

-Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – March 5, 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, Jordan Cheirrett, 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, Tricia Hebdon, Rick Ward, Sal Palazzolo, Tara Reichert, and Joey Ishida.

IDFG staff participating via phone: Carson Watkins, Josh Royse, Craig White, Matt Pieron, Ryan Hilton, Caly Hickey, and Kimmarie Sayer.

Members of the public in attendance: None.

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 updates:

Chairman Dave Bobbitt's Commission confirmation remains on the Senate reading calendar.

The Department's budget was presented to JFAC last Wednesday, February 25th, 2026, and passed on Friday, February 27th, 2026, without changes.

In rulemaking, Chapters 4 and 17 were approved by the Senate Resources Committee. Chapter 8 received extensive discussion and testimony, with approximately 15 individuals testifying, most in support, including members of the HAT Committee. No decision was made, and the rule was held at the call of the Chair. Chapter 8 is scheduled to be heard in the House Resources Committee next Monday, March 9th, 2026.

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

Ellary TuckerWilliams provided an update on current legislation.


House Bill 652 (Hunting, State Sport) was heard in Senate State Affairs, passed the committee, and is moving to the Senate floor. House Bill 678 (Wolf Trap Check with Transmitting Trail Camera) has passed both the House Committee and House floor and has been referred to Senate

Resources. House Bill 774 (Code Clean-up, Fish and Game) has passed the House Committee and is advancing to the House floor.

Senate Bill 1348 (Farragut State Park), sponsored by Senator Okuniewicz, would codify an agreement with the Coeur d'Alene Trap and Ski Club. Senate Bill 1300 (Agency Directors, Appointed by the Governor) has passed the Senate and has been transmitted to the House. Senate Bill 1326 (Property Rights, Protection) has been sent to the amending order and was amended to include coroners among those exempt from the civil fine; the amendment also directs funds collected from the fine to the Rangeland Improvement Act Program.

Adjourn 9:15 a.m. MST


Dave Bobbitt
Chairman


Jim Fredericks
Secretary