

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
March 28, 2013
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer, Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Victoria Runnoe, Communications Chief; Brad Compton, Assistant Wildlife Chief; and Jon Rachael, State Wildlife Manager and Jon Heggen, Enforcement Chief; and Toby Boudreau.

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

Fish and Game Sponsored Bills

Ms. Kiefer reported that Senate Bills 1001 1003 and 1004 have been signed by the Governor and are effective July 1, 2013.

House Concurrent Resolution 14 (HCR 14). The Department will have a media outreach informing folks about the new rule revisions to the Motorized Hunting Rule.

To see the status of previously discussed bills Ms. Kiefer referenced the bill tables (Appendix 46, Exhibit 45).

New Bill Analysis

HB 336 - WOLVES - Adds to existing law relating to wolves to provide for the deposit of certain proceeds; to provide for the Wolf Depredation Account; to provide for the transfer of proceeds by the Department of Fish and Game; to provide that moneys are subject to appropriation; to provide for the return of interest earned to the account; to provide for the use of moneys; and to provide for the administration of depredation payments to livestock producers by the Governor's Office of Species Conservation in coordination with the Fish and Game Commission and to revise gray wolf tag fees.

Ms. Kiefer provided a copy of the testimony that she presented at the House Agricultural Affairs Committee hearing for HB 336 on March 26, 2013 (Appendix 46, Exhibit 46). There is great concern with this bill and how it would affect the Department.

13-23 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Naillon seconded a motion to oppose House Bill 336. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Amend the 2012 Wolf Hunting Season

Staff recommends adjusting the current 2012-2013 wolf hunting season in the Middle Fork Zone (Units 20A, 26 and 27A), and that portion of Unit 16 north of the Selway River, to close on June 30, 2013 instead of March 31 as currently scheduled.

13-24 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion to extend the wolf hunting season in the Middle Fork wolf management zone and in that portion of Unit 16 north of the Selway River to close on June 30, 2013. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Big Game Season Setting: Outfitter Allocated Tags

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends creating new outfitter allocated deer hunts in Hunt Areas 45-1 (archery only, antlered deer only) and 66 (any-weapon, either-sex deer) with 1 allocated tag each. Staff recommends repositioning the outfitter allocated tag for the Unit 54 any-weapon antlered elk hunt to the archery-only antlered elk hunt.

13-25 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion to adopt the staff recommendation to create new outfitter allocated deer hunts with 1 tag each in Hunt Areas 45-1 and 66 and to reposition the any-weapon allocated elk tag in Hunt Area 54 to the archery-only hunt.

13-26 Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Naillon seconded a substitute motion to create a new outfitter allocated deer hunt with 1 tag each in Hunt Area 45-1 and to reposition the any-weapon allocated elk tag in Hunt Area 54 to the archery-only hunt. (to exclude Unit 66.) The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

Robert Barowsky
Acting Chairman

Virgil Moore
Secretary