



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

July 2026 Commission Meeting

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

Presented by: Jon Rachael

Position/Title: Deputy Director

Agenda Item No.: 5. K.
Supervisor Approval: JF

Background:

The Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board (Licensing Board) is a regulatory board within the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses. The duties of the Licensing Board include:

- assessing qualifications of applicants for outfitter's or guide's licenses, and issuing those licenses;
- establishing rules for required qualifications for training, experience, knowledge of rules of governing bodies, condition and type of gear and equipment, and examinations to be given to applicants;
- conducting hearings to suspend, revoke, or restrict licenses of outfitters or guides;
- enforcing all rules to safeguard the health and safety of people using the services of outfitters and guides, and for the conservation of wildlife and range resources;
- cooperating with federal and state government regarding the business of outfitting and guiding in Idaho;
- designating the number of deer or elk tags allocated by the Fish and Game Commission among the authorized outfitting operations within each capped or controlled zone, unit, or game management area in a fair and equitable manner designed to maximize the use of allocated tags by the outfitted public, and reporting the number of tags designated to each outfitter operation back to the Department of Fish and Game.

The Licensing Board consists of 5 members, including 4 members appointed by the Governor and 1 member who is a member of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission or a person selected by the Commission. The appointees of the Governor shall include one member selected from the public and 3 members who are qualified and licensed outfitters and guides who have at least 5 years of experience in the business of outfitting and guiding in Idaho.

All appointees must be confirmed by the Senate. Licensing Board members serve at the pleasure of the Governor and serve 3-year terms.

Derick Attebury is a sportsman who has resided in Idaho for over 4 decades. He has archery, muzzleloader, and rifle hunted throughout the state. Derick served on the Idaho Fish and Game Commission representing the Upper Snake Region for 2 terms from 2015 - 2024. As commissioner for 8 years, he became well versed in outfitter tag allocation as it



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relates to capped elk zones and the limiting of nonresident hunters in general season deer and elk hunts.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Idaho Code §36-2105 establishes the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board and IC §36-2106 establishes the process of appointment and the qualifications of members and the organization of the Licensing Board. IC 36-2107 establishes the powers and duties of the Licensing Board.

Justification:

The Fish and Game Commission is responsible for selecting an individual to represent its interest on the Licensing Board. The previous commission representative, Brad Compton, is resigning from his position on the Licensing Board after serving 2 complete 3-year terms.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommend the Commission appoint Derick Attebury to serve as their representative on the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board.

Suggested Motion: I move that the Commission appoint Derick Attebury to serve as our representative on the Idaho Outfitters and Guide's Licensing Board for a 3-year term.