

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

DRAFT MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

May 24, 2001

A special teleconference meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM, Thursday, May 24, 2001 with Chairman Wayne Hunsucker, members Ray Lyon, Bill Bernt, Scott Farr, and Will Judge in attendance. Also present were Executive Director Dean Sangrey at the IOGLB office and BLM Recreation Planner LuVerne Grussing in Cottonwood, Idaho.

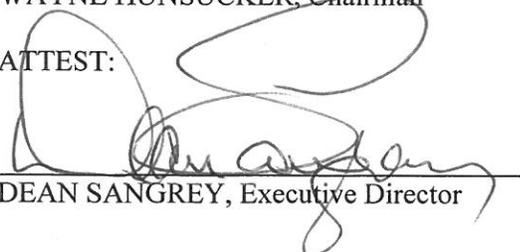
Two licensed power boat outfitters, Sam Whitten, dba: River Adventures, and Dave Bingamin, Exodus Wilderness Adventures, Inc., have petitioned the Board and the BLM to consider waiving the restriction on power boat use during the summer in the vicinity of Riggins. The restriction provides that no power boating is allowed from the Saturday before Memorial Day through Labor Day from 10:30 AM Mountain Time to 5:00 PM Mountain Time daily between the Riggins City Boat Dock and Lucile. Their request for exemption is based on the unique Chinook salmon fishing opportunity that developed this spring with the large return of fish up the Columbia River. River Adventures and Exodus are two of the 10 authorized outfitters for the special fishing season approved by the IDFG. Because business has been so good since the season began, they feel it would be beneficial to have additional opportunity to fish within the closed portion of the river while the fish are still there. As an alternative, Exodus suggested the restriction might be lifted just from the City Park to Time Zone Bridge, as this is very close to town and the majority of fish are concentrated in this area. The fishing season is presently scheduled to close on June 10th and Mr. Whitten and Mr. Bingamin don't feel there will be any significant safety concerns developing because it is early in the season and the water is still cold.

Mr. Grussing expressed his general concern with lifting the closure on the entire section from Riggins to Lucile, but also stated he felt the safety issues were more significant downstream from Time Zone Bridge. Scott Farr suggested that with the apparent demand for fishing opportunities from the public and the lack of significant safety concerns for the upper stretch of the closed area, that this request should be approved. Following this discussion, MSC (Farr-Judge) (Hunsucker-aye, Lyon-nay, Bernt-aye, Farr-aye, Judge-aye) TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION ON COMMERCIAL POWER BOAT OPERATION FROM 10:30 AM TO 5:00 PM DAILY BEGINNING ON MAY 26TH, THE SATURDAY BEFORE MEMORIAL DAY, ON THE RIGGINS CITY BOAT DOCK TO TIME ZONE BRIDGE PORTION OF THE SA7A SECTION OF THE SALMON RIVER. THE RESTRICTION IS TO BE REMOVED FROM MAY 26TH THROUGH THE END OF THE 2001 SPECIAL CHINOOK SALMON FISHING SEASON ON THE RIGGINS TO HAMMER CREEK SECTION OF THE RIVER.



WAYNE HUNSUCKER, Chairman

ATTEST:



DEAN SANGREY, Executive Director