

**STATE OF IDAHO
OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES LICENSING BOARD**

APPROVED MINUTES

December 4 – 6, 2000

(Key: MSC = Motion made, seconded, carried)

(MSF = Motion made, seconded, failed)

The regular meeting of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board was called to order at 8:38 AM, Monday, December 4, 2000, in the Boardroom, 1365 North Orchard, Boise, Idaho. Board members Ray Lyon, Bill Bernt, Scott Farr and Will Judge were in attendance. Board Chairman Wayne Hunsucker was out of town and unavailable for the meeting and Ray Lyon served as interim chairman in his absence. Also present were Executive Director Dean Sangrey, Education/Law Enforcement Supervisor Mike Best, and Board Counsel Steve Scanlin.

Executive Session: In accordance with Sec. 67-2345, Idaho Code, MSC (Farr-Bernt) TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:45 AM TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION MATTERS. MSC (Judge-Farr) TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:08 AM WITH NO DECISION MADE.

STAFF REPORTS: Dean Sangrey, Executive Director: Personnel – The Director reported on the job performance of new hire Jackie Swanson and progress with her training. Significant progress has been made with pending new outfitter applications and amendment requests for existing licenses and she has been directly involved with a substantial amount of that work. **Licensing Status Report** - As of December 1st the office has issued 416 outfitter, 280 designated agent, and 2,194 guide licenses so far for the 2000-2001 license year. These figures compare to 409, 276, and 2,180 respectively for the same period in 1999. License processing improvements initiated earlier in the year continue to show positive results in timing of renewals and response time for dealing with emergency situations. **Allocation Update** – Adjustments continued to be coordinated during the fall with IDFG staff to resolve issues related to several allocated controlled hunt clients who inadvertently applied for the wrong controlled hunt. These problems appeared to have been corrected to everybody's satisfaction. **New Funding Source Program** – Director Sangrey presented a report on a new option for funding enforcement and education efforts that he has worked to develop for the Board's enforcement bureau. An internal accounting procedure has been established with the Idaho State Controller's Office that provides for deposit of specific donations or grants paid to the Board. These funds could be paid by individuals, companies, or specific groups and accompanied by requests for explicit enforcement efforts in certain areas or at certain times, etc. Initial contacts with several outfitters and businesses have met with positive reactions and encouragement to pursue this funding idea. As contemplated now, donations under the new program could be earmarked for particular locations and for certain periods of time, but not for specific individuals. Following this presentation and discussion, the Board expressed its endorsement for the program and encouraged the

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Director to proceed with implementation procedures and education efforts. **Travis Bullock:** The Director reported he had been unable to make any significant progress on researching several inquiries submitted to the Board by outfitter Travis Bullock at the June meeting. Efforts will be pursued to accomplish this review and research prior to the February 2001 Board meeting.

Mike Best, Education/Law Enforcement Supervisor: Ongoing cases - Enforcement Supervisor Best reported on the present status of cases in progress and ongoing recruitment efforts for part-time staffing needs. At present the current caseload consists of 48 active investigations. **Cooperative Enforcement Planning Meeting -** A meeting has been scheduled in Idaho Falls for December 6th to bring a group of effected agencies together to discuss cooperative enforcement interests on the South Fork of the Snake River. Agencies scheduled to attend include Bonneville County, Madison County, Jefferson County, IDFG, the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the IOGLB. The purpose of this meeting is to identify mutual areas of concern regarding activities conducted on or near the river and which agency will take the lead when addressing issues and problems that arise. **Unlicensed Outfitter Sentenced -** In a case involving unlicensed outfitter Ken Price, sentencing was completed during a hearing on November 28, 2000, in Driggs, Idaho. He was placed on probation for a period of 5 years, with the sentence withheld under the following special conditions: he is required to complete 100 hours of community service; pay fines and restitution as ordered by the court in the amount of approximately \$40,100.00; provide a public apology to the victims and the community; serve 10 days in the Teton County jail; and reimburse Teton County \$2,002.00. **Idaho Sheriff's Association –** Mr. Best has been communicating with members of the Sheriff's Association regarding expansion of authorities and cooperative enforcement efforts. A letter addressing these issues was reviewed with the Board at an earlier date. **Cooperative Float Trip With BLM –** Board Investigator Trina Allen accompanied BLM staff personnel on an enforcement float trip on the Lower Salmon (SA8) River in August. The trip was productive and the IOGLB was encouraged to accompany them on future trips.

