Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting - February 24, 2022
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, Greg Cameron, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Ron Davies.

IDFG staff present: Director Ed Schriever, Deputy Director Scott Reinecker; Deputy Attorneys General Kathleen Trever and Owen Moroney; Lance Hebdon, Jon Rachael, Tricia Hebdon, Greg Wooten, Frank Edelmann, Adam Park, Jon Oswald, Mary Boyer, and Valerie Taro. IDFG staff participating via phone: Deputy Director Jim Fredericks, Chip Corsi, JJ Teare, Josh Royse, Craig White, Dan Garren, Jim White and Tom Curet.

Chairman Cameron called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. MST.

LEGISLATION

Jim Fredericks, Deputy Director provided the updates on legislation.

Update on Fish and Game Legislative Presentations (JFAC, Bills, other) and Budget
At the beginning of the JFAC hearing there was a motion to open the FY22 budget with 2 provisions. The first one was a one-time cash transfer of 1.7 million dollars from license funds to the depredation claims account. The second provision was a supplemental to increase the Departments spending authority to $900,000 to make a total of 2 million dollars. The Department believes this was done to allow the FY22 depredation claims to be paid in full.

The JFAC Budget for FY23 has been approved with the following changes. An increase in the base of the depredation budget from 1.1 million dollars to 1.8 million dollars appropriation. JFAC may not have understood that the base increase changes the cap in the amount of a claim from $110,000 to $180,000. The Director has a previously scheduled meeting with Legislative leadership, and will talk about the depredation budget and the gap between the budget and claims.

Deputy Director Fredericks provided an update on HB 520 Fish and Game allocated tags. The House Resources Committee sent the bill to the House floor with a do pass recommendation. It is awaiting the final House vote.

Deputy Director Fredericks provided an update on HB 507 to allow lighted nocks and mechanical broadheads in Idaho for archery hunting. The Senate Resources Committee sent the bill to the Senate floor with a do pass recommendation.
HB 586/672 Fish and Game violations was sent to the House floor with a do pass recommendation.

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

There are no new bills.

**Executive Session, Idaho Code 74-206(14)(b)(d)**

22-16 Commissioner Clezie moved and Commissioner Bobbitt seconded a motion that the Commission go into executive session under Idaho Code 74-206(14)(b)(d).

Roll call vote Ayes: Dave Bobbitt, Don Ebert, Tim Murphy, Greg Cameron, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Ron Davis.

The Commission discussed personnel and records exempt from disclosure under Idaho Public Records Law.

22-17 Commissioner Clezie moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to come out of executive session with no action taken. Motion carries.

Adjourn

Timothy M. Murphy
Chairman

Ed Schriever
Secretary