

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

SPECIAL CONFERENCE CALL

FINAL MINUTES

April 17, 2018

**(KEY: MSC = MOTION: MADE, SECOND: CARRIED
MSF = MOTION: MADE, SECOND: FAILED)**

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE IDAHO OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES LICENSING BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00 A.M. ON APRIL 17, 2018 IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE IDAHO OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES LICENSING BOARD OFFICE, 1365 N. ORCHARD STREET, ROOM 172, BOISE, IDAHO. BOARD MEMBERS BOB BAROWSKY (CHAIRMAN), LOUISE STARK, TOM LONG, GEORGE MCQUISTON AND WAYNE HUNSUCKER PARTICIPATED BY CONFERENCE CALL. ALSO PRESENT WERE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LORI THOMASON, BOARD ATTORNEY ROGER HALES, OFFICE SUPERVISOR AMANDA HARPER AND OFFICE STAFF MEMBER SUSAN KNAPEK.

ROLL CALL – Office Supervisor Amanda Harper took roll call. Members Bob Barowsky (Chairman), Wayne Hunsucker, Louise Stark, Tom Long and George McQuiston were present via conference call. Executive Director Lori Thomason, Board Attorney Roger Hales, Office Supervisor Amanda Harper and Office Staff Member Susan Knapek were all present in the meeting room.

IDFG Commission’s April Conference Call – Director Thomason informed the Board that the discussion of the IDFG Hunt Units #26 and #27 dealing with allocation was not calendared up in time for the IDFG Commissions Meeting conference call in April 2018, therefore it did not make it on the agenda. She stated that this discussion will take place during the May 10, 2018 IDFG Commission Meeting in McCall.

Grant Simonds, IOGA representative, joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Historical Use Review – Director Thomason informed the Board that since the March Board meeting, the office has received four calls from outfitters in the Sawtooth Zone to verify their hunter totals. She explained to the Board that to get ahead of verification she would like to ask the outfitters in the Sawtooth Zone for verified use. Board Member Wayne Hunsucker stated that he would be in favor of a service agreement being turned in with the Outfitters use reports to verify the hunter totals. Director Thomason agreed with Board Member Hunsucker. She stated that some use reports are not only filled out by the outfitter, but office managers, spouses and significant others are also filling them out, and attaching an outfitter service agreement would help to verify use. Board Member George McQuiston stated that some service agreements are long and he would hate to burden the office staff with all those documents. He said he would like to be able to request the Forest Service reports from the outfitters due to them needing to match. Board Attorney Roger Hales let the Board know that if they direct him, he will look at the Board’s Statutes and Rules and see what authority the Board has in requiring other documents along with the outfitter’s use reports.

MSC (MOTION: WAYNE HUNSUCKER, SECOND: GEORGE MCQUISTON; AYES: LOUISE STARK, TOM LONG AND BOB BAROWSKY; NAYES: NONE) DIRECT COUNSEL TO

REVIEW IOGLB LAWS AND RULES TO DETERMINE THE BOARD’S AUTHORITY TO VERIFY USE

Special Salmon Season Application – Director Lori Thomason informed the Board that when a business goes through the buy/sell process along the SA7A/B/C, the Special Authorization for the Salmon season does not transfer with that buy/sell. There were two outfitter business sales on the SA7A/B/C, which opened two opportunities to apply for the 2018 Spring Chinook Salmon season. The office sent out eight application invitation letters to apply for those openings and received three applications back. She pointed out that on the invitation it states, if more applications are received than openings the Board must decide which outfitter(s) will receive the Special Authorization. The three applications received were Salmon Raft LLC, qualified to apply on 2/27/18, Rapid River Outfitters LLC, qualified to apply on 5/1/17 and Hammer Down Excursions LLC, qualified to apply on 7/27/17.

MSC (MOTION: WAYNE HUNSUCKER, SECOND: TOM LONG; AYES: GEORGE MCQUISTON, LOUISE STARK AND BOB BAROWSKY; NAYES: NONE) TO AUTHORIZE HAMMER DOWN EXCURSIONS, LLC AND RAPID RIVER OUTFITTERS, LLC THE SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALMON SEASON, UNDER PRIORITY OF THE WAITING LIST.

IOGA Request for Additional Time to Disperse Allocated Deer Tags – Director Lori Thomason reminded the Board of the motion made at the March 2018 IOGLB Board meeting that allowed the outfitters in IDFG Units #26 and #27 to stipulate an agreement over the distribution of the new allocated controlled hunt deer tags in those fish and game units within two weeks or the Board would intervene. She stated that due to the IDFG April Commission meeting not including the discussion on allocated tags for those units, and not knowing what hunter totals IDFG will use, this makes it hard for the outfitters in those units to stipulate an agreement of the distribution of the new tags until they know exactly what numbers will be used.

MSC (MOTION: LOUISE STARK, SECOND: GEORGE MCQUISTON; AYES: WAYNE HUNSUCKER, TOM LONG AND BOB BAROWSKY; NAYES: NONE) TO GIVE THE OUTFITTERS IN IDFG UNITS #26 AND #27 TEN DAYS AFTER THE IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION MEETING THAT IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON MAY 10, 2018 TO STIPULATE AN AGREEMENT ON HOW TO DISTRIBUTE THE NEW OUTFITTER ALLOCATED CONTROLLED HUNT DEER TAGS IN THOSE UNITS OR THE BOARD WILL INTERVENE.

Notification to Hunting Outfitters on the Temporary Rule and Negotiated Rule Making Process – Board Attorney Roger Hales explained to the Board members that the temporary rule dealing with allocation had been reviewed by Director Thomason and she agreed it meets the Board’s needs and captures the Board’s intent. He stated that the temporary rule is in effect through the next legislative session. Mr. Hales said that in the meantime the Board needs to work on the proposed rule and the negotiated process. He recommended that time be set aside at the June 7 & 8 2018 Board meeting to have a hearing on the proposed rule. Director Thomason stated that she would look for a larger meeting room to hold the hearing. She also stated that when the agenda is posted for the June 7-8, 2018 Board meeting, it will state that there will be a three - five-minute time limit for verbal testimony to hit on the key points, and that written comments will be accepted and considered as well.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Barowsky adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m., Tuesday, April 17, 2018.


BOB BAROWSKY, BOARD CHAIRMAN 6-7-18
Date

ATTEST:


LORI THOMASON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 6-7-18
Date