Steve Scanlin, Board Counsel: Status of Cook Appeal – The final decision of the District Judge in the Cook matter has not been appealed by the Petitioner's attorney and the statutory time for filing will soon expire. If no appeal is filed, the case will be concluded and immediate steps taken to issue reimbursement checks to the complainants and agencies involved. **Legislation and Rules –** Mr. Scanlin reviewed the present status of proposed legislation and rules that have been reviewed and approved by legislative and governor's office staff. The next step is final review and consideration by the Legislature which will occur this coming winter. **Licensing Board Policy Manual –** Several updated drafts of Board policies were presented and reviewed for content. Following discussion and various recommendations, MSC (Bernt-Judge) TO APPROVE CORRECTED DRAFTS AS SUBMITTED AND PREPARE THEM TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BOARD'S POLICY MANUAL. **Ron Sherer, Reconsideration Hearing –** Mr. Scanlin reviewed the status of the pending request from Ron Sherer, Steel Mountain Outfitters, for a reconsideration hearing of the Board's determination in the matter of establishing an operating area boundary line between his licensed area and that of Darl Allred, Sawtooth Wilderness Outfitters, along the Middle Fork and North Fork of

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the Boise River. The Board reviewed their formal action taken at the June, 2000 meeting and reconfirmed their decision to allow reconsideration of the boundary line determined and adopted at that time. Ms. Jean Uranga has been appointed Hearing Officer for this hearing and will be setting the matter for hearing in the near future.

Joseph Peterson, Designated Agent, Flying B Ranch: At the conclusion of an extensive public information and survey campaign facilitated by the Idaho Department of Fish & Game earlier in the summer, the Idaho Fish & Game Commission, in September, chose between four suggested options and recommended “no outfitting for turkey hunting except licensed outfitters on their own deeded land for an experimental period of three years.” Mr. Peterson appeared before the Board to share his concerns and insight regarding this matter and the Commission’s action. Mr. Jeff Gould, from the Wildlife Bureau at IDFG Headquarters, attended the meeting along with Paul Waldon, representing the Idaho Wild Turkey Federation, and Grant Simonds from the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association. Several observations were shared with the Board, including concerns related to helping maintain the viability of current outfitted operations, and approval of limited turkey hunting opportunities in certain areas. The Board was also cautioned not to consider limiting the rights of private land owners by establishing rules that would restrict what a landowner can and cannot do with their property. On behalf of the Wild Turkey Federation, Mr. Waldon expressed his view that the opportunity to hunt wild turkeys in Idaho was unique in that the birds have thrived so well in many areas of the state and are well established. The potential that some public hunting opportunity could be lost by restricted land access or banned entirely is a significant concern for many hunters, he said. At the conclusion of this discussion, the Board made several suggestions for possible alternative actions to the Commission recommendation and instructed Director Sangrey to prepare a draft wild turkey hunting policy for further consideration. It was noted that because IOGLB member, and public-at-large representative Wayne Hunsucker is not present for this meeting that plans should be made to conduct an additional meeting when he is available to provide opportunity for his input and perspective on this issue before the Board makes a final decision.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 PM and reconvened at 1:35 PM with all members present.

