

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – March 28, 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 Don Ebert, Greg Cameron, 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, Tara Reichert, Tricia Hebdon, Shane Roberts, Greg Wooten, Frank Edelmann, Lance Hebdon, Sal Palazzolo, Rick Ward, Valerie Taro, and Elizabeth Heist. IDFG staff participating via phone: Carson Watkins, JJ Teare, Josh Royse, Craig White, Kenzie Baratti, Mike Peterson, Kimmarie Sawyer, Pat Kennedy, Matt Pieron, James Bower, and Ryan Hilton.

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 and the budget have passed 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 legislation (Appendix 57, Exhibit 30).

Executive Session I. C. 74-206 (1) (f)

24-29 Commissioner Davies moved, and Commissioner Harshbarger seconded, a motion that the Commission enter executive session under Idaho Code 74-206 subsections (1) (f).

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dave Bobbitt, Done Ebert, Tim Murphy, Jordan Cheirrett, Brody Harshbarger, and Ron Davies.

The Commission discussed litigation matters.

24-30 Commissioner Bobbitt moved, and Commissioner Cheirrett seconded, a motion that the Commission come out of executive session with the record to reflect no final action was taken. Motion carries.

Open session

24-31 Commissioner Davies made the following motion:

“I move the Commission notify wolf trappers via our website and other reasonable means that the Commission will interpret the March 19, 2024 federal court order as closing wolf trapping seasons in the entirety of the nineteen Counties encompassing the Panhandle, Clearwater, Salmon and Upper Snake Regions for the remainder of the 2023-2024 trapping season, effective April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024. I further move that the record reflect that this interpretation is not a Commission designation of grizzly bear habitat because these 19 counties contain significant area that is not occupied by grizzly bears and is not suitable for grizzly bears.

I further move that we take up the status of the 2024-2025 season before July 1, 2024, after we have had further deliberation regarding our options for addressing an order that we believe to be wrong from a legal and factual standpoint, and that perpetuates misunderstanding of wolves, grizzly bears, and trapping in Idaho.”

Commissioner Bobbitt seconded the motion. Motion carries.

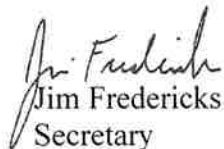
Other Discussion

There was no other discussion.

Adjournment



Don Ebert
Chairman



Jim Fredericks
Secretary