

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – February 12, 2026
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Legislative Conference Call
Boise, Idaho**

A meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference, attended by Commissioners Don Ebert, Tim Murphy, Mike Roach, Jordan Cheirrett, Brody Harshbarger, and Ron Davies.

IDFG staff present: Director Jim Fredericks, Deputy Director Amber Worthington, Deputy Director, Jon Rachael, Ellary TuckerWilliams, Elizabeth Page, Owen Moroney, Deputy Attorney General, Jon Oswald, Adam Park, Justin Williams, Shane Roberts, Tricia Hebdon, and Tara Reichert.

IDFG staff participating via phone: Carson Watkins, TJ Ross, George Fischer, Josh Royce, Veronica Guterrez, Brandon Flack, Craig White, Dan Garren, Matt Pieron, and Ryan Hilton.

Members of the public in attendance: Nick Fasciano, Idaho Wildlife Federation.

Co-Chairman Cheirrett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. MST.

LEGISLATION

Legislative Update (Commissioner Confirmations, IDFG Presentations, Bills, budget, Rulemaking, etc.)

Director Fredericks, reiterated key upcoming dates:

Chairman Dave Bobbitt's Commission confirmation hearing will be on February 16th, 2026.

The Department provided an agency update on Monday, February 9th, 2026, in the House Resources Committee.

The Department's budget will go in front of JFAC on February 25th, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

The Department will present: Chapters 3, 16, and 19, on Monday, March 2nd, 2026, in the Senate Resource Committee; Chapters 4, 17, and 8, on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026, in the House Resource Committee; and Chapters 4, 17, and 8 on Wednesday, March 4th, 2026, in the Senate Resource Committee.

New Bill Analysis for Discussion/Update on Pending Legislation / Action for Policy Position

Ellary Tucker Williams provided a brief overview of draft bills that have been assigned routing slip (RS) numbers but are not yet available for public review, including proposals to designate hunting as Idaho's official sport, address depredation funds, and regulate wildlife translocations.

Adjourn 9:15 a.m. MST

Jordan Cheirrett
Co-Chairman

Jim Fredericks
Secretary