Oares*Dories LLC, Curt Chang, Designated Agent: Mr. Chang appeared in a non-use hearing on behalf of Oares*Dories to answer claims of apparent non-use on the Kooskia to Orofino (CL2) and Orofino to Lewiston (CL3) sections of the Clearwater River. Mr. Chang provided a brief overview of his personal background and experience and history as owner and manager of Oares*Dories. He went on to acknowledge their past interest and efforts on these river sections and stated they have been taking some clients on both stretches over the last two seasons, 1999 and 2000. At the conclusion of the hearing and introduction of all testimony and evidence, MSC (Judge-Bernt) THAT THE LICENSING BOARD DECLINE ANY FURTHER ACTION AT THIS TIME AGAINST THE OUTFITTER LICENSE OF OARES*DORIES LLC, RELATED TO NON-USE OF THEIR LICENSED ACTIVITIES. OARES*DORIES SHOULD BE FORMALLY

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ADVISED THEY ARE EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN ACTIVITIES ON ALL OF THEIR LICENSED RIVER SECTIONS CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING BOARD RULES AND GUIDELINES.

Scott Blahnik: Mr. Blahnik appeared before the Board to discuss his interest in becoming licensed as a float boat fishing guide on the Clearwater River. He expressed his belief that some of the outfitters currently licensed on the lower CL2 and CL3 stretches of the Clearwater are not making adequate use of their authorized activities, or are currently in a non-use situation, and should have these sections removed from their license. He stated he thinks the Idaho rules addressing acceptable standards of use should be enhanced to require some level of substantial use and not the minimal amount that presently meets state standards.

Terry Henrickson, President, Idaho Chapter, Foundation For North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS): Mr. Henrickson and Mr. Herb Myre addressed the Board to ask their consideration to authorize more outfitted cougar hunting in certain parts of Owyhee County. In their view, the current over-population of cougar in these areas of southwest Idaho is having a devastating effect on the bighorn sheep and deer populations in those IDFG units. Biological records from the IDFG show that mortality on these species is quite high and is having a significant impact on the health and stability of the herds. The Board took their request under advisement.

Curtis Fayle, Denial Hearing: A guide license denial hearing was scheduled for this time for Mr. Fayle. His license application for employment with Shane McAfee was denied in September due to a conviction for violation of IDFG laws and his failure to acknowledge this fact on his application. Mr. Fayle did not appear at the appointed time for the hearing and was subsequently located by telephone. He apologized for not completing the application properly, but said his potential employer had completed the application after he had signed it and then it was submitted to the Licensing Board office. After discussing this matter on the record with Mr. Fayle, MSC (Farr-Bernt) TO ACCEPT MR. FAYLE'S EXPLANATION REGARDING HIS 1994 IDFG CITATION AND ALLOW CONSIDERATION OF ANY FUTURE GUIDE LICENSE APPLICATIONS IF HE SHOULD DECIDE TO APPLY.

The meeting recessed at 6:00 PM and reconvened at 8:30 AM, Tuesday, December 5th with all members present except Wayne Hunsucker.

Doug Gober and Carol Hennessey, Clearwater National Forest: A conference telephone call was conducted between the Board and Mr. Gober and Ms. Hennessey of the Clearwater National Forest. Grant Simonds from the IOGA was also present. The purpose of the discussion was to review the final draft of the prospectus developed for licensing and permitting consideration for temporary business opportunities in the Lolo Motorway area during the Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Celebration scheduled from 2002 through 2007. Numerous meetings have been conducted over the last two years to review the potential interest and impacts that may materialize associated with the planned

