

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
February 9, 2012
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Director Moore, Deputy Director Unsworth, Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer, Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Mike Keckler, Communications Chief; Bonnie Butler, Governor's Office; Ray Hennekey and Eric Barker, Clearwater Region office.

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

LEGISLATION

Deputy Director Kiefer provided a legislative update on the following items (Appendix45, Exhibit 23).

Status of Fish and Game Sponsored Bill Analysis/Discussion

The Department sponsored bills have been printed and are available on the legislative website. No hearings have been scheduled at this time.

Previously Reviewed Bill Analysis/Discussion

Policy Consideration

SB 1239 is a bill that statutorily defines a trap requirement and would modify currently what is in rule from 72 hours to 36 hours for checking traps. This bill has not had a hearing yet in the Senate Resources and Environment Committee. The current Commission position is to monitor SB1239. After discussion the Commission decided to oppose SB1239 after hearing constituents concerns.

12- 13 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion **to oppose SB 1239**. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SB1256 new big game auction tags. This bill has been posted as being held for an indefinite period. We believe it is due to the concern to allow constituents to weigh in on this bill.

12-14 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion **to oppose SB 1256**.

After Commission discussion the Commission decided to wait one more week to take a position. This will allow the sportsmen more time to gain understanding of the bill and contact their legislator.

Commissioner Trevey withdrew his motion to oppose SB1256. Commissioner Anderson withdrew his second to the motion.

Senate Joint Resolution 104 constitutional right to Hunt, Fish and Trap. The Department provided testimony yesterday at the Senate Resources and Environment Committee. The Commission position is to monitor SJR 104.

New Bill Analysis/Discussion

Policy consideration

SB1283 – Amends existing law relating to fish and game to provide that any landowner issued a Landowner Appreciation Program controlled hunt tag may sell the tag to another person.

12-15 Commissioner Wright moved and Commissioner Budge seconded a motion **to oppose SB 1283**. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SB 1282 – Amends existing law relating to fish and game to provide for special incentive tags to hunt antelope, elk or deer in designated units to certain private landowners; to provide for the use or sale of such tags.

12-16 Commissioner Budge moved and Commissioner Wright seconded a motion **to support SB1282**. Ayes: McDermott, Trevey, Wright, Anderson, and Power. Nays: Commissioner Barowsky.

HB 461 – Expand qualified organization definition for disabled veteran programs.

12-17 Commissioner Power moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a bill **to monitor HB 461**. All Commissioners voted in favor.

House Joint Resolution No. 1 Constitutional amendment requiring 2/3 vote of both houses for revenue/fee bills.

12-18 Commissioner Wright moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion **to monitor HJR No. 1**. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Other Discussion

A Winter Feeding Hearing was held on February 3 in the Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

A Sage Grouse Joint Hearing will be heard on February 13 in both the Senate Resources and Environment Committee and House Resources and Conservation Committee.

General Housekeeping

The Commission consensus is to hold the May meeting in Riggins.

Adjournment 9:30 a.m.