

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Legislative Conference Call
March 21, 2019
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
600 S Walnut
Boise, ID**

Present: Deputy Directors Paul Kline and Scott Reinecker, Kathleen Trever, Owen Moroney, Sharon Kiefer, Greg Wooten, Jon Rachael and Mary Boyer. Regional Supervisors Brad Compton, J.J. Teare, Dan Garren , Tom Curet and Director Schriever participated via phone call.

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

LEGISLATION

Sharon Kiefer, Chief, Bureau of Communications & Marketing provided the legislative update.

Update About Fish and Game Legislative Presentations (JFAC, other) and Budget Issues

IDFG FY20 Budget bill is Senate Bill 1200 and has passed in the Senate and sent to the House.

Bill Analysis for Discussion/Action for Policy Position

Ms. Kiefer referenced the bill tracking tables for the update on all of the bills (Appendix 52, Exhibit 26).

HB 189 As Amended. Repeals 36-1303 so standard for search for all law enforcement is directed by Title 18 and other criminal codes.

HB189 is in amending order and approved by the House.
Previously the commission had not taken a position on the bill.

19-41 Commissioner Meyers moved and Commissioner Clezie seconded a motion that the Commission support HB 189 as amended. Commissioner Meyers said repeal keeps conservation officers with same standard as other peace officers. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SB1151, Capping the amount paid on any single claim to not exceed ten percent (10%) of the annual Expendable Big Game Depredation Trust Account appropriation for that fiscal year and other revision to claim conditions. Hearing in HNR 3/19.

Commission position: Support

SEASON SETTING AND RULES

Negotiated Rule Proposal for Designation by Proclamation of Areas with WMA Permit Requirement to Hunt Stocked Pheasants

Background: At its March 14 meeting, the Commission discussed the ability to stock pheasants at areas other than those currently in the stocking program, and discussed considerations related to the WMA Upland Permit requirement. Administrative rule (IDAPA 13.01.09. 600.01) currently lists certain WMAs with pheasant stocking programs where a WMA Upland Game Permit is required for hunting/possessing pheasants: Fort Boise, C.J. Strike, Montour, Payette River, Sterling, Market Lake, Mud Lake, Cartier, or Niagara Springs. The rulemaking would consider the Commission's designation of WMA Upland Game Permit areas by proclamation instead of by rule to allow flexibility for accommodating stocking programs as appropriate for the biennial season-setting cycle.

Negotiated Rule Proposal: Provide Commission authority to designate by proclamation areas stocked for pheasants where possession of a WMA Upland Game Permit is required by any person eighteen (18) years of age or older hunting for or possessing a pheasant.

Anticipated Dates for NOI and Comment Period:

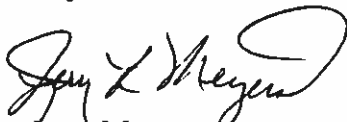
- File ARRF: 4/19/19; File NOI: 5/3/19; Published in Administrative Bulletin: 6/5/19.


Commission consensus is to add this proposal to the list for negotiated rule making.

LEGISLATION

Sharon Kiefer reminded the group that this is the last legislative conference call.

Adjourn


Jerry Meyers
Chairman


Ed Schriever
Secretary