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anniversary celebration of the Lewis & Clark expedition. As a result of these strategy sessions, a determination was made to provide additional commercial opportunities for outfitted services for the influx of tourists anticipated during this period of time and an IOGLB policy has been adopted addressing this matter. The potential activities would include overnight and day time stock trips, overnight and day time scenic van tours, backpacking and mountain bike excursions, and interpretive tours. The Forest Service prepared the prospectus in coordination with the IOGLB and it was distributed to the public on November 15th. In accordance with the provisions of Exhibit 1B of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the IOGLB and the Forest Service, final selection of the most qualified applicants for these opportunities will be made by the Licensing Board and coordinated with the Forest Service. In this instance, the agencies have agreed that a joint review committee comprised of members from both agencies will evaluate the applications. The conference participants were generally in agreement with the content of the prospectus, as everyone had had an earlier opportunity to review the draft. Grant Simonds expressed his concern that the one element of the selection criteria dealing with potential fees paid to the federal government could, or would, be construed as fee bidding, and that including this issue as a determining factor for possible qualification would not be acceptable, in his view. Doug Gober explained that over the years the Forest Service has had considerable experience with contract bidding for various projects and determined long ago that focusing primarily on the bid amount was not the way to select the best provider. In this selection process, the FS has suggested that the fee amount is clearly secondary behind service to the public and protection of the resource and would only be considered if two applications are equal in every other respect. Steve Scanlin explained that under the IOGLB evaluation process, fee consideration is a non-issue because state law governs what fees are paid and they are equal across the board. District Ranger Gober and Ms. Hennessey then suggested some alternative language that more clearly defines the fee payment criteria. This revised wording was faxed to the Board for review and states "Federal fee payment. Applicants may propose alternate fee structures, or monetary returns to the government that are in addition to the minimum requirements. Fee payment is not as important a criterion as others dealing with public service and resource protection. The fee payment criterion will be considered when evaluations based on the other factors are equal. This evaluation criterion applies only to Forest Service fees, and does not apply to any IOGLB fees." After considering this modified language, the Board agreed to accept this clarification. The application review committee will be comprised of two IOGLB members and Director Dean Sangrey, as well as two Clearwater National Forest staff members and Carol Hennessey. The committee will meet later in January following the January 12th application deadline, and any final decision will be subject to final approval by the Board.

White Water West, Inc., Gail Watt and Stan Watt, Designated Agents, Show Cause Hearing: The time having arrived for the scheduled show cause hearing for White Water West, Inc., Board Prosecutor Steve Tobiason advised that he and Mr. Fred Hoopes, the attorney representing White Water West, Inc., have drafted a stipulated agreement in this matter and are prepared to present it to the Board at this time. Mr. Hoopes appeared on behalf of his clients by teleconference from his office in Idaho Falls and both defendants

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were present there as well. Both Mr. Gail Watt and Stan Watt admitted to violations as outlined in Counts I and II of the stipulation. Based on these guilty pleas, the defendants agreed to a two-year probationary guide and designated agent license for each, payment of fines totaling \$6000.00 and restitution to the IOGLB for investigative expenses of \$1000.00. At the conclusion of testimony and a thorough review of the stipulated agreement, MSC (Farr-Bernt) TO ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AS SIGNED AND PRESENTED TO THE IOGLB. FURTHER, PAYMENT OF THE FINES AND RESTITUTION MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE IOGLB BY JUNE 1, 2001.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 PM and reconvened at 1:40 PM, with all members present.

Dworshak Reservoir, New Power Boat Fishing Opportunity: Four outfitter license applications were received in response to the public advertisement for a powerboat fishing opportunity on Dworshak Reservoir. Mr. Gary L. Moser from Lewiston, Idaho, and Mr. George Duncan and Mr. Jim Irby from Orofino, Idaho appeared before the Board to interview and present the details of their proposals for this opportunity. The fourth applicant, Mr. Don Vogel from Lewiston, could not be present for the meeting. At the conclusion of the interviews, the Board conducted their individual analysis of the applications and selected Mr. George Duncan for this vacated opportunity.

Outstanding Resource Water Deliberations: Mr. Joe Hinson, a consultant working for the Division of Environmental Quality, made a presentation to the Licensing Board regarding the present status of outstanding resource water (ORW) consideration for the Middle Fork of the Salmon River and certain tributaries as well as the Selway River. This matter is being reviewed by the DEQ Board of Directors and if a decision is made to solicit approval from the Idaho Legislature for designation of these two rivers, the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board is being recommended for consideration for appointment as the designated agency to monitor commercial recreation impacts on the ORW designated rivers. Grant Simonds participated in the meeting and voiced IOGA concerns that there are already two levels of administrative oversight of their activities on the rivers, by the IOGLB and the U.S. Forest Service. The Board also has questions about what the potential impacts to the Board might be under this process. If the Board is ultimately selected as the designated agency, how large will our scope of responsibility be, who would we have to report to, if anybody, and what might the costs be for meeting these oversight requirements? The process will continue to be monitored and additional clarification sought on these issues.

