

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – March 12, 2020
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Legislative Conference Call
600 S Walnut
Boise, ID**

Present: Deputy Directors Paul Kline and Scott Reinecker; Kathleen Trever, Mary Boyer, Sharon Kiefer, Roger Phillips, Lance Hebdon and Greg Wooten.

Participating via phone: Director Ed Schriever; Regional supervisors Chip Corsi, Brad Compton and Craig White; Dave Silcock and Mark Carson participated.

Public attending: Kate Taugher, BSU student.

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, Lane Clezie, and Derick Attebury participating. Commissioners Tim Murphy and Greg Cameron were excused.

LEGISLATION

Deputy Director Paul Kline provided the legislative updates.

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

Deputy Director Kline provided a bill status update for both the House and Senate (Appendix 53, Exhibit 28).

The Governor has signed HB396, HB426 and HB493 this week.

SEASON SETTING AND RULES

Season Setting: Steelhead Fishery

Lance Hebdon, Anadromous Fish Manager, presented the proposal (Appendix 53, Exhibit 29) to modify the steelhead bag limit on the Clearwater and lower Snake River for the remainder of the spring season. The proposal is to remove the length limit that the Commission approved on the December 18, 2019 conference call as part of re-opening fishing on the Clearwater and lower Snake Rivers.

Clearwater River 2020-2021 Spring Season

- Steelhead fishing is closed on North Fork Clearwater River.

Bag, possession limit, and size restrictions for Clearwater River and Snake River downstream of Couse Creek Boat Ramp

- Reduced to 1 per day
- Reduced to 3 in possession
- The existing length limitation (none over 28 inches in total length) has been rescinded beginning March 13.

Bag and possession limit for all other open waters

- Reduced to 1 per day
- Reduced to 3 in possession

Note: All limits are for adipose-clipped steelhead only. Steelhead with an intact adipose fin must be released immediately.

20-26 Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to approve the proposal with the bag limit change being effective on March 13 in the Clearwater River, South Fork Clearwater River, Middle Fork Clearwater River and Snake River. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.



Jerry Meyers
Chairman



Ed Schriever
Secretary