

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
February 3, 2011
Boise, Idaho**

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

Participating from the Magic Valley Regional, Regional Supervisor Jerome Hansen.

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, Budge, and Wheeler and Power participating.

LEGISLATION

Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director-Policy, updated the Commission on the following legislative matters.

Rules

Both the House and Senate Resource Committees have held their votes on the Department 11 rule dockets. One of the Department rule dockets was rejected by the House but passed in the Senate. The Department will move forward with the final implementation of the rules. The Legislative review process is complete.

A copy of House Concurrent Resolution 3 (Appendix 44, Exhibit 22) was provided to the Commission as information only.

Fish and Game Sponsored Bill/Analysis/Discussion

A print hearing was held yesterday in the House Resources and Conservation Committee for the Department legislative proposal to authorize the commission to implement a mentored hunt program. It was a successful print hearing and the proposal has a bill number HB85.

Special Auction tag RS 19980 C2. The C2 indicates a second modification which was completed last week after Commission direction to remove the new special auction bighorn sheep tag that was framed for residents only. RS19980 is still waiting for a print hearing. The department has not requested a print hearing due to the fact that we are still in discussion per commission guidance with the other legislative sponsor who has a special auction legislative proposal to see if we can come to common ground on a single bill.

Commissioner Wheeler left the meeting at 8:13 a.m.

New Bill Analysis/discussion

Senate Bill 1015 Provides that a motorized vehicle used solely as transportation shall not be prohibited.

Senate Bill 1016 Limits Commission authority to regulate motorized vehicles as an aid to hunting.

See Legislative Analysis sheet regarding SB 1015 and SB1016 (Appendix 44, Exhibit 22)

A joint House and Senate Resources Committee will be held February 7th. Commissioner Budge will testify at the hearing.

The Commission discussed their concerns with SB1015 and SB1016. There seems to be a lot of misunderstanding and confusion on what these bills mean among the sportsmen.

Commissioner Trevey states that he is hearing from his constituents that they are concerned with the erosion of Commission authority.

Other Legislative Activity

The Department has been invited to the Senate Agricultural Affairs Committee on February 8th to make a presentation about Department public wildlife programs.

MISCELLANEOUS

Executive Session

11-10 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion to hold an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 67-23451 (1) (f) to discuss pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote: **McDermott: aye; Trevey: aye; Barowsky: aye; Budge: aye; Wright aye; Power: aye. Vote tally: 6 ayes.**

11- 11 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m. with no official action taken.

Wayne Wright, M.D.
Chairman

Virgil Moore
Secretary