The meeting recessed at 5:35 PM and reconvened at 8:10 AM, December 6, 2000 with all members present.

Allocated Controlled Hunt Concerns In IDFG Mgmt Unit 62 and 62A: The Director reviewed the results of research conducted by the Board staff in response to an inquiry from Senator Robert Lee, Rexburg, as to the validity of outfitter controlled hunt allocation figures for IDFG Units 62, 62A, and 65. Senator Lee's concerns were focused

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on the total number of tags authorized for Unit 62, which is a total of 19, and that outfitter B.J. Hill is eligible for 16 of those. At the conclusion of the Board's research into the historic use calculations for allocation distribution, it was determined that the use reported in the licensed outfitter operating areas in the Teton Zone is accurate. These use figures were verified by matching reported use from the Teton Basin Ranger District and license and tag purchase information from the Idaho Department of Fish & Game. The statewide allocation process, which has been approved by the Legislature, provides that five year historic use records will be used to calculate the approved authorization of elk and deer tags for all outfitted areas affected by tag restrictions as enacted by the Fish & Game Commission. Use records for each of the licensed outfitters in this zone were evaluated closely and a calculation determined for each of them that had adequate reported use. These calculations resulted in an allocation of 16 tags for Mr. Hill and 3 tags for Mr. Dale Robson. Director Sangrey will communicate with Senator Lee and provide these results to him, if desired.

Alan Lamm, Mainstream Outdoor Adventures, Inc.: Mr. Lamm addressed the Board regarding his concern about being properly authorized and licensed for power boat operations on the Hells Canyon Dam to Pittsburgh Landing (SN12) section of the Snake River. He explained that he has been working on this issue with the Hells Canyon National Recreation Area (HCNRA) and the IOGLB for a number of years to provide him with this additional commercial opportunity on that stretch of river. Of all the licensed and permitted outfitters on Hells Canyon, he is the only one that cannot access the SN12 section as an Idaho outfitter. The Forest Service has acknowledged they will recognize his operations on this stretch and issue him a permit and now the Board must consider the necessary steps to license him in that area. The Director was instructed to help coordinate this effort with the HCNRA as expeditiously as possible.

Bill Goosman, Resource Assistant, Moose Creek Ranger District: Mr. Goosman appeared before the Board to present the final draft Decision Memo prepared by District Ranger Joe Hudson related to the East Moose Creek outfitter area formally licensed and permitted to Dick Norris, dba: Moose Creek Outfitters. This decision is the culmination of a lengthy review and analysis process going back over several years. Mr. Norris' outfitter license and USFS special use permit were relinquished in 1996. Since that time no outfitted services have been provided in this operating area while the analysis was being conducted. This analysis was a coordinated effort involving the Moose Creek Ranger District, the IOGLB, the IDFG, other area outfitters, and local government and business leaders as well as the public. During these negotiations, it was agreed that future outfitted needs in this area could best be served by appropriately dividing the area among several of the surrounding outfitters who currently operate viable businesses in the vicinity. In January of 1999 a joint meeting was held with various area outfitters, representatives from the IOGLB, Nez Perce National Forest, and the IDFG. This meeting resulted in an agreement involving the division of the area between four surrounding licensed outfitters and also an apportionment of the allocated tags authorized for the area based on the recorded historical use. In his decision, District Ranger Hudson recommended that the IOGLB re-align the existing operating area boundary descriptions

