Legislative Update – Status of Revised Statutes and Bills January 21, 2014

Bills

Senate Bill 1207 - Amend Wildlife Special Plate legislation terms from "elk wildlife special plate" and "cutthroat wildlife special plate" to "animal wildlife special plate" and "fish wildlife special plate" to allow broader spectrum of designs to retain customer interest.

Bill will start in the Senate Transportation Committee.

Legislative Proposals - RS

Senate Bill 1219 - Exempt duplicate licenses and tags from set-aside requirements because set-aside are met at the time of original purchase and revise the set-aside for the reduced fee Disabled Combination-Fishing License to be a value that is proportional to the Adult Combination License set-aside.

Senate Bill 1220 - Expand wildlife species covered by a reimbursable penalty of \$50 to all protected wildlife that is not otherwise identified in Idaho Code 36-1404.

RS 22359 - Lower age to hunt big game from 12 to 10 years of age. *RS printed, will know House bill number soon.*

[FEE LOCK BILLS]

RS 22354 - Amend authority for the FG Commission via Commission Order(s) to create authority to discount licenses and to authorize discounts tailored for consistent annual license purchase or for purchase volume.

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RS 22427 - Increase resident fees in Idaho Code 36-416 and make other changes:

Increase fees for all resident licenses, tags, and permits by about 20% to affect 2015 fees.

RS 22354 is a companion bill to RS 22427 to create ability for individuals already with at least an annual license in 2014 to "lock in" 2014 prices for licenses, tags, and permits via Commission discount as long as they continue to purchase an annual license each year.

Create nonrefundable resident/nonresident control hunt application fee specifically for moose, sheep, and goat hunts that is $\approx 3x$ the existing fee (subsequently Commission would drop rule requirement to submit tag fees during the application period).

Increase the Daily Fishing (1st-day) License and Consecutive Day Fishing License fee by about 20% for nonresidents.

Move "Trapping License" from Commercial License designation to Sport License designation.