

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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The Board hopes to change language in Idaho Code 36-2102 (g) from "License year" which means that period of time beginning on the date an outfitter's or guide's license is issued and ending on the anniversary of the date of issuance in the following year" to read "License year" means that period of time beginning on the date an outfitter's or guide's license is issued and ending on March 31 the following year."

The March 31 annual date provides in industry a consistent expiration date for relicensing. The 400 outfitters and their approximately 350 Designated Agents will continue to have a seven month window in which can relicense. The 2100 guides employed by these outfitter businesses will continue to be able to license any time during the year and usually do so a few weeks before they go to work. Mostly, work for a month or two during peak seasons.

Additionally, the March 31 annual date provides a consistent expiration date for the outfitters to submit annual use reports; bond and insurance information. It also is the beginning step for hunting outfitters to receive their allocated big game tags vouchers later in the year. These tags are provided at specific dates annually by the IDFG and then to the outfitters by the Board.

IOGLB has automated is license system and the "crunch" often experienced with other licensing processes is not a problem. 60% of the outfitters and DA relicense using the on line system which should increase when the online use reporting in implemented in the next year. Most guides receive an immediate authorization to work when using on line system when they license.

Largely, this is a house keeping matter and because it is the recognized and accepted practice.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact of this idea.

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