

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
March 24, 2011
Boise, Idaho**

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

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

LEGISLATION

Legislative Update

Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director-Policy, