

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission  
Special Meeting  
February 20, 2014  
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Virgil Moore, Director; Jim Unsworth, Deputy Director; Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Jeff Gould, Wildlife Chief; Tom Hemker, Wildlife Habitat Program Manager; Gregg Servheen, Wildlife Program Coordinator; Brad Compton, Assistant Wildlife Chief; Jim White, Jon Rachael, State Wildlife Manager; and Mike Keckler, Communications Chief.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Barowsky with Commissioners Brad Corkill, Fred Trevey, Randy Budge, Kenny Anders, Will Naillon, and Mark Doerr participating.

**LEGISLATION**

**Bill Status Discussion**

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer provided a status update on previously reviewed and discussed bills (Appendix 47, Exhibit17).

House Bill 398 – Expand Fish and Game Commission discount authority via Commission order.  
House Bill 399 – Lower age to hunt big game. Both House Bills 398 & 399 have passed the House and sent to the Senate.

Senate Bill 1219 – Exempt duplicate licenses and tags from license and tag set-aside requirements and revise amount of license set-aside for resident Disabled Combination-Fishing Licenses. Awaiting bill hearing in Senate Resources and Environment.

Senate Bill 1220 – Revise reimbursable penalty provision to include all wildlife classified protected by the Fish and Game Commission. Additional information requested at the print hearing on 2-19 and is being held by the Chair.

House Bill 468 – Amends existing law to provide that the definitions of “outfitter” and “guide” shall not apply to private landowners and their employees who provide facilities or services upon their own privately owned property.

This bill exempts private property from regulated outfitting and guiding and clarifies that outfitter and guide licensure and regulation only applies to activities on public land. Private landowners and their employees that provide facilities and services, whether compensated or not, are not included in the definitions of outfitter and guide.

Staff is seeking clarification regarding status of licensed outfitters that may have “permission” from a private landowner, such as a lease agreement, to conduct O&G activities on the private

ground because the bill is specific in only exempting private landowners and their employees (does not include their “agents”).

Presumably, private landowners who do accept compensation for facilities and services on their land would no longer be eligible for recreational immunity. Private landowners who physically engage in hunting or fishing activity in the course of providing facilities or services on their land would still be required to have appropriate IDFG licenses and tags.

**14-17** Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to oppose House Bill 468 because it does not clearly identify status of regulated outfitters with private land leases. All Commissioners voted in favor.

House Bill 469 – Provides that the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board shall not accept, process or approve any applications for outfitted or guided turkey or waterfowl hunting and unless licensed to do so prior to a certain date, a person may not outfit or guide turkey or waterfowl hunters for compensation, and codifies previous moratorium on outfitted turkey or waterfowl hunting. Commission consensus is to continue to monitor House Bill 469.

House Bill 470 – New version of House Bill 423 to establish a Wolf Control Fund and Wolf Depredation Control Board. Awaiting vote on House floor.

### **New Bill Analysis / Discussion**

House Bill 414 – Adds to existing law to provide restrictions relating to the use of exploding targets. A new revision of this bill is being drafted. Staff will continue to monitor.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Other Discussion**

The Department has not received the PARF for a temporary rule to extend the trap check period for snares for wolf trapping from 72 hours to 8 days in certain geographic areas for the benefit of elk and other ungulate populations below Department objectives.

Director Moore reported that the Department continues to work on getting the FY15 budget approved.

ISCAC is hosting an afternoon event at the statehouse today for the legislators.

### **Executive Session**

Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to hold an executive session pursuant of subsections (c) of Idaho Code section 67-2345 to discuss lands.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brad Corkill, Fred Trevey, Bob Barwosky, Mark Doerr, Randy Budge, Kenny Anderson and Will Naillon.

**14-18** Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Doerr seconded a motion to come out of executive session. All Commissioners voted in favor.

The Commission came out of executive session at 9:00 a.m. with no action taken.

### MISCELLANEOUS

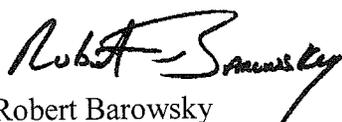
The Department will schedule a presentation regarding the Botany Program at a future Commission meeting.

Commissioner Brad Corkill attended the Pend Oreille State of the Lake meeting and wanted to go on record as commending the Department's efforts in restoring Kokanee Fishery.

There was a brief discussion regarding social media and public notice of meetings.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

  
Robert Barowsky  
Chairman

  
Virgil Moore  
Secretary