

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – March 19, 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, and Ron Davies.

IDFG staff present: Director Jim Fredericks, Deputy Director Amber Worthington, Deputy Director, Jon Rachael, Ellary TuckerWilliams, Elizabeth Page, Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General, Shane Roberts, Tricia Hebdon, Rick Ward, Sal Palazzolo, Tara Reichert, Justin Williams, and Craig Mickelson.

IDFG staff participating via phone: Carson Watkins, JJ Teare, Josh Royse, Craig White, Dan Garren, Matt Pieron, Ryan Hilton, Chasity Tritz, Veronica Gutierrez, and Mike Peterson.

Members of the public in attendance: Michael Gibson, Trout Unlimited.

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 provided key updates:

The enhancement budget bill passed the Senate without changes and will proceed to the House floor before moving to the Governor's office. On Monday, March 16th, Chapter 8 rules passed the Senate Resources Committee as presented, following a fair amount of discussion. Chapter 8 is scheduled to be heard in the House today, Thursday, March 19th, 2026, where additional debate is expected, though the outcome remains uncertain.

Chairman Bobbitt's confirmation remains on the Senate reading calendar, along with a growing list of pending confirmations.

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


Ellary Tucker Williams noted that there were no new bill analyses for the week, though the Legislature remains active.

House Bill 652 (Hunting, State Sport) is awaiting the Governor's signature. House Bill 678 (Wolf Trap Check with Transmitting Trail Camera) has passed the House and Senate Resources Committee, has been amended, and is currently on the amending order. House Bill 774 (Code Clean-up, Fish and Game) has completed the legislative process and is on the Governor's desk.

House Bill 855 (Lifetime Hunt/Fish License, Resident) has passed the House and has been transmitted to the Senate.

Senate Bill 1300 (Agency Directors, Appointed by the Governor) has passed the Senate and is awaiting consideration in the House. Senate Bill 1326 (Property Rights, Protection) has progressed through the legislative process and is on the Third Reading Calendar in the House, with a vote expected today. Senate Joint Memorial 111 (Public Lands) is scheduled to be considered in the House Resources Committee following rules. Senate Bill 1348, now titled "Public Outdoor Target Ranges" (previously "Farragut State Park"), has been amended and is on the Third Reading Calendar in the Senate; it will next move to the House. Senate Concurrent Resolution 124 (Wildlife Crossings) is scheduled for consideration in the House Resources Committee. Senate Joint Memorial 115 (Pelican Population, Curtailment) is awaiting action in the House.

Adjourn 9:10 a.m. MST


Dave Bobbitt
Chairman


Jim Fredericks
Secretary