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of Ken Smith, 62 Ridge Outfitters, Rick Hussey, Quarter Circle "A", Al Latch, Lost Lakes Outfitters, and Tim Craig, Boulder Creek Outfitters, to incorporate varied portions of the former Moose Creek Outfitters area. Along with this division of boundaries, the total eligible elk tag allocation of 27 tags will also be divided among the four recipients. At the conclusion of Mr. Goosman's presentation, the Board expressed some concern over several issues addressed in the document, including: 1) there are significant differences between "A" tag and "B" tag hunting opportunities and the Board is concerned that "A" tag (October) opportunities not be overlooked or excluded in this process because they are unlimited and have no cap as with the "B" tag; 2) Board members took exception to the recommendation that the outfitters not be allowed to transfer deer and elk hunting service days from their adjoining areas into the newly authorized portions of the East Moose Area. This was viewed as being too restrictive; and 3) the creation of criteria establishing that each elk tag would represent 7 service days was also viewed as being too limiting. The Board suggested a range of from 8 to 10 days as more realistic because no one structures a wilderness elk hunt incorporating only seven days for arrival, travel, hunt, and return. Following this review and discussion, MSC (Farr-Judge) TO 1) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE EAST MOOSE OUTFITTER AREA DECISION MEMO ISSUED BY JOE HUDSON, DISTRICT RANGER FROM THE MOOSE CREEK RANGER DISTRICT; 2) ADOPT THE RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE FORMER DICK NORRIS OPERATING AREA BETWEEN THE FOUR SURROUNDING LICENSED OUTFITTERS KEN SMITH, 62 RIDGE OUTFITTERS, AL LATCH, LOST LAKES OUTFITTERS, RICK HUSSEY, QUARTER CIRCLE "A", AND TIM CRAIG, BOULDER CREEK OUTFITTERS; AND 3) ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE AVAILABLE ALLOCATED ELK TAGS AS FOLLOWS: 10 TAGS TO 62 RIDGE OUTFITTERS; 5 TAGS TO LOST LAKES OUTFITTERS; 5 TAGS TO QUARTER CIRCLE "A"; ZERO TAGS TO BOULDER CREEK OUTFITTERS; AND 7 TAGS MAINTAINED TO ADDRESS HARDSHIP OR EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES ANYWHERE WITHIN THE ZONE. ADDITIONALLY, THE DIRECTOR IS INSTRUCTED TO RESPOND TO THE MOOSE CREEK RANGER DISTRICT AND ADVISE THEM OF THE OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD RELATIVE TO NEEDED ADJUSTMENTS IN ASSESSMENT OF SERVICE DAYS AND DISTRIBUTION OF CLIENT ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE OPERATING AREA.

George Peter, High Country Outfitters, Darl Allred, Sawtooth Wilderness

Outfitters: Mr. Peter and Mr. Allred appeared before the Board to discuss remaining issues related to their separate amendment requests for some additional operating area in the vicinity of Atlanta, Idaho. They had each submitted individual amendment requests for small additions to their respective operating areas. Each amended area would adjoin their individual existing approved area and would also overlap in an area common to the Johnson Creek drainage situated north of Atlanta. Both outfitters made a presentation to the Board describing their current operations, how the additional area would enhance their particular business plan, and encouraged the Board to favorably consider their request. At the conclusion of these presentations and discussions, MSC (Farr-Bernt)

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THAT THE ADJOINING BOUNDARY LINE FOR THE AMENDED AREAS REQUESTED BY MR. PETER AND MR. ALLRED BE ESTABLISHED AT THE JOHNSON CREEK DRAINAGE FROM THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE NORTH FORK OF THE BOISE RIVER UPSTREAM TO AZURE LAKE AND CONTINUING EASTERLY TO THE HYDROLOGIC DIVIDE BETWEEN THE QUEENS RIVER AND THE NORTH FORK OF THE BOISE RIVER. THE PORTION OF THIS AREA SITUATED SOUTH OF JOHNSON CREEK WILL BE ADDED TO MR. PETER'S OPERATING AREA AND THE PORTION NORTH OF JOHNSON CREEK WILL BE ADDED TO MR. ALLRED'S OPERATING AREA.

August Board Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the Board meeting of August 21-24, 2000 were reviewed. Following this discussion, MSC (Judge-Bernt) TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 21-24, 2000 BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

Financial Report: Director Sangrey presented the periodic financial report compiled as of the close of operations October 31, 2000 for Board review and discussion. He also reviewed a copy of the draft proposal of the Fiscal Year 2002 budget submitted and approved by the Governor's office and the Legislative Budget Office. Following several questions and inquiries regarding these statistics and information, MSC (Bernt-Judge) TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED.

