

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission  
Special Meeting – February 26, 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 Dave Bobbitt, Don Ebert, Tim Murphy, Mike Roach, Jordan Cheirrett, and Ron Davies.

IDFG staff present: Director Jim Fredericks, Deputy Director Amber Worthington, Deputy Director, Jon Rachael, Ellary TuckerWilliams, Owen Moroney, Deputy Attorney General, Jon Oswald, Adam Park, Justin Williams, Lance Hebdon, Shane Roberts, Tricia Hebdon, Rick Ward, Sal Palazzolo, Tara Reichert, Angie Schmidt, and Craig Mickelson.

IDFG staff participating via phone: Carson Watkins, JJ Teare, Josh Royse, Craig White, Dan Garren, Matt Pieron, Ryan Hilton, Mark Rhodes, Clay Hickey, Veronica Gutierrez, James Brower, and TJ Ross.

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

Chairman Bobbitt 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 was on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The Senate Resources Committee unanimously advanced his appointment.

The Department's budget went in front of JFAC on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. The budget will be set on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

The Department will present: Chapters 3, 16, and 19, next Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, in the Senate Resource Committee; Chapters 4, 17, and 8, has moved to Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in the House Resource Committee; and Chapters 4, 17, and 8 on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in the Senate Resource Committee.

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

Ellary TuckerWilliams provided an update on current legislation.

House Bill 536 (Agricultural Pests) and House Bill 565 (IDFG Code Clean-up) have both been introduced and have not yet been scheduled for committee hearings. House Concurrent

Resolution 26 (Wildlife Crossings) has been referred back to committee, while House Joint Resolution 8 (State-Owned Lands) has been referred to State Affairs with no hearing scheduled. House Bill 630 (Airborne Shooting; Coyotes, Wolves) has passed the House and is awaiting a Senate committee hearing. House Bill 651 (Big Game Depredation Claims), House Bill 653 (Wildlife Relocation), and House Bill 677 (Blinds on Public Land Water Sources) are all awaiting committee hearings. House Bill 652 (Hunting, State Sport) has passed the House and is awaiting a Senate hearing. House Bill 678 (Wolf Trap Check with Transmitting Trail Camera) was heard in the House Resources and Conservation Committee and passed unanimously out of committee. House Joint Resolution 10 (State-Owned Lands) failed in the State Affairs Committee. House Bill 774 (Code Clean-up, Fish and Game) and House Bill 855 (Lifetime Hunt/Fish License, Resident) have been introduced and have not yet been scheduled for hearings.

Senate Bill 1238 is being held at the call of the Chair in the Senate Resources and Environment Committee and may be reconsidered. Senate Bill 108 is continuing to advance through the legislative process, while Senate Bill 103 has been referred to committee with no hearing scheduled. Senate Bill 1300 has passed Senate State Affairs and is currently on the Third Reading Calendar in the Senate. Senate Bill 1326 is scheduled for a hearing in Senate State Affairs on Friday, and Senate Joint Memorial 111 has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

Adjourn 9:25 a.m. MST

  
Dave Bobbitt  
Chairman

  
Jim Fredericks  
Secretary