

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission  
Conference Call  
April 13, 2018  
Director's Office  
600 S Walnut  
Boise, ID**

Present: Director Moore, Deputy Director Kiefer, James Stoll, Mary Boyer, Scott Reinecker, Jon Rachael, Michael Pearson, Roger Phillips, Jeff Knetter, and Hilarie Engle.

Brad Compton, Mike McDonald, Tom Curet and guest Tyler Strickland participated via conference phone.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lane Clezie with Commissioners Brad Corkill, Dan Blanco, Blake Fischer, Greg Cameron, Derick Attebury and Jerry Meyers participating.

### **SEASON SETTING**

#### **Season Setting: 2018-2019 Migratory Game Bird**

Jeff Knetter, Upland Game & Migratory Bird Coordinator presented the proposal for the 2018-2019 Migratory Game Bird seasons (Appendix 51, Exhibit 31).

Beginning with the 2016-17 hunting seasons, a new process and schedule are now used for setting annual migratory bird hunting regulations. Legal, administrative, and analytical burdens associated with establishing migratory game bird hunting regulations intensified during the last decade and the process became untenable. As a result, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service adopted an alternative process that combines early and late season meeting schedules with modifications to Adaptive Harvest Management frameworks. Regulatory decisions will be made using biological data observed the previous year.

This single process and new schedule mean federal season frameworks (e.g., outside dates, season lengths, bag limits) are finalized earlier, and enable state agencies to select and publish their migratory game bird season dates well in advance of fall seasons. Furthermore, this process allows the Commission to set seasons for all migratory game birds at the same time; consequently, all migratory game bird regulations will be published in the same brochure.

Staff recommendations for changes for the 2018-2019 Migratory Game Bird seasons include the following proposals:

#### **Light Geese**

Remove the closure in Fremont and Teton counties in Zone 5.

#### **Sandhill Cranes**

Create a new hunt area (Hunt Area 6 – Malad Valley) in Oneida County, Idaho, and allow crane hunting within the annual harvest allocation for Idaho.

In 2016 the Department conducted mail and web-based surveys to obtain input from hunters on how to structure the waterfowl seasons and zones, within the confines of the federal framework, which includes flexibility in the start and end dates between the Saturday nearest September 24 and the last Sunday in January. This information will be used to guide Idaho waterfowl seasons for the 2016-2020 seasons, rather than re-defining the seasons each year.

**18-29** Commissioner Attebury moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion that the Commission adopt staff recommendations for the 2018-2019 migratory game bird seasons. All Commissioners voted in favor.

## **FISCAL**

### **Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation Bonding for Construction of Region 3 Office Building**

Hilarie Engle, Foundation Development Coordinator and Mike Stoddard, IFWF Legal, presented.

Background: Since October of 2016, the Department has been actively engaged in selecting a new site within Canyon County to build a Southwest Regional Office building in partnership with the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation (Foundation) to replace the existing facility on Powerline in Nampa. An 8 acre land parcel was selected in January of 2016, and the Foundation finalized its acquisition of the land in September 2017.

After acquisition of the land, the Foundation and Department have worked closely together to design the new building and seek financing for the project, which is expected to be open to the public by March of 2019. Other partners in the project include the Department of Administration and relevant authorities over State of Idaho administrative sites. With their assistance, the Department has a \$650,000 annual lease with the Foundation for this new building and land parcel.

To design the building and surrounding area, the Foundation engaged Glancey Rockwell & Associates for the design of the 27,000+ sq. ft. office building and outbuildings on the property. This is the same architect used in prior IDFG regional offices, and is familiar with our needs. Construction is anticipated to commence mid-May 2018 with a completion date of Spring 2019.

The Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Inc. will be issuing bonds in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 to finance the construction and acquisition of Region 3 office facilities.


The current lease needs to be amended to align with the public financing objectives of the project, and to clarify the relationship between the Department's lease payments and the Department's ownership of the Southwest Regional Office building upon the satisfaction of the bonds. Due to the nature of public financing, the Commission is being provided the necessary ancillary documents outlining the structure of the public financing so that the Commission may become apprised of, and support public financing of this project.

**18-30** Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Cameron seconded a motion to approve The following for the for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Region 3 office building:

1. Amended and Restated Lease Agreement for Space
2. Trust Indenture
3. Tax Certificate
4. Preliminary Official Statement (POS)
5. POS Finality Certificate
6. Continuing Disclosure Agreement
7. Resolution of the Commission

All Commissioners voted in favor.

Adjourn



Derick Attebury  
Chairman



Virgil Moore  
Secretary