

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
March 25 2010
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Acting Director Sharon Kiefer ; Deputy Director Jim Unsworth; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General and Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant.

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, Budge and Power participating.

FISCAL

HB 641

Assistant Director Kiefer provided a legislative update to the Commission (Appendix 43, Exhibit 40).

HB 641 the Department budget passed the Senate 32 Aye, 2 Nay.

LEGISLATION

New Bill FYI

Senate Joint Resolution 102 – Constitutional amendment for disposal of state lands. SJR 102 has some of the same concepts the Department has proposed previously in a bill for Commission authority for land disposal.

Status of Previously Discussed Bills

HB 532a Conservation Permit was defeated in the House 25 Aye, 43 Nay. A transcript (see exhibit) of the debate was provided to the Commission.

HB531a Amends existing law relating to fish and game to provide for the confidentiality of certain fish and game records; to prohibit harassment, intimidation and threats relating to the lawful taking and control of fish and wildlife; and to clarify that certain prohibitions shall not apply to constitutionally protected activities.

HB531a has passed the Senate and is waiting the Governor's signature.

Assistant Director Kiefer referenced the bill status tables. Several of the new bills will require new rules in order to implement new law.

SCR 116 Classification of native reptiles did not move ahead. The Department will work with the sponsor of the bill whose concern was how the Department deals with the classification of rattlesnakes. The Department will look at alternatives to deal with rattlesnakes separately than other native reptiles.

MISCELLANEOUS

Consent Calendar

- January 27-29, 2010 Minutes

10-37 Commissioner Power moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion TO ACCEPT THE JANUARY 27-29, 2010 MINUTES AS PRESENTED. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Assistant Director Kiefer noted that this would be the last scheduled legislative conference call.

Adjournment

10-38 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED IN A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Gary Power
Acting Chairman

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Secretary