

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
February 5, 2015
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Virgil Moore, Sharon Kiefer, Mike Keckler, Kathleen Trever, Greg Wooten, Sal Palazzolo and Mary Boyer.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Trevey with Commissioners Brad Corkill, Blake Fischer, Lane Clezie, and Will Naillon, participating. Commissioners Mark Doerr and Kenny Anderson were absent.

LEGISLATION

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer presented a legislative update (Appendix 48, Exhibit 15) to the Commission.

Rules

The rule dockets have passed in both the House Resources and Conservation Committee and the Senate Resources and Environment Committee with no rejection of any rules. The rules will go into effect at the close of the legislative session.

FY15 Budget Supplemental

The Department has not heard from JFAC on approved spending authority for the one time projects.

Fish and Game Sponsored Bill Analysis/Discussion/Action for Policy Position

House Bill 32 is the IDFG fee increase bill.

House Bill 32 was heard in the House Resources and Conservation Committee last week. The bill was held at the call of the Chairman for further discussion. The Committee had questions regarding the bill and the Commission discussed drafting a new fee bill to address the concerns of the Committee.

Senate Bill 1020 (was RS23209) removes set-asides from duplicate license and tag revenue. A print hearing was heard on January 28th.

Ongoing Bill Analysis for Discussion/Action for Policy Position

House Bill 31 makes a technical correction to reimbursable penalty for illegal kill, possession, or waste of certain big game species defined as trophy. The Commission supports the bill.

House Bill 44 adds a new RMEF license plate. The Commission will continue to monitor this bill. It has passed in the Transportation & Defense Committee with a do pass.

House Bill 51 adds to existing law to provide for adoption of rules for small scale dredge mining, to provide contents of the rules and to provide where suction dredging may occur. The bill is printed but no hearing scheduled. The Commission will continue to monitor.

Senate Bill 1013 - APPROPRIATIONS - DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME - Reduces the FY 2015 appropriation to the Department of Fish and Game by \$874,100.

The JFAC has heard and approved and sent to the Senate floor.

New Bill Analysis/Discussion/Action for Policy Position

Senate Bill 1031 Amends eligibility for reduced fee Senior license and tags. The Commission will monitor and provide technical aspect and may provide testimony. The senior license is the fastest growing license and would create a fiscal impact to the Department.

House Joint Memorial No 2

Opposition of national monument designation in the Caldera area of Island Park. HJM 2 has had a print hearing.

15-09 Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Clezie seconded a motion to support House Joint Memorial No 2. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Other Discussion

The IDFG JFAC presentation was February 3rd and received positive comments.

Legislation proposed by Representative Simpson regarding the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak. The Department and Commission are concerned with some of the language pertaining to limitations on fish and wildlife. Deputy Attorney Kathleen Trever will continue to research the challenges the Department might encounter with the bill language.

The Hunter passport rule revision will be added to the March meeting agenda. There have been constituent complaints about the 1 year gap between the ages of 9-10 and being able to purchase a license.

Reconsider dates for July meeting

Due to scheduling conflicts the Commission elected to change the dates for the July Commission meeting in Pocatello to July 29-30 and 31st.

Commissioner Corkill reported that he had received comments from a constituent regarding what the rationale was when the Commission set the percentage for the disabled veterans reduced fee license. The Department will research and present at the next scheduled conference call.

15-10 Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Naillon seconded a motion to adjourn.
All Commissioners voted in favor.



Fred Trevey
Chairman



Virgil Moore
Secretary