

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – March 14, 2024
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Legislative Conference Call
Boise, Idaho**

A meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference, attended by Commissioners Dave Bobbitt, Don Ebert, Jordan Cheirrett, Brody Harshbarger, and Ron Davies.

IDFG staff present: Director Jim Fredericks, Deputy Director Jon Rachael, Deputy Director Amber Worthington, Ellary Tucker Williams, Deputy Attorney General Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General Owen Moroney, Jon Oswald, Tricia Hebdon, Shane Roberts, Greg Wooten, Frank Edelmann, Sal Palazzolo, Adam Park, Valerie Taro, and Elizabeth Heist. IDFG staff participating via phone: Carson Watkins, JJ Teare, George, Mark, Craig White, Dan Garren, Matt Pieron, and Greg Schoby.

Chairman Ebert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. MST.

LEGISLATION

Update on Fish and Game Legislative Presentations (JFAC, Bills, other) and Budget

Amber Worthington, Deputy Director, gave an update on rules and JFAC budget. Rules are with the Senate. The budget has passed through both the House and Senate.

New Bill Analysis for Discussion/Update on Pending Legislation / Action for Policy Position

Ellary Tucker Williams, Legislative and Community Engagement Coordinator updated the Commission on the legislation (Appendix 57, Exhibit 17).

HB 404 was signed on Monday, March 11 and will take effect July 1, 2024.

SB 1231a has passed the Senate and is in the House Resources and Conservation Committee.

HB 468 has passed the House and Senate and has been sent to the Governor's desk.

HB 469 failed to get out of the House Resources and Conservation Committee.

HB 484 is in the House Resources and Conservation Committee.

HB 592, formerly HB 485, has passed the Senate and has been sent to the Governor's desk.

HB 591, formerly HB 536, has passed the House Floor and Senate Agriculture Affairs Committee and is on the Senate Floor.

SB 1340 has been pulled. The Department will continue to monitor.

HB 612 has passed the House and is on the Senate floor.

HB 586 has passed the House and is in the Senate Resources and Conservation Committee. The bill is being held while the Department works on language to address transportation and hunting license age requirement concerns.

SB 1404, formerly SB 1345, is in the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee.

HB 696, formerly HB 597, has been sent to the House Amending Order, suggesting the addition of a sunset date.

HJM 10 has been held in Committee at the request of the sponsor. The Department has taken no position on the bill.

Other Discussion

There was no other discussion.

Adjournment



Don Ebert
Chairman



Jim Fredericks
Secretary