

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Legislative Conference Call
March 7, 2019
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
600 S Walnut
Boise, ID**

Present: Deputy Directors Paul Kline and Scott Reinecker, Owen Moroney, Sharon Kiefer, Matt O'Connell, Tom Curet and Mary Boyer. Regional Supervisors Jim White, Brad Compton, J.J. Teare and Mark Fleming 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. Commissioner Jerry Meyers was excused.

LEGISLATION

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

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

JFAC sets the FY2020 budget March 8, time still to be determined.

Bill Analysis for Discussion/Action for Policy Position

HB 97 Clarify landowner recreational immunity. Awaiting hearing in Senate Resources and Environment Committee (SNR).

HB 100 Revises administrative rules approval. Awaiting hearing in Senate State Affairs.

SB 1039 Remove sunset dates for Wolf Depredation Control Board, livestock assessments, and IDFG license transfer. Passed Senate and House, Signed by the Governor.

HB 80 Expand claims eligible for wildlife damage compensation. Passed the Senate.

HB 192; replaces HB 96 Revise Outfitter set-aside and allocated tags for deer and elk. Hearing in House Resources and Conservation Committee (HNR) on March 5th. Resulted in a Do Pass recommendation.

SB 1088 Requires Commission to issue 5 DAV free big game tags and revise tag designation provisions to select the most deserving disabled veteran. Amended bill awaiting hearing in HNR. Commission position is to monitor. Department staff has worked with Senator Brackett to address the commission authority part of this bill.

SB 1089 Illegal to willfully post public land as private or to obstruct entry. Held in Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

HB 189; Replaces HB 110. Amends existing law to provide legislative intent, to revise a provision regarding a search by an officer, and to provide that a search or inspection by an officer shall be subject to certain requirements. In House General Order for amendment. The Department will monitor.

House Bill 162, Creates an Idaho Council on Federal Lands to monitor state policies and issues associated with federal lands including facilitating contracts between the federal government and state agencies as warranted. Awaiting hearing in Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

House Joint Memorial No. 9, Urging the National Marine Fishery Service to practice all expediency toward the completion of the Incidental Take Permit required for the lawful operation of Idaho's Steelhead fishing season. Awaiting hearing in Senate Resources and Environment Committee, resulted in a Do Pass recommendation.

Commission position: Support.

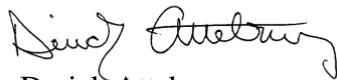
HJM 6 House Joint Memorial No. 6, Transportation project in Fremont County. Hearing in Senate Transportation Committee March 5.

SB 1151, 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.

19-24 Commissioner Clezie moved and Commissioner Cameron seconded a motion that the Commission position is to support SB 1151. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Additional item this morning; RS27060 Fish and Game Inspections, is up this morning in the House Ways & Means committee. An update will be provided next week.

Adjourn



Derick Attebury
Chairman



Ed Schriever
Secretary