

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Quarterly Meeting, July 11-12-13, 2012
Bonners Ferry, Idaho**

July 11

Chairman Budge called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Commissioners Tony McDermott, Fred Trevey, Bob Barowsky, Joan Hurlock, Kenny Anderson, and Will Naillon were present.

REPORT

New Commissioner Orientation

Commissioners were provided briefings regarding legal, review of the Department Strategic Plan “Compass”, review of current fish and wildlife issues and an update on the Wildlife Summit.

MISCELLANEOUS

Public Meeting

Chairman Budge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by introduction of the Commissioners, Director and IDFG staff in attendance. Chairman Budge made opening remarks regarding the purpose of Fish and Game, and the conduct of the public meeting. He noted that staff would be available after the meeting to answer questions.

Chairman Budge introduced former Commissioner Nancy Hadley who was the first woman on the Commission and has been a Hunter Education Instructor for 27 years. Also in attendance Wayne Hunsucker, IOGLB Board Chairman.

The following individuals testified: Nancy Hadley, Glenn Fodge, Janet OCrowley, Ken Riffel, Pete Feist, Rick Merz, Jack Hammack, John Walters, Terry Infram, Bill Howell, Helen Kettle, Bob Shaver, Lesly Nixon, Mike Schlegel, and Larry Yerger.

Testimony topics include wolves, lottery and auction tags, HB 525 disabled hunter companion, public notice and warning of trap locations, Wildlife Summit, allowance of road kill for use as bait and other rule proposals.

Written comment was received from Joseph N. Peterson, Flying B Ranch; Jaye Houtcooper, Mike Schlegel, Ed Lindahl and Andrea Santarsiere (Appendix 45, Exhibit 55).

July 12

MISCELLANEOUS

Opening Comments

Chairman Budge called the meeting to order at 8:15 with all Commissioners present. Chairman Budge introduced Boundary County Commissioner Dan Dinning.

The Commission and Department presented outgoing Chairman Tony McDermott with a plaque recognizing his excellent leadership as Commission Chair during 2011-2012.

Consent Calendar

The consent calendar included the following items:

- Minutes, March 21-22, March 29, 2012
- Financial Report through May 31, 2012

12-52 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to approve the minutes as presented in the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

12-53 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a motion to accept the financial report as presented in the consent calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

Review of Public Comment

Public comments from the July 11 hearing were reviewed and discussed by the Commission.

Commissioner Trevey spoke regarding a letter he received from constituents regarding a pheasant restoration project in the Clearwater Region to boost game bird numbers by rearing their own birds and releasing them into suitable habitat (Appendix 45, Exhibit 56). The Commission acknowledges the work that the group is doing and appreciates their efforts. A final report on the surrogate project in Southern Idaho will follow with additional direction on how the Department might be able to provide support to some of the individuals who have an interest in these projects.

RULES

Landowner Appreciation Program

Chairman Budge stated there is a need for the Commission to look at the current Landowner Appreciation Program (LAP) and the assignment and sale of tags. Commission discussion followed.

12-54 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Naillon seconded a motion to direct staff to draft a proposed rule to restrict the transfer and/or use of the LAP tag by someone other than an immediate family member, full-time employee or an individual who qualifies as a disabled handicapped person. The motion carried unanimously.

Wildlife Nonbiological Rules

Jeff Gould, Wildlife Chief presented the Department recommendations for the wildlife nonbiological rules. Mr. Gould distributed an updated informational goldsheet (Appendix 45, Exhibit 57) and a copy of the proposed wildlife nonbiological rule changes (Appendix 45, Exhibit 58).

Nonbiological rules are officially published in the Idaho Administrative Code and included in hunting regulation brochures. Proposed Rules adopted by the Commission in July would undergo review by the 2013 Legislature. Upon approval by the Legislature, rules would become effective in 2013, unless the Governor's Office has granted emergency temporary rule-making authority. Temporary rules go into effect upon adoption by the Commission (effective date July 16, 2012), but must be approved by the Legislature to remain in effect beyond the end of the next legislative session.