Director's Special Actions: The Board reviewed the special actions reports prepared and submitted by the Director for license and amendment approvals over the last several months. These included new outfitter licenses for: **Michael White, Kenneth Barrett, Tom Sherman, David Hunger, Larry Olsen, Dan Dimick, Eugene Long, Brad Morris, Mountain Travel-Sobek, Tim Thomason, Bradley Frei, Andrew Dunyon, and Keith Sprenkel**, and amendment approvals for: **Ridge Taylor, Darl Allred, Shaun Lawson, James Super, Joe Cabral, George Peter, Michael Branson, Nate Hollingsworth, and Clint Gray**. Following this review and discussion, MSC (Judge-Farr) TO APPROVE THE ACTIONS AND LICENSING DECISIONS OF THE DIRECTOR AS PRESENTED.

Bill Evans, Sierra Club International: The Board reviewed a letter submitted by Mr. Bill Evans concerning his request for an exemption from outfitter licensing requirements for a group of 12 people planning an 8-day backpacking trip in a portion of the Selway/Bitterroot Wilderness in the summer of 2001. The trip is sponsored by and conducted under the auspices of the Sierra Club. Mr. Evans is the trip leader and will be accompanied by a naturalist and 10 participants. The Sierra Club meets the requirements for exemption in accordance with Sec. 36-2103, Idaho Code, and Mr. Evans stated that this excursion will be a one-time only event. He has also coordinated the proposed trip with the Bitterroot and Clearwater National Forests regarding any necessary special use permits. Following this review and discussion, MSC (Lyon-Bernt)(Bernt-aye, Judge-aye, Farr-nay, Lyon-aye) TO APPROVE THIS REQUEST FROM THE SIERRA CLUB FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM OUTFITTER LICENSING FOR A ONE-TIME ONLY 8 DAY BACKPACKING EXCURSION TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE

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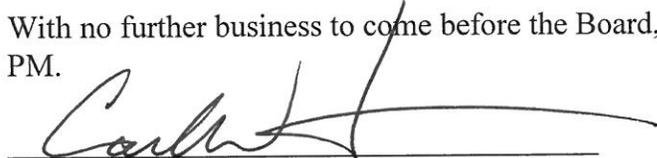
SELWAY/BITTERROOT WILDERNESS ON THE CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST IN JULY AND AUGUST, 2001. FURTHER, ANY OUTFITTER WHOSE ASSIGNED AREA IS EFFECTED BY THIS APPROVAL WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING.

Hyde Outfitters: The Board reviewed a letter requesting an exemption on the amount of boats allowed on a portion of the South Fork Snake River (SS1) section of the Snake River and on the Henry's Fork – Warm River to St. Anthony (SH2) section of the Henry's Fork. These exemptions are requested for a one-time only special fishing tournament conducted by Hyde Outfitters that will be held in April, 2001. Following a discussion of this request, MSC (Bernt-Judge) TO APPROVE THE BOAT LIMITATION EXEMPTION REQUEST AS SUBMITTED BY HYDE OUTFITTERS FOR THEIR FISHING TOURNAMENT NEXT SPRING.

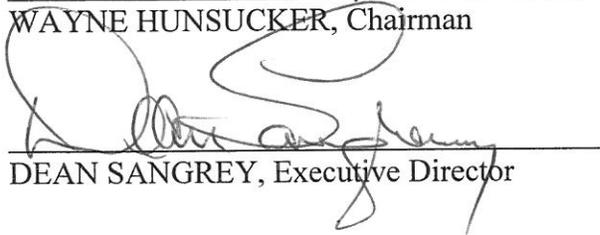
Mark Donnafield: The Board reviewed the guide license application submitted by Mr. Donnafield for employment with outfitter Michael Branson. The application was denied based on Mr. Donnafield's conviction in May, 2000 for violation of IDFG regulations and his failure to acknowledge this fact on his application. Following a review of the record and a request for reconsideration by Mr. Donnafield, the Board recommended that Mr. Donnafield be required to appear before the Board prior to any licensing consideration in the future.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held beginning Monday, February 26, 2001.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.



WAYNE HUNSUCKER, Chairman



DEAN SANGREY, Executive Director