

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – February 27, 2020
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Legislative Conference Call
600 S Walnut
Boise, ID**

Present: Director Schriever, Deputy Directors Paul Kline and Scott Reinecker; Owen Moroney, Mary Boyer and Sharon Kiefer.

Participating via phone: Regional supervisors Chip Corsi, J.J. Teare, and Tom Curet participated.

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

LEGISLATION

Deputy Director Paul Kline provided the legislative updates.

Update on Fish and Game Legislative Presentations (JFAC, Bills, other) and Budget

HB330 the Department sponsored fee bill was read on the Senate floor and passed unanimous vote 34-0-01. The bill will now be forwarded to the Governor's Office.

SB1237 the original swan tag and Upland Game Bird permit bill was held in committee and two new bills have emerged from this original bill. This item will be discussed later in the agenda.

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

Deputy Director Kline reviewed the bill status of both the House and Senate (Appendix 53, Exhibit 25).

HB527 is the new (original HB471) captive wildlife or snake bill. This bill comes before the House Resources & Conservation committee (HRC) today. The Commission previously took action to not support HB471.

20-22 Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Clezie seconded a motion to not support HB527. Motion carries.

HB528 is the bill that resulted from Commission approval to proceed with legislation to address the need to modify statute that resulted from an Idaho Court of appeals decision that would make killing of a single animal with a damage reimbursement value of greater than \$1,000 a misdemeanor penalty rather than the traditional felony penalty. An analysis of the bill was provided (Appendix 53, Exhibit 26).

20-23 Commissioner Clezie moved and Commissioner Cameron seconded a motion to support HB528. Motion carries.

HB545 is the new Swan tag bill and HB544 is the new Upland Game Bird Permit bill. Both bills were printed and both bills received Do Pass recommendations in the HRC this week.

At the last meeting the Commission voted to take a position of conditional support for both bills. The Commission support was conditioned on bills emerging with language that was anticipated and acceptable as determined by the Director. The Commission position to support both bill still stands. Commission consensus is to continue support for both new bills.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.



Jerry Meyers
Chairman



Ed Schriever
Secretary