

Meeting Date: May 11, 2023

Agenda Item No. 5F

Agenda Item: Commission Appointment to Idaho
Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board
(Action)

Bureau Chief Approval:

Prepared by: Jon Rachael for Jim Fredericks, Director

Background:

The Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board (Board) is comprised of 5 members, including 1 member of the Fish and Game Commission or a person selected by the commission, 1 member selected from the public, and 3 members who are qualified and licensed outfitters and guides with not less than 5 years of experience outfitting and guiding in Idaho. Except for the member appointed by the Fish and Game Commission, Board members are appointed by the Governor. All appointees are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate. All board members serve at the pleasure of the Governor and serve 3 year terms.

The Board has authority to establish rules prescribing qualifications of training, experience, knowledge of governmental rules, condition and type of gear and equipment, and examinations of applicants. The Board conducts examinations to ascertain qualifications of applicants for outfitter's and guide's licenses and issues licenses to qualified applicants. Statute provides the Board authority to enforce rules it deems necessary to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of persons utilizing the services of outfitters and guides, and for the conservation of wildlife and range resources. Further, the Board is charged with designating the number of deer and elk tags allocated for use by outfitted hunters among authorized outfitting operations within each capped or controlled zone, unit, or game management area in a fair and equitable manner. The Board reports the number of tags designated to each outfitter operation to the Department for distribution.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Idaho Code 36-2105 creates the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board in the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses. Idaho Code 36-2106 describes the appointment and qualification requirements of board members and the organization of the Board. The powers and duties of the Board are provided in Idaho Code 36-2107.

Public Involvement Process:

The public may comment on this topic at the Commission meeting. Board appointees are vetted and confirmed by the Senate during the next legislative session and an opportunity for public input would be provided then as well.

Justification:

The Commission is obligated by statute to appoint a representative to serve on the Board and represent the interest of the Commission.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the reappointment of Brad Compton to serve as the Commission's representative on the Board for another 3-year term.

Upon Commission approval, Staff will prepare a letter for the Chair's signature reflecting the Commission's appointment to the Board.

Suggested Motion: I move the Commission appoint Brad Compton to serve as the Commission's representative on the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board for another 3-year term.