

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission  
Special Meeting  
March 11, 2010  
Boise, Idaho**

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

Participating from the Clearwater Regional Office, Dave Cadwallader, and Keith Lawrence, Nez Perce Tribe; Panhandle Region, Mark Taylor.

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, Barowsky, Wheeler, Budge and Power participating. Commissioner Trevey was excused.

**LEGISLATION**

**HB 641**

Assistant Director Kiefer briefed the Commission on HB 641 and noted that Representative Eskridge would be carrying the bill and is in 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in the House today.

HB 641 APPROPRIATIONS - FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT - Appropriates an additional \$500,000 to the Department of Fish and Game for fiscal year 2010; appropriates \$77,947,500 to the Department of Fish and Game for fiscal year 2011; and limits the number of full-time equivalent positions to 567 (Appendix 43, Exhibit 25).

**New Bill FYI**

Assistant Director Kiefer noted that HCR 58 and House Bill 589 are informational only and the Department will not be testifying on either of these bills (Appendix 43, Exhibit 26).

House Concurrent Resolution 58 – Requests the Constitutional Defense Council to investigate the feasibility of pursuing actions to allow Idaho to control and maintain BLM and USFS lands.

House Bill 589 – Firearms, accessories, or ammunition that are manufactured in Idaho and remains within the borders of Idaho are not subject to federal law or federal regulation under authority of Congress to regulate interstate commerce.

### **Status of Previously Discussed Bills**

House Bill 532 -- Adds to and amends existing law relating to Fish and Game to provide for conservation permits relating to entry upon designated Department lands.

A hearing was held March 9<sup>th</sup> regarding HB 532. An amended substitute motion was passed and sent the bill to the amending order in the House to specify that children younger 18 years of age are excluded from any access provisions and to create an exclusion for immediate family members who are on the lands with someone who does have either the conservation permit or the hunting, fishing or trapping license when it is one of the designated lands. Staff will work with sponsors to craft the language.

Ms. Kiefer referenced House and Senate bill status tables (Appendix 43, Exhibit 27).

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Wayne Wright  
Chairman

Cal Groen  
Secretary