently require Board attention it was agreed to hold the regular April meeting of the Licensing Board in the Idaho Falls area. The meeting is scheduled to begin on Monday, April 22, and

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will probably run for three or four days. The director will begin developing the necessary arrangements.

**IOGA SPRING MEETING:** The spring meeting for the IOGA is scheduled from April 9 - 12 and will be sponsored by the Panhandle Chapter at Priest Lake. Board members Leo Crane and Diana Haynes indicated they might be able to attend but would have to confirm later. Director Sangrey will attend on behalf of the Board.

**JOE BRESSLER, BRESSLER OUTFITTER, INC.:** The Board spoke with Mr. Bressler by telephone to discuss his concerns about the effectiveness of enforcement efforts in the South Fork Snake River area. He feels the unlicensed outfitter and guide issues on that stretch of river continue to be an extremely serious problem and would like to see a more coordinated effort developed among all of the agencies with management interest on the river. The Board acknowledged his concerns and advised him to work with the director to help coordinate meetings and further discussions in this regard. With the Board meeting planned for the Idaho Falls area in April, this will provide an excellent opportunity for a discussion of these issues.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PERFORMANCE RECOGNITION:** On behalf of the Licensing Board, Chairman Leo Crane complimented the Director for his outstanding job performance and continuing commitment to the successful operation of the Board office. Following this discussion, MSC (Hunsucker--Haynes) THAT THE DIRECTOR BE APPROVED FOR AN INCREASE IN SALARY, NOT TO EXCEED 10%, EFFECTIVE ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 1996, DEPENDING ON BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS. Director Sangrey thanked the Board for their acknowledgment of his efforts and added that it was definitely a team effort that contributed to the Board's successful operations.

Meeting recessed at 12:30 PM for lunch and to allow participation at the Senate Resources and Environment Committee confirmation hearing at the Statehouse.

**SENATE CONFIRMATION:** Board members Bill Bernt and Wayne Hunsucker appeared before the Senate Resources and Environment Committee for their scheduled interviews at 1:00 PM. Both members

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responded to a number of questions pertaining to their background and experience, as well as their particular philosophy relating to their interests and participation as members of the Outfitters and Guides Board.

Meeting reconvened at 3:05 PM following the confirmation hearing and lunch. Diana Haynes departed the meeting at this time as she had to return to her place of business.

**BRENT FITCHETT:** The Board reviewed the amendment request submitted by Mr. Fitchett for the expansion of his licensed deer and elk hunting operation to include three parcels of private property situated north of the Clark Fork River. These parcels are privately owned, one by Mr. Fitchett's family and the others by two individuals. Considerable discussion followed, recognizing concerns expressed by the Department of Fish & Game relative to elk herd viability, deer habitat access due to weather conditions, and the potential for conflicts with the non-guided public. Following a lengthy discussion, MSC (Bernt--Hunsucker) THAT THE AMENDMENT REQUEST BE DENIED.

**LAKE PEND OREILLE POWERBOATING OPPORTUNITIES:** The Board directed that, prior to any formal consideration for possible licensing of remaining opportunities on Lake Pend Oreille, additional research and contacts be pursued with business and community leaders and other interested individuals in the Lake Pend Oreille area. Effort will be made to accomplish this research prior to the June Board meeting.

**SNAKE RIVER RECIPROCITY:** The director reviewed a letter recently received from the Washington Division of Wildlife regarding their interest and concern about the present status of the reciprocity issue between their state and Idaho on the Snake River. The Board instructed the director to pursue the matter with representatives from Washington and provide a report back to the Board as soon as possible.

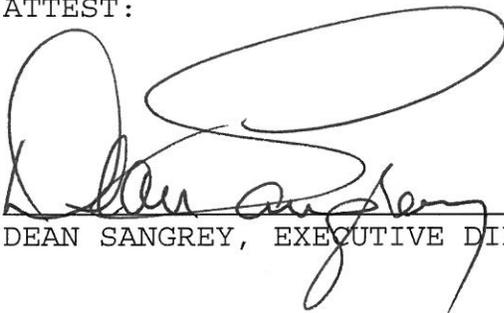
With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

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LEO CRANE, BOARD CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
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DEAN SANGREY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR