## Idaho Fish and Game Commission Special Meeting – March 6, 2025 Idaho Department of Fish and Game Legislative Conference Call Boise, Idaho

A meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference, attended by Commissioners Dave Bobbitt, Don Ebert, Tim Murphy, Mike Roach, Jordan Cheirrett, Brody Harshbarger, and Ron Davies.

IDFG staff present: Director Jim Fredericks, Deputy Director Amber Worthington, Deputy Director Jon Rachael, Ellary TuckerWilliams, Owen Moroney, Deputy Attorney General, Jon Oswald, Tara Reichert, Shane Roberts, Rick Ward, Sal Palazzolo, Hollie Miyasaki, Jana Ashling, and Elizabeth Page.

IDFG staff participating via phone: Carson Watkins, JJ Teare, Josh Royse, Craig White, Kenzie Baratti, Dan Garren, Matt Pieron, and Ryan Hilton.

Members of the public in attendance: Nick Fascianto, Idaho Wildlife Federation.

Chairman Davies called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. MST.

## **LEGISLATION**

## <u>Legislative Update (Commissioner Confirmations, IDFG Presentations, Bills, budget, Rulemaking, etc.)</u>

Amber Worthington provided updates on rulemaking and legislative developments.

Commissioner Roach's confirmation remains pending on the Senate floor. His nomination continues to advance to the third reading calendar daily; however, a final confirmation vote has not yet been scheduled.

House Bill 248, the base appropriation budget, is continuing through the Senate but has not yet reached a final vote. The Natural Resources Maintenance bill remains on its third reading with no further progress. Additionally, the enhancement budget bill is under review by the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC) as part of the ongoing budget study.

The Director provided an agency update during the Senate Resources Committee meeting held yesterday.

Rulemaking has been reviewed by both committees, with each body drafting a separate resolution rather than proceeding with a concurrent resolution. The Senate Resources secretary is currently drafting the respective resolutions within her committee.

Further updates from both legislative bodies are expected in the coming days.

New Bill Analysis for Discussion/Update on Pending Legislation / Action for Policy Position There have been no new bill introductions.

Adjourn

Ron Davies Chairman

Jim Fredericks
Secretary