12-55 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Hurlock seconded a motion to adopt the proposed and temporary nonbiological rules as presented by staff. The motion carried unanimously.

12-56 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion to: (1) amend the temporary and proposed wolf trapping rule to allow the use of accidentally killed, legally salvaged wildlife in units identified by Commission proclamation and (2) amend the big game proclamation to allow the use of such legally salvaged wildlife in the wolf trapping season for the Units in the Panhandle Zone (full text of the motion is set forth in Appendix 45, Exhibit 59). The motion carried unanimously.

12-57 Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Naillon seconded a motion to direct staff to draft rule language to address the equitable distribution of landowner appreciation program tags among eligible landowners in oversubscribed hunts. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission will consider the draft rule for changes to the Landowner Appreciation Program at the August 23 meeting.

Governor's Wildlife Partnership Tag

Jeff Gould presented the proposed changes to Rules Governing Licensing (IDAPA 13.01.04) and Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals in Idaho (IDAPA 13.01.08) (Appendix 45, Exhibit 60). In 2012 the Idaho legislature established new auction tags that the Commission may issue: up to three (3) tags per year that may be issued for deer, elk and pronghorn, and up to one (1) tag per year for moose, bighorn sheep and mountain goat.

The tags, which will be signed by the Governor, may be offered annually to either resident or nonresident hunters. Each tag may be auctioned by an incorporated nonprofit organization dedicated to wildlife conservation and selected by the Director. The nonprofit organization may retain up to five percent (5%) of the auction proceeds, with up to thirty percent (30%) of the sales price allocated to fund sportsmen's access programs and the remainder to be used for wildlife habitat projects, wildlife management programs to increase the quantity and quality of big game herds, and other research and management activities approved by the Fish and Game Commission.

12-58 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to table the Governor's Wildlife Partnership Tag discussion and proposed changes to the rules until the August Commission meeting pending further review. The motion carried unanimously.

12-59 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to amend the agenda and move the meeting location for the afternoon session to the Kootenai River Inn due to temperature issues with the current facility. The motion carried unanimously.

Mentor Hunt Rules

Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director, reported that the 2011 Legislature passed House Bill 85, sponsored by the Department, which gave the Commission authority to adopt rules governing a mentored hunting program. There was substantial concern, particularly within the Hunter Education Association (HEA), about this proposal because it allowed mentees in the field that lacked hunter education.

Based on input from the HEA and others, staff presented a draft of elements for rulemaking to implement a voluntary mentored hunting program in July, 2011. There were several unresolved elements that required further public scoping, including age limitations. The Department continued public input and also conducted an online survey to assist with resolving these issues. Staff presented the survey results to the Commission in March, 2012. A Mentored Hunting program that had no age limitation (minimum or maximum) garnered a slight majority in the survey. Review of other state programs demonstrates a wide diversity in approach to minimum age for these types of programs.

Ms. Kiefer presented the staff rule proposal for a mentored hunting program to the Commission (Appendix 45, Exhibit 61). The proposal included options to set a minimum age or set no minimum age. Staff recommendation is to adopt the staff rule proposal to implement this new program. Staff recommended an effective date of January 1, 2013 to incorporate a full calendar year.

12-60 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Naillon seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendation with a minimum age as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Recess

The Commission recessed for lunch and moved the meeting to the Kootenai River Inn.

Release of Bighorn Sheep Tags for Auction

Jeff Gould reported that the Commission is authorized to release 2 special bighorn sheep tags; one issued through auction, and one through lottery. Two applications were received; one from the Idaho Chapter of the Wildlife Sheep Foundation for the lottery tag and one from the Wild Sheep Foundation for the auction tag (Appendix 45, Exhibit 62).

12-61 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion to market the bighorn sheep auction tag as submitted by the Wild Sheep Foundation, and move to accept the proposal to market the Bighorn Sheep Lottery Tag as submitted by the Idaho Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Budge moved agenda items 15 and 16 up on the agenda without objection.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

Elk Management Survey Review

The Department is revising our Elk Management Plan. One of the key steps in the revision of the management plan is public involvement. The Department has partnered with the University of Idaho and developed a comprehensive elk hunter opinion survey. The purpose of the survey is to assess elk hunter satisfaction with current elk management and to help determine hunter's preferences for future elk management direction and allocation of hunting opportunity. It has been 25 years since a similar statewide elk hunter survey was conducted. The survey will be completed by mid-July and final results are expected at the end of August. Further opportunities for public involvement and discussion will be available after the survey is completed.

