

## **Fishing Guide Advisory Committee**

November 1, 2022, 3-5:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting

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**Introduction:** The WDFW team, including new team member Braeden Van Deynze, Natural Recourse Economist, was introduced by Raquel. Raquel led the new group in a brief overview of the meeting agenda.

### **Participants:**

DFW Employees: Raquel Crosier, Chris Donley, Leah Snyder, Kit Rosenberger, Charlene Hurst, Jeff Wickersham

Advisors: Blake Merwin, Doug Saint-Denis, Bob Kratzer, Keith Robbins, Steve Joyce, Caleb Hitzfeld, Roy Morris,

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### **2023 Guide License Renewal Information**

The upcoming year's license renewal packets will include familiar information and will also have the new Coast Guard decals for those Coast Guard certified along with detailed instructions on where to place the decal and a letter from Director Susewind regarding progress on logbook reporting and information on current rulemaking. There will be additional information included for new guides that includes a brochure on guide regulations, a fact sheet on logbook reporting requirements, and a paper logbook (with a return envelope) with instructions for the mobile app.

### **Coast Guard Certification Decal**

This year's decal will come two to a sheet and will not require guides to write their license number on the sticker. After discussing the decal at length with enforcement, they suggested not including a space for the number because they are using the decal to spot those non-compliant while they are on the water. The advisory committee believes the decals have made it much easier to spot those that are noncompliant and that they didn't see as many offenders over the seasons.

### **Update on Guide Logbook Rulemaking**

We filed the CR 101 on August 3, which announced that we are planning to file a rule. The CR 102 will be filed on October 19 when we will post a draft rule on the website and the public comment period will open at that time. There is a tentative Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting where public comment will be taken during December 8-10 and plan to file the CR 103 in January 2023. The revised rule would go into effect 31 days after filing the CR 103.

The enforceability of the rule is currently being focused on by DFW Enforcement and they have produced a few of their own changes that they would like to see in the WAC. Officers are asking to require trip info be entered at the start of the fishing day, that the reference to a vessel and boat launch be removed to clarify that it is required of all guides, and to include the web portal reporting deadline. At this time, staff is not recommending changing WILD ID requirements but

are exploring back-up options for some limited demographics if no WILD ID is collected. The department's focus of rulemaking is increasing enforceability.

Raquel gave an overview of the red-lined draft rule changes, explaining the changes and where they would be in the WAC. Due to concern of fishing in areas out of cell service range, Bob and Doug brought up the idea of changing the terminology in the WAC to read, "finalized and/or submitted" instead of "submitted".

### **Recommendations on Regulations**

During the August meeting the group reviewed survey results from the previous meeting. Raquel gave an overview of survey results pointing out the values that ranked the highest in the polls. After the last meeting, DFW staff met and brainstormed ideas/concerns that they hear as fisheries managers from guides and the public.

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### **Wrap-Up**

The Guide Advisory Committee's next meeting is November 1, 2022 from 3-5PM and we will be switching back over to the Zoom platform at the committee's suggestion.

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