

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
February 7, 2013
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Director Moore, Deputy Director Unsworth, Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer, Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; and Mike Keckler, Communications Chief, Jon Rachael, State Wildlife Manager; and Nancy Swain, Administrative Assistant.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman Bob Barowsky with Commissioners Hurlock, Trevey, Anderson, McDermott and Naillon participating. Commissioner Budge was excused.

LEGISLATION

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer provided a brief legislative update (Appendix 46, Exhibit 25).

Confirmation Update

Ms. Kiefer reported that the Senate Resources & Environment Committee voted a do not pass for the confirmation for Joan Hurlock. Senator Heider will be carrying this do not pass recommendation to the full Senate. We do not have a date yet for the Senate confirmation vote.

Status of Fish and Game Rule Dockets in the Committees

Ms. Kiefer explained the next process for the Department rule dockets. Five of the dockets were given Concurrent Resolution numbers during the SRC meeting on Wednesday, February 6th.

Status of Fish and Game Sponsored Bills

Senate Bills 1001 and 1004 are in the third reading. Senate Bill 1003 is in the 14th order waiting for the process. The information requested by the Committee has been presented for Senate Bill 1002 which is being held at this time.

New Bill Analysis/Discussion

House Bill 30 - Adds to existing law relating to the administration of oaths and affirmations to provide for a certification or declaration under penalty of perjury. Ms. Kiefer explained that this bill provides for an unsworn statement as a legal alternative to a sworn statement. Allowing this facilitates preparation and filing of many types of documents, particularly electronically. The Commission will monitor HB 30 at this time.

House Bill 78 - Amends existing law relating to motor vehicles to establish a certain fee; and to require that such fee be deposited into a certain fund.

The Idaho Law Enforcement Telecommunication System (ILETS) is a secure communication system enabling public safety and criminal justice communities to fulfill their mission of public safety. ILETS allows Idaho criminal justice agencies access to state and federal criminal justice information such as

vehicle and drivers' registration, stolen property, active arrest warrants, etc. The ILETS system is housed within ISP and ILETS is currently funded through subscriber access and transaction fees and ISP's budget.

IDFG Conservation Officers have access to ILETS through regional and HQ ILETS terminals, as well as indirect access through the various ISP and County sheriffs' dispatch centers. ILETS is used by our conservation officers during their routine patrols for hunter and angler compliance, which provides certain officer safety needs. ILETS is also a tool used while investigating tips and information from the public concerning potential violations. Often times, these citizen tips are generated from registration information associated with license plates of any involved motor vehicles.

HB 78 provides for a \$5 fee added to every new motor vehicle title or motor vehicle title transfer. The new fee will be added and deposited in the public safety and security information fund (ILETS fund) to sustain daily operations and infrastructure of the system.

ILETS access is an invaluable tool for conservation officers to perform in a safe environment and assist in their investigations of reported and detected potential fish and game violations.

The Commission will monitor HB 78.

Other Discussion

Ms. Kiefer reported that Senator Brackett is proposing legislation to establish statutory framework for the coordination of all activities related to the introduction or reintroduction of threatened or endangered species. Senator Guthrie is proposing legislation to provide for the use of high visibility shades of orange paint relating to trespassing prohibitions. The Department will track these as they go through the legislative process and update the Commission.

Senator Christy Perry has indicated that she would like for the Commission to look at bonus points. Director Moore and Deputy Director Kiefer will follow up with the Senator.

Deputy Director Unsworth briefed the Commission on his meeting with Unit 45 landowners regarding the Landowner Appreciation Program. Deputy Director Unsworth will continue to work with the landowners and sportsmen to bring folks together and work on the program. Commissioner Naillon will attend these meetings as the Commission representative.

Adjournment