

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
March 4, 2010
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Director Groen; Deputy Director Unsworth; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director - Policy; Lance Hebdon, Inter-Governmental Policy Coordinator; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Mike Keckler, Chief, Communications.

Participating from the Clearwater Regional Office, Dave Cadwallader, and Keith Lawrence, Nez Perce Tribe; Panhandle Region, Mark Taylor.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Wright with Commissioners McDermott, Trevey, Barowsky, Wheeler, and Budge participating. Commissioner Power was excused.

FISCAL

Review the JFAC recommendation for FY 2011

Assistant Director Kiefer stated that JFAC has adopted the motion for the Department budget. At this time we have not seen the motion take bill form.

LEGISLATION

New Bill Analysis

Legislative update presented by Assistant Director Sharon Kiefer (Appendix 43, Exhibit 23).

HCR 51 -- Requests agencies prioritize amending existing rules and proposing new rules based on certain criteria and asks agencies not to expend dedicated, federal, or state funds to use rulemaking to address issues not covered by HCR 51 priorities.

A House Concurrent Resolution does not have the force of law, and is normally used for one of three purposes -- to manage and regulate the internal affairs of the Legislature, such as providing for the printing of bills; to express appreciation on the part of the Legislature; or to direct interim studies by the Legislative Council or by executive agencies. Essentially, a concurrent resolution is acted upon in the same manner as a bill. It is not signed by the Governor.

10-25 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Budge seconded a motion TO ACCEPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND MONITOR HCR 51. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

New Bill FYI

House Concurrent Resolution 52 – Rejects a pending Fish and Game rule (Docket 13-0103-0901) for Fish and Game owned or controlled lands. The rule to be rejected essentially says that unless roads are posted open or on a travel plan, the operation of motorized vehicles would be prohibited without authorization.

Status of Previously Discussed Bills

Ms. Kiefer referenced House and Senate bill status tables (Appendix 43, Exhibit 24). Department Senate Bills 1282, 1283, 1284 and 1285 had a hearing in the House Resources and Conservation Committee yesterday and received a do pass.

House Bill 531 regarding hunter confidentiality records has been sent to the amending order. The amendment has been integrated into the bill and is an improvement in the bill. Deputy Attorney General Trever reported that the amendment would delete “any” and insert “except as otherwise provide by law” will address the concerns of potential conflicts with other statues that require the department to disclose.

Committee and House/Senate Action

Ms.Kiefer gave a brief report on the joint House Resources and Conservation and Senate Resources and Environment Committees. The key focus of the meeting was an update by the federal agencies about the status of travel plans. Information provided on key definitions that the Department uses for implementing issues that deal with motorized vehicles. Public testimony was given regarding motorized vehicle. This committee meeting was a listening meeting only with no action to be taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Executive Session

10-26 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Wheeler seconded a motion TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (F) OF IDAHO CODE SECTION 67-2345 TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION. Roll Call Vote: McDermott: aye; Trevey aye; Barowsky: aye; Budge: aye; Wheeler: aye; Wright aye. Vote tally: 6 ayes.

The executive session ended at 8:40 a.m. with no official action taken.

10-27 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Wheeler seconded a motion TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.

Wayne Wright
Chairman

Cal Groen
Secretary