



Eboard Meeting Minutes

8-19-2024

Executive Board Members

President - Doug Saint-Denis - Present

Vice President - Bob Kratzer - Excused

Secretary – Patric Gaffney - Present

Treasurer - Jon Blank - Present

Member at Large A - Marc Bush - Absent

Advisory Member - Greg Kain - Absent

Advisory Member - Cameron Black – Absent

Advisory Member - Camrin Johnson – Absent

Advisory Member - Eric Linde – Excused

Advisory Member - Mark Coleman – Present

Advisory Member - Cary Hoffman – Excused

Members – Eamon Hoffman, Brandon Wedham, Jeff Keightly

Key Takeaways

- IRS status reinstatement expected within 9 days, resolving previous revocation due to missed filing
- Region 6 leadership changes: James Losi's position unfilled, interim Rob Allen in place; new director Heather appointed
- Ongoing discussions with WDFW about low water fishing issues, creel surveys, and online catch reporting
- Legislative Fishing Day scheduled for September 6th, seeking guide participation
- Continuing issues with Android guide logbook app, working to resolve to avoid enforcement problems

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Agenda Items

Call to meeting to order: 5:35pm

Treasurer's report: Checking 22,940.70 PayPal 4,068.70

Old Business:

IRS Status Update

- Organization's tax-exempt status was revoked due to missed annual filing
- Reinstatement application submitted, expecting response in 9 days
- Once approved, will restore good standing with IRS

Region 6 Leadership Changes

- James Losi's position remains unfilled; expected to be filled in 3-5 months
- Rob Allen serving as interim; described as pro-hatchery and good for the industry
- New Region 6 director Heather appointed: 25-year department veteran
- Heather described as hands-off, relying on here subject matter experts

Low Water Fishing Issues

- Meeting held with Kelly Cunningham to discuss low water concerns
- Focus on establishing triggers for river reopening based on water levels and weather patterns
- Discussed need for clearer communication on reasons for closures (e.g., king salmon conservation vs. coho)
- Creel survey improvements suggested, including better timing and locations

Creel Survey Challenges

- Issues with harassment of creel survey staff reported
- WDFW implementing two-person teams for safety, impacting staffing and budgets
- Discussed strategies for more effective data collection and staff deployment

Online Catch Reporting

- WDFW moving rapidly towards online reporting system for guides
- Aiming for implementation in the 2025 season
- Currently in beta testing phase

Legislative Fishing Day (September 6th)

- Organized by Matt Little (Ducks Unlimited, Also a member of Congressional Sportsman's Foundation)
- Focusing on fishing and hunting issues
- Seeking additional guide participation
- Discussed need for earlier planning in future years to accommodate guide schedules

Guide Logbook App Issues

- Ongoing problems with Android version of the app
- Concerns about potential enforcement issues due to technical problems
- Working to get answers and fixes from WDFW IT department

Sportsmen's Show Planning

- Discussing potential booth at upcoming show
- Need to decide by October meeting
- Considerations: cost, staffing for 5 days, goals for participation
- Mark has display materials available if needed

Annual Meeting Planning

- Considering hybrid in-person/Zoom format similar to previous year
- Date to be determined

For the Good of the Order

Jeff Keightly shared there was a boating collision on the Columbia today that involved an Oregon State Licensed Guide.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:01 PM

Next Steps

- Follow up on IRS status reinstatement in 9 days
- Continue discussions with WDFW on low water fishing issues and creel surveys
- Recruit guides for Legislative Fishing Day (September 6th)

- Pursue resolution of Android logbook app issues with WDFW
- Make decision on Sportsmen's Show booth by October meeting
- Plan details for annual meeting, including date and format

Action Items

- Compile and send letter to department regarding whole boat fishery issues including expanding it into the Quillayute system - WATCH (30 secs): <https://fathom.video/share/Lfqw1VVt7-nomJmyizWaxbs6Atmf6MK?timestamp=866.019899>
- Send letter to department addressing discrepancies in fish numbers, fish cod, and effort from one year to the next - WATCH (30 secs): <https://fathom.video/share/Lfqw1VVt7-nomJmyizWaxbs6Atmf6MK?timestamp=1217.1399>
- Provide display materials for sportsman's show booth if WSUGA decides to have one - WATCH (30 secs): <https://fathom.video/share/Lfqw1VVt7-nomJmyizWaxbs6Atmf6MK?timestamp=1626.7399>