



Eboard Meeting Minutes

10-16-2023

Executive Board Members

- President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present
- Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Present
- Secretary – Patric Gaffney - Present
- Treasurer - Jon Blank - Present
- Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Present
- Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Present
- Advisory Member - Cameron Black – Present
- Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Absent
- Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Present
- Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Present
- Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Present

Meeting start 5:34pm

Old Business: None

Treasurer report:

Checking 16,800.25
PayPal 1,303.48

Old Business: None

Fishing Guide Limited entry

WDFW is discussing fishing guide limited entry. They are looking at different models for this. It is preliminary, but it appears as though it is moving forward. Doug shared a PPT with the board to highlight different ideas WDFW proposed at a recent Guide Advisory Committee meeting.

Doug sent out a survey to the membership regarding these, however they was minimal minimal participation by the membership.

The state is going forward with limited entry and we need to get ahead of it to form it to our liking.

Different guides and outfitters are definitely pushing back on this

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There are lots of questions regarding where are the problematic guiding areas and what is the number of guides the state wants? As of now we have very unclear answers from the state about these questions

WDFW is discussing the possibility of changing the fishing guide licenses. There are many unclear questions as well as how to separate food fish, game fish, salmon and warm water species. Another issue WDFW is discussing is the possibility of limiting the number of guides to overcrowded areas, such as Drano Lake.

Bob requested from the state a list of “overcrowded” areas that need to be looked at in the guide reform

We as a group are trying to figure out how to manage the guide pressure within certain areas or actually needing limited entry

A major issue our group is seeing is the state is having a hard time taking “baby steps” to this approach and always going to hard in enforcing restrictions and not turning the dial little by little

Olympic Peninsula Steelhead:

Everything is in NOAA hands and should be coming out with a decision shortly. Ruling did not include any grays harbor rivers but rather Quinault river north. All of the tribes are against the ruling trying to make these rivers ESA listed

Doug is working on providing an Itinerary for upcoming NOF as the NOF dates are established and released to the public.

Good of the order:

Greg Kain: Curious why WDFW doesn't send out slides or presentations to the guides they have contact information for to create more transparency

Cary: The state should focus more on creating more opportunity and addressing the root cause vs. the symptoms of limiting the guides

Bob: brought up the state “possibly” will consider using logbook data to issue permits in high use areas but nothing for sure yet

Meeting adjourned 6:56pm