Dr. Krumpke, University of Idaho, presented preliminary results of the Elk Management Survey (Appendix 45, Exhibit 63). A random survey was sent out to 6,200 Idaho Elk hunters. In addition, other individuals interested in providing input had the opportunity to fill out the survey online.

Study Objectives:

- Elk hunter profiles (basic demographics, travel patterns, hunting history, harvest success, zone use);
- Elk hunting preferences and motivations;
- Acceptability of current and proposed management strategies and the tradeoffs involved
- Decisions about where to hunt;
- Attributes of a quality Elk hunting experience;
- Hunting satisfaction; and
- Perceptions of predation.

RULES

OHV Rule Survey Review

Deputy Director Kiefer reported that the Commission had previously discussed the need for improved clarity and improved outreach to help both hunters and other motorized recreationists understand the Motorized Hunting Rule (formerly Motorized Vehicle Rule for Hunters) effects on motorized hunting travel against a backdrop of legislative discussions and actions during the 2010, 2011, and 2012 sessions.

The Commission adopted a scoping draft for a revised Motorized Hunting Rule (MHR) and directed staff to initiate rule scoping and outreach, including a random survey of hunters and registered ATV owners. This effort was initiated in May, 2012. The University of Idaho Department of Conservation Social Sciences conducted a survey on behalf of the Department, concluding the latter part of June, of randomly selected hunters and ATV owners (4,000 total). The survey was also posted on the Department website for nonrandom public participation.

Dr. Sanyal, University of Idaho, presented preliminary results of the Off-Highway Vehicle Access and Hunting in Idaho Survey (Appendix 45, Exhibit 64).

Staff discussed implications of survey results in regard to additional rule scoping and rulemaking. The Department's intent is to recommend a proposed rule to the Commission in August for submission to the Administrative Bulletin by August 31, to ensure the rule will be reviewed by the 2013 Legislature.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commission Direction on Expenditure of Animal Damage Control Funds

Jeff Gould stated that Idaho statute annually appropriates \$100,000 of Department funds to the State Animal Damage Control Board for control of predatory animals and birds. Idaho statute authorizes the Commission to direct how these funds are to be used.

Since 2005, the Commission has directed \$50,000 or more to be used for intensive coyote removal in conjunction with the Mule Deer Initiative in eastern Idaho. Additional funds, approximately \$50,000, have been directed by the Commission to support Wildlife Services activities identified in the MOU between the Department and the Animal Damage Control Board. Mr. Gould presented a copy of the letter to the ADCB regarding allocation of funds (Appendix 45, Exhibit 65).

Staff recommendation: In compliance with Idaho Statute 36-112 and 36-115 (c), the Idaho Fish and Game Commission directs the Idaho State Animal Damage Control Board (ADCB) to allocate monies in the animal damage control account as follows:

- 1) \$50,000.00 to support ADCB responsibilities outlined in the current MOU between the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and ADCB and to control specific predatory animals or birds on Wildlife Management Areas;
- 2) \$50,000.00 to control coyotes in support of the Department's Mule Deer Initiative in eastern Idaho.

12-62 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendations as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

RULES

Nonresident Deer and elk Tag Quotas

Jeff Gould reported that annually the Commission establishes quotas for total nonresident deer and elk tags. The table below provides a review of total nonresident deer and elk tag quotas since 1990.

Year	Elk	Regular Deer*	Southeast Deer	White-tailed Deer	Total Deer Tags
1990	12,815	15,500			15,500
1991	12,815	15,500			15,500
1992	12,815	15,500			15,500
1993	12,815	15,500			15,500
1994	12,815	15,500			15,500
1995	12,815	14,700	800		15,500
1996	12,815	14,500	1,000		15,500
1997	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
1998	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
1999	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2000	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2001	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2002	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2003	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2004	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2005	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2006	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2007	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2008	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2009	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500

2010	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2011	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2012	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500

* Regular tags include Regular, Clearwater (1998-2004) & White-tailed deer (2005-present) tags.

