

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – June 12, 2024
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Boise, Idaho**

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

IDFG staff present: Deputy Director Jon Rachael, Deputy Director Amber Worthington, Ellary Tucker Williams, Deputy Attorney General Owen Moroney, Jon Oswald, Adam Park, Lance Hebdon, Frank Edelmann, Tricia Hebdon, Chris Sullivan, Katie Oelrich, John Cassinelli, Rick Ward, Alex Erickson, Sal Palazzolo, Roger Phillips, Connor Liess, Valerie Taro, and Elizabeth Heist. IDFG staff participating via phone: Carson Watkins, JJ Teare, Terry Thompson, Mike McDonald, Kenzie Baratti, Dan Garren, James Grower, and Greg Schoby.

Members of the public: Kyle Maki, Garrick Dutcher, Marc Cooke, Greg LeDonne, Brad Carlson, Zac Clifford, and Megan Smith.

Chairman Davies called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. MDT.

LANDS

Purchase Palisade Water Shares

Sal Palazzolo, Wildlife Program Coordinator, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 51).

24-46 Commissioner Cheirrett made a motion that the Commission purchase Palisades Water Users, Inc. Share Certificate #980 for 150 shares of Palisades Reservoir water. Commissioner Harshbarger seconded the motion. Motion carries.

SEASON SETTING AND RULES

Season Setting: Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon Fisheries

John Cassinelli, Anadromous Fisheries Program Manager presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 52).

24-47 Commissioner Cheirrett made a motion that the Commission approve Chinook Salmon fishing seasons and limits as proposed in the staff recommendations. Commissioner Ebert seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Wolf Trapping Season 2024-2025 Modification

Rick Ward, State Wildlife Manager presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 53).

24-48 Commissioner Harshbarger made the following motion:

“I move the Commission interpret the March 19, 2024 federal court order as closing wolf trapping seasons in the entirety of 19 Idaho counties encompassing the Panhandle, Clearwater, Salmon and Upper Snake Regions for the 2024-2025 trapping season (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025), except during December 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025. I further move that the record reflects that the interpretation is not a Commission designation of grizzly bear habitat, because these 19 counties contain significant area that is not occupied by, or suitable for, grizzly bears; and that the Commission has formally asked the court to reconsider its order.”

Commissioner Ebert seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Petition for Rulemaking, Modification to Fishing Methods and Gear Restrictions; archery and Spearfishing Exceptions IDAPA 13.01.11.200.04

Amber Worthington, Deputy Director, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 54).

24-49 Commissioner Cheirrett made a motion that the Department initiate negotiated rulemaking to modify the gear restrictions related to Archery and Spear Fishing Exceptions. Commissioner Ebert seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Rulemaking Initiation Request-Elk Zones Modification

Amber Worthington, Deputy Director, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 55).

With no objection from the Commissioner the Department will proceed with rulemaking.

Adjournment



Ron Davies
Chairman



Jim Fredericks
Secretary