

Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
April 16, 2009
Boise, Idaho

Present in the Director's Office: Director Groen, Deputy Directors; Virgil Moore and Jim Unsworth, Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Kathleen Trevor, Deputy Attorney General; Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director - Policy; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Bonnie Butler, Governor's Office; Lance Hebdon, Inter Governmental Policy Coordinator; Jim Lau, Administration Chief; and Jon Heggen, Enforcement Chief.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Wright with Commissioners McDermott, Power, Trevey, Wheeler, Budge and Barowsky participating.

LEGISLATION

Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director-Policy provided an update on legislation. Ms. Kiefer stated that there are no new bills for discussion.

Status Update for Bills

See House and Senate Bill tables (Appendix 42, Exhibit 36). Ms. Kiefer noted that the highlighted bills will require Department action once the bills are approved.

SB 1141 aa, -- Fish and Game Revenue Enhancement Proposal is waiting Governor signature.

SB 1177 – Appropriation Fish and Game Department has passed and is waiting Governor signature.

SB 1175 -- as amended, Amends existing law relating to fish and game to provide that the department shall take specified action relating to the relocation of bighorn sheep, to provide that specified domestic sheep and livestock operations shall be held harmless from adverse impacts by the state of Idaho, to provide for the relocation or control of certain bighorn sheep by the Director of the Department of Fish and Game to delete reference to provisions relating to the employment of certain veterinarians by the Department of Agriculture. SB1175 is in the 3rd reading today in the House.

The Department is waiting for further direction on personnel cuts.

Commission consensus is to terminate the legislative conference calls for the 2009 Legislative session.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Kiefer noted that Senator Schroeder and Representative Stevenson have stated that they would like for the Department to continue with the Legislative Ad Hoc Funding Committee. More direction and information will be coming.

09-41 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion TO ADJOURN. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

The Commission meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Wayne Wright
Chairman

Cal Groen
Secretary