

## **Guide Logbook Advisory Committee**

August 2, 2022, 3-5:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

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**Introduction:** The WDFW team 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, Amy Edwards  
Advisors: Jeff Brazda, Steve Joyce, Jan Patricio, Roy Morris, Blake Merwin, Ryan Bullock, Doug Saint-Denis, Bob Kratzer, Keith Robbins

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### **Survey Results**

Raquel reviewed survey results from the survey built to help better understand the committees' values and desired outcomes from the regulatory structure for the guide industry. The survey highlighted compliance with existing laws and rules as the most valued outcome amongst committee members. The other top choice between committee members was to ensure a safe, high-quality experience for the customer. There were questions surrounding this outcome concerning how it could be measured, monitored, and enforced. Less popular outcomes between members were around unlimited growth in the industry and the ability for new guides to enter the fishery.

The second survey question ranked the ideas for regulatory changes the committee has been developing. Survey results reflected that the highest priorities are naming Washington state on guides' insurance policy and strengthening the WDFW license revocation statutes to attempt preventing guides from operating with multiple violations. There was discussion around a Steelhead endorsement where funds would go directly to management of the species as way to fund enforcement (similarities with the duck stamp or Dungeness crab). A large discussion arose about the option of limiting the total number of guide licenses sold, modelling the process after the charter licenses. Chris and Raquel discussed pulling guide and charter license trends and working on bringing back examples of how it works for other license types, so the group can look at different ways it could work for guide licenses.

The final survey question ranked priorities for logbook rule revisions. The highest priorities for revisions were around enforceability of the rule, requiring trip information to be logged at the beginning of the day and for compliance to be a requirement of renewing the guide license. A little over half of the group also wanted the WILD ID requirement to be removed from the logs. There was also the idea of eliminating the "delete" option on the app so that guides can not go back and delete started logs after being checked by enforcement- instead only having a "void" option that would be able to be searched by the WDFW team.

Committee members and agency staff discussed resource limitations and potential impacts on changes to the reporting tools. Chris and Raquel committed to looking into potential technical fixes to address the ideas generated by the group.

### **Review Logbook Revisions**

In an email sent prior to the meeting, Raquel included a red line version of the logbook reporting WAC, in full, with some of the edits based on the things that have been talked about during committee meetings. Those edits include requiring the trip information to be entered at the start of the fishing day, taking out the reference to vessel and boat launch, and including a reporting deadline for web since there wasn't one originally. The big questions from the department are whether to take out the wild ID requirement and whether to require proof of logbook reporting to renew the annual license. Raquel committed to checking into our legal authority to require logbook reporting as a condition of license renewal.

Raquel thanked the group for the helpful conversation and invited the group to continue thinking on this topic. There isn't an immediate need to have all of our edits right now to start the rulemaking process, but this is an area that the committee should be expecting questions from the Commission on.

In a brief review of the rulemaking timeline, Raquel explained the next filing date that we could do for the CR101, which is the first stage of the process announcing that we want to revise a rule, is tomorrow, August 3. From there we would file a CR102 on October 19 when we would open for public comment. We wouldn't have to have rule revisions by October, but would need rule revisions is shortly thereafter, so that the public can have something to react to. Final public comment in person would be likely at the December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting, and the rule would be filed in January and would go into effect 31 days after filing. If we start tomorrow, we could have this in place by, at the earliest February.

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### **Wrap-Up**

The Guide Advisory Committee's next meeting is September 21 from 3-5PM and we will be switching back over to the Zoom platform at the committee's suggestion.

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