Idaho Fish and Game Commission Special Meeting February 14, 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; Jeff Gould, Wildlife Chief; Greg Wooten, Chris Wright, Brad Compton, Asst. Wildlife Chief.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Budge with Commissioners Barowsky Trevey, Anderson, McDermott and Naillon participating. Region 4 is vacant.

LEGISLATION

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer provided a brief legislative update (Appendix 46, Exhibit 26).

Confirmation Update

It was reported that Joan Hurlock was not confirmed in the Senate Hearing on Monday, February 11, 2013. The selection process will begin again in the Governor's office. The Commission appointment in the Magic Valley Region is vacant at this time.

Fish and Game Sponsored Bills

Ms. Kiefer reported that Senate Bills 1001 and 1004 have passed the Senate and are waiting for a hearing in the House Resources and Environment Committee. Senate Bills 1002 and 1003 are in the same status as last week.

Status of Fish and Game Rule Dockets

Ms. Kiefer explained that each of the rule dockets or subsections of dockets that were rejected by the Senate Resources and Environment Committee are now assigned a Concurrent Resolution number (SCR 106, 107, 108, 109, and 110) and will be heard by the House Resources and Conservation Committee.

Status of Previously Discussed Bills

House Bill 78 is replaced by House Bill 151 - 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 changes are the fee is changed to \$4.00 and there is a cap on excess funds collected.

New Bill Analysis/Discussion

- HB 145 Amends existing law relating to fish and game to provide that the Fish and Game Commission shall by rule establish procedures relating to the application for the purchase of controlled hunt bonus or preference points by sportsmen.
- **13-13** Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to oppose Senate Bill 145. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.
- HB 146 Amends existing law relating to fish and game to provide for the declaration of a feeding emergency under certain circumstances involving the loss of feed for livestock due to depredation; to provide a procedure for verification and determination of depredation; and to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a winter feeding area removed from the site of depredation.
- **13-14** Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a motion to oppose HB 146. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.
- SB 1061 Amends existing law relating to threatened and endangered species to provide that the state asserts primacy over the management of its fish and wildlife and that it is against the policy of the State of Idaho to introduce or reintroduce any federally listed species onto lands within the state or into state waters without state consultation and approval.
- **13-15** Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to support SB 1061. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.
- SB 1062 Amends existing law relating to trespass to provide for the use of high visibility shades of orange paint in postings associated with trespassing prohibitions.
- **13-16** Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to support SB 1062. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Senate Bill 1099 is information only.

SB 1099 - Adds to existing law to provide prohibition of federal regulation of certain suppressors on firearms and to provide duties of the Attorney General.

House Joint Memorial 1- FRANK CHURCH-RIVER OF NO RETURN WILDERNESS Stating findings of the Legislature and urging the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service to recognize the dire conditions prevailing within and adjacent to the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and adjacent national forests, further urging the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to declare the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness and adjacent national forest lands to be a Natural Resource Disaster Area and further urging that the necessary priorities and emphasis be placed on prompt and practical actions to prevent further cumulative loss of the unique values of the wilderness.

Ms. Kiefer reported that SB 1104 was printed today and is in reference to the FY 13 supplement presented to JFAC.

SB 1104 - Appropriates an additional \$8,205,700 to the Department of Fish and Game for fiscal year 2013.

MISCELLANEOUS

Other Discussion

Commissioners discussed agenda items for the March 18-19, 2013 meeting to be held in Boise.

Adjournment