Idaho Fish and Game Commission Special Meeting - April 9, 2020 8:00 AM MDT Idaho Department of Fish and Game Conference Call

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

IDFG Staff present: Director Ed Schriever, Deputy Director's Paul Kline and Scott Reinecker; Kathleen Trever and Jim Fredericks; IDFG staff participating via phone: Mary Boyer, Owen Moroney, Sharon Kiefer, Roger Phillips, Greg Wooten, Michael Pearson, Clay Hickey, Mike Petersen, and Dan Garren.

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COVID-19 Update

Director Schriever provided a brief update on COVID-19.

Season Setting and Rules

Temporary Limit on Nonresident Tags, Permits and Licenses

Director Schriever reported that staff have identified certain situations that were not specifically addressed when the Commission adopted the temporary rule on April 4 to set temporary limits on the number of nonresident license/tag/permits corresponding to the number sold to date. Director Schriever presented the temporary rule amendments (Appendix 53, Exhibit 38).

The recommended amendments do the following:

- Allows nonresidents who purchased a black bear tag prior to the rule adoption on April 4, 2020 to still purchase a bear bait permit, which is only available via U.S. mail or in person at department offices.
- Clarifies that nonresidents who had a written agreement, even if not specifically signed, with a licensed outfitter prior to the rule adoption on April 4 are still able to purchase licenses, tags, or permits for the outfitted trip. Examples of a written agreement include: an agreement or letter signed by the outfitted client, or an exchange of emails with payment of a trip deposit.
- Specifies that individuals who moved to Idaho to establish residency less than 6 months ago or who have not procured and Idaho driver's license as required within 90 days of Idaho residency can still purchase a nonresident license, tag, or permit with these 2 conditions 1) Individual produces an Idaho driver's license or Idaho Identification Card

issued by the Idaho Transportation Department or produces 2 documents issued by a third party showing name and Idaho residence address such as rent or mortgage receipts or utility bills, and 2) Individual signs a declaration demonstrating bona fide intent to become an Idaho resident. A Department regional office must be contacted via phone to arrange the purchase of eligible nonresident item.

20-34 Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to adopt the staff recommendations for amendments to the temporary rule adopted on April 4, 2020. Motion carries.

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Up Coming Meeting Planning

There was a brief discussion to postpone the April 16 call for one week to address spring Chinook fishing and a possible proposal to modify season setting.

Commissioner consensus is to keep the scheduled meeting on April 16, 2020 to set the migratory waterfowl seasons. If there is a need to have an additional call to discuss salmon fisheries the Commission will meet as necessary.

The May 14 meeting will be a Web / Conference, there will not be a public meeting but comments will be taken via email located on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

Verry Meyers

Chairman

Ed Schriever

Secretary