Staff recommendation: For the 2013 hunting season, staff recommends no change from the existing (2012) nonresident deer and elk tag quotas of 14,000 regular or white-tailed deer tags; 12,815 A or B elk tags for all zones; and, 1,500 white-tailed deer tags.

12-63 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendation of no change to existing 2012 nonresident deer and elk tag quotas. The motion carried unanimously.

Nonresident Deer and Elk Outfitter Tag Set Aside

Annually, the Commission establishes a quota on general nonresident deer and elk tags for use by hunters using the services of a licensed Idaho outfitter. Outfitter set-aside quotas are a subset of total nonresident deer and elk tag quotas. Any outfitter set-aside tags not claimed by outfitted clients by July 1 revert back to the Department for sale to nonresident hunters.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends no change to the existing 2012 nonresident deer and elk tag outfitter set-aside quotas and recommends the following quotas for 2013:

- 1,985 deer tags (regular or white-tailed)
- 2,400 elk tags (A or B tags for all zones)

12-64 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendations as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Season Setting: Mourning Doves and Sandhill Cranes

Jeff Knetter, Game Bird Staff Biologist, presented the proposals for mourning dove and sandhill crane seasons.

Mourning dove and sandhill crane seasons are set in July to allow for seasons to open as early as September 1. The mourning dove season is the earliest allowed by the Migratory bird Treaty and is unchanged since 1988. Sandhill crane depredation on grain crops is a problem in some areas; therefore, a season has been established to allow harvest of cranes that nest in Idaho before migration begins. Idaho's 2012 crane harvest allocation, as directed by the Pacific Flyway Council Rocky Mountain Population Crane Plan, is 225 cranes, down from 410 in 2011. Harvest in 2011 was 254. There are two reasons Idaho's allocation declined in 2012:

- 1) There were a reduced number of birds during the fall 2011 crane survey. As a result, the overall flyway allocation declined.

- 2) The base allocation for each state was modified in 2012. The allocation is revised once every five years. In Idaho, the number of cranes and the proportion of cranes in the total population have declined. As a result, the Idaho allocation of the harvest declined from 22% to 16.7%.

Staff Recommendation: Mourning dove:

- **No change from 2011:** 9/1-9/30 and a daily bag limit of 10 and possession limit of 20.

Sandhill Cranes:

- Because of the reduced harvest allocation, the Department proposes to decrease the number of tags available in each hunt area.
- Due to increasing numbers of cranes in the Swan Lake area in the Southeast Region, the Department proposes to create a new hunt area with 30 tags.
- There would be no change to the daily bag limit of three and the season limit of nine. All tags (460) will be offered on a first-come first-served basis at any vendor as per the allocation below.

Hunt Area	Season	Tags
1 - Bear Lake	9/1-9/30	295
2 - Teton	9/1-9/15	40
3 - Fremont	9/1-9/15	65
4 - Bonneville	9/1-9/15	10
5 - Jefferson	9/1-9/15	20
6 - Swan Lake	9/1-9/30	30

12-65 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion to adopt the staff recommendation on mourning dove and sandhill cranes. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson has concerns with the shorter season for sandhill cranes in the Upper Snake Region and requests that this item be scoped next year for a longer season.

REPORTS

Migratory Game Bird Season Briefing

Jeff Knetter reported that the Commission sets seasons for migratory gamebirds including ducks and geese in August. The briefing reviewed the 2012 status of Idaho's waterfowl populations as well as preliminary Department proposals for 2012 seasons (Appendix 45, Exhibit 66). The 2012 waterfowl season frameworks are finalized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during the last week of July and the Commission will set Idaho's waterfowl seasons during the August Commission meeting.

