

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – May 29, 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 Jordan Cheirrett.

IDFG staff present: Director Jim Fredericks, Deputy Director, Jon Rachael, Elizabeth Page, Shane Roberts, Rick Ward, Jon Oswald, Tara Reichert, Lance Hebdon, and Jeff Knetter.

IDFG staff participating via phone: Owen Moroney, Deputy Attorney General, Carson Watkins, JJ Teare, Josh Royse, Brian Jack, Craig White, Dan Garren, Matt Pieron, and Andy Smith.

Members of the public in attendance: Julie Luchetta, Boise Public Radio.

Chairman Cheirrett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. MDT.

SEASON SETTINGS

Summer Chinook Salmon Seasons

26-40 Commissioner Ebert moves the Commission adopt Chinook Salmon seasons as recommended by the Department, and to promote effective use of the state of Idaho's share of salmon harvest, he further moved the Commission delegate authority to the Director to make in-season adjustments based on the harvest matrix table presented by the Department, including increases or decreases in geographic extent, fishing days of the week, fishing hours, bag limits, and season suspension and closures, with the Director to promptly notify to the Commission of such in-season adjustments, and the Department to comply with Idaho Code Section 36-105 for publication and notice for proclamation amendments or orders. Commissioner Bobbitt seconded the motion. Motion carries.

26-41 Commissioner Ebert moves the Commission adopt the Chinook Salmon seasons for the Lochsa River as proposed. Commissioner Bobbitt seconded the motion. Motion carries.

26-42 Commissioner Davies moves the Commission adopt the Chinook Salmon seasons for the Upper Salmon river as proposed. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Waterfowl Zone Modifications

26-43 Commissioner Davies made a motion that the Commission adopt staff recommendations for duck and goose zone configurations beginning with the 2026–2027 hunting seasons. Commissioner Ebert seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Adjourn 9:30 a.m. MST



Jordan Cheirrett
Chairman



Jim Fredericks
Secretary