

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – March 31, 2011
Red Lion Hotel Boise Downtowner
1800 Fairview Avenue, Boise, ID**

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Wright with Commissioners McDermott, Trevey, Barowsky, Budge, and Power participating. Commissioner Wheeler was excused.

Chairman Wright stated that he would like to get through the legislative update as quickly as possible due to the fact that the Commission has a personnel issue that the Commission will discuss in executive session.

Present: Deputy Director Virgil Moore; Deputy Director Unsworth; Dallas Burkhalter, Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director - Policy; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Jon Rachael and Dale Toweill.

LEGISLATION

Legislative Update

Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director-Policy, updated the Commission on the following legislative matters (Appendix 44, Exhibit 40).

HB 231- Hunting related aircraft use.

HB 231 has passed the house yesterday. The Department had been working with the legislative sponsor and his initial desire was to prohibit land and shoot when it occurs at non established airports and create a calendar day or 24 hour prohibition on that land and shoot activity. The Department worked through several technical revisions with the sponsor. An amendment to the bill does not do that. The revised bill states making use of any aircraft to locate a big game animal and to land and hunt in the same day on any kind of air field would be prohibited. The Department will continue to monitor with no position at this time.

HB 247 - Special Auction tags

HB 247 has passed the House as amended and will be going to the Senate Resources and Environment Committee. The Department will continue to testify the Commission position as opposing HB 247. The Commission previously discussed amended changes to the bill.

HB – 274 Wolf prohibitions

Previously the Commission had discussed and opposed the bill because of some significant legal issues. This bill would cause conflict with the Law Enforcement Code of ethics for passing on any information to the FWS regarding wolves. Ms. Kiefer reviewed amendments to the bill (see exhibit).

SB1085 regarding domestic cervidae has been amended in the House. The Commission position is to continue to monitor. The wildlife concerns are operation specific and not broad across the entirety of the bill.

11-38 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion to go into executive session pursuant to IC 67-2345(1) (a) to consider the hiring of a new Director.

Roll Call Vote: **McDermott: aye; Trevey: aye; Barowsky: aye; Budge: aye; Wright aye; Power: aye. Vote tally: 6 ayes.**

The Commission went into executive session at 8:20 a.m.

The executive session ended at 8:42 a.m.

The Commission went into open session at 8:43 a.m.

11-39 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion to appoint Virgil Moore as the new Idaho Department of Fish and Game Department. The motion carried in a unanimous vote. Mr. Moore accepted the offer of director and negotiated salary.

MISCELLANEOUS

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Tony McDermott
Chairman

Virgil Moore
Secretary