2012 Sage Grouse Season Briefing

Tom Hemker presented a briefing on the 2012 sage-grouse season (Appendix 45, Exhibit 67). The Commission will set seasons for sage-grouse at the August meeting. Mr. Hemker reviewed the 2012 status of Idaho's sage-grouse populations as well as preliminary Department proposals for 2012 season.

LEGISLATION

Policy Approval of 2013 Legislative Proposals

Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director presented the 2013 legislative proposals to the Commission (Appendix 45, Exhibit 68). The Department will be submitting 5 legislative proposals. Agency ideas must be electronically submitted by August 3 to the Executive Agencies Legislation System (EALS) for Governor approval. Governor-approved ideas must be drafted as legislative proposals and submitted to EALS by September 17

Proposals:

Clarification Proposal (1)

- Exempt duplicate licenses and tags (class7) from the set-aside requirements in Idaho Code Sections 36-111 (b) and 36-111 (c), which set aside \$2.00 for every combination or hunting license sold and \$1.50 for every antelope, elk, and deer tag sold.

New Proposals, Non-fee Related (3)

- Create a new class (class 9) for Disabled Combination-Fishing License for residents to provide for exception from the set-aside requirement in 36-111 (b) which is a set-aside of \$2.00 for every combination or hunting license sold.
- Revise provisions of the Jr. Hunting License for residents and the Jr. Mentored Hunting License for nonresidents to incorporate hunting provisions of the Youth Small Game License and the Youth Hunter Education Graduate Hunting License for residents and nonresidents.
- Create Commission authority to dispose of surplus property by amending Idaho Code Section 58-335A, Other Lands Exempt From Act, and possibly 36-104, General Powers and duties of Commission, to add the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to the list of agencies excluded from the provisions of Idaho code sections 58-331 through 58-335 regarding land sale, and give the Idaho Fish and Game Commission the authority to sell and/or dispose of surplus real property and to promulgate rules to govern the sale of properties

New Proposal, Includes Fee Adjustment (1)

Create a new license type with a three (3) year term for season Combination, Hunting, and Fishing licenses for residents and nonresidents. Annual licenses would not be affected. The fee would be three (3) times the annual license fee with only one vendor (issuance) fee. License expiration would occur on December 31 of the third year following issuance. Any resident license would remain valid if the purchaser becomes a nonresident during the term of the license,

but the customer would be required to purchase nonresident tags if they did not already possess a tag (similar to lifetime license approach).

The Commission direction is to proceed with these legislative proposals.

Approve Rules to Implement New 2012 Laws

Sharon Kiefer reported that House Bills 457 and 525 were approved by the 2012 Legislature and signed by the Governor. These bills became effective July 1, 2012 but require rules prescribed by the Commission (Appendix 45, Exhibit 69).

House Bill 457 provides rulemaking authority to allow a parent or grandparent to designate a controlled hunt tag or controlled hunt permit to a minor child or grandchild.

House Bill 525 mandates rulemaking to allow a disabled hunter companion, who does not possess a game tag and who is directly assisting a disabled hunter with a valid tag, to take wildlife wounded by the disabled hunter.

12-66 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion to adopt temporary and proposed rules as recommended by staff to implement HB457. The motion carried unanimously.

12-67 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Hurlock seconded a motion to adopt temporary and proposed rules as recommended by staff to implement HB525. The motion carried unanimously.

LANDS

Commercial Use of Lands Report

Tom Hemker reported that Idaho Code Section 36-104 authorizes the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to acquire lands or water for the restoration, propagation and protection of fish and wildlife; to provide public hunting, fishing and trapping areas; and for other specific uses. Commission rules (13.01.03) allow public use of these properties when it does not conflict with the management goals for the land and specifically bans commercial use of these lands without Department authorization (Appendix 45, Exhibit 70).

The Department will develop a policy that allows commercial use that is:

- Consistent with purpose of why the land was purchased;
- Meets a need more effectively than the Department can;
- Generates a net benefit to the Department's mission.

It will be important to develop an internal policy to provide guidance and consistency from region to region.

RULES

Season Setting: Fall Chinook Salmon

Ed Schriever, presented the Department recommendations for the 2012 fall Chinook salmon season (Appendix 45, Exhibit 71).

12-68 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendations for the 2012 fishery for fall Chinook salmon in the Snake River. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT

Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation Report

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer reported that the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation report stands as written.

With the Commission's approval at its May meeting, the Foundation has completed its refinance of its 2003 Series bonds for the Nampa Fisheries Research Office and the Idaho Falls Regional Office. The refinance will result in cost savings that will be applied to the benefit of the Department.

- The Foundation's financial audit for 2011 is still in process and is expected to be approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors at its August meeting.
- The Foundation and the Department have renewed their Licensing and Marketing Agreements regarding Wildlife License Plate sales. The Foundation is committed to providing support and marketing assistance to promote the sale of the plates to benefit the Department's Wildlife Diversity Program and nongame species.
- The Foundation's Board of Directors voted to support the Wildlife Summit, to be held August 24-26, 2012, by committing to title sponsorship of the event in the amount of \$50,000.

LANDS

Springfield Hatchery

Ed Schriever, Chief, Fisheries stated that as the Springfield Hatchery project begins the construction phase, the Department has been negotiating with a neighbor (Houghland Farms, Inc.) to resolve an encroachment issue. The survey revealed that an existing shop building on the Springfield Hatchery property encroaches on the neighbor's land. Houghland Farms has made the following offer to resolve the issue: 1) Houghland Farms will sell a 30- foot strip (approximately 30 feet x 1,410 feet) to Fish and Game for \$10,000 (on the west side of the Hatchery property); 2) Houghland Farms will gift an additional 20 foot strip (approximately 20 feet x 1,410 feet) to Fish and Game for the planting of a sight-obscuring tree line; 3) Fish and Game will be responsible for planting and maintaining a sight-obscuring tree line on the west

and north sides of the Hatchery property; and 4) Fish and Game will construct a new cattle-tight fence on the new west boundary between the properties. The Department has tentatively accepted the Houghland Farms offer.

12-69 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to accept the Houghland Farms offer and acquire the property. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORT

Briefing of 2013/2015 Fishing Season Proposals

Jeff Dillon, Fisheries State Manager presented the draft proposed changes in fishing seasons for 2013-2015 (Appendix 45, Exhibit 72). The Commission direction is for staff to proceed with the potential fishing season changes for release to the public for review and comment. The Department will present a proposal for the 2013-2015 fishing seasons for Commission approval at the November 2012 meeting.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

Review of Draft 2013/2018 Statewide Fisheries Management Plan

Mr. Dillon stated that the Fisheries Bureau is preparing to update the guiding programmatic Fisheries Management Plan for the period of 2013-2018. Proposed changes include updating programmatic direction and priorities. This document will be the basis for fishing seasons and rules established by the Commission to meet management objectives for the 2013-2018 period and will guide all aspects of fisheries management for the Department (Appendix 45, Exhibit 73). The Commission consensus is to approve the list of potential programmatic changes and priority updates from the 2007-2012 Fisheries Management Plan for release to the public for their review and comment. The Department will present a Fisheries Management Plan for approval at the November 2012 Commission meeting.

REPORTS

Director's Report

Director Moore stated that the Director's reports stands as written.

Commissioner Reports

Commission reports stand as written (Appendix 45, Exhibit 74).

MISCELLANEOUS

Set date for August meeting

The Commission selected August 23 for the August meeting, details to follow.

Executive Session

12-70 Commissioner Barowsky move and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to hold an executive session pursuant of subsection (c) of Idaho Code Section 67-2345 to discuss lands. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Anderson, Naillon, McDermott, Hurlock, Trevey, Barowsky and Budge.

Randy Budge and Joan Hurlock asked to be recused from the executive session because of potential conflicts of interest regarding the potential land acquisition being discussed. Commissioner Barowsky assumed the duties of Chairman for the executive session.

12-71 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Naillon seconded a motion to come out of executive session. The motion carried unanimously.

The executive session ended at 6:15 p.m. with no official action taken and the meeting adjourned thereafter.

July 13

The Commissioners participated in a tour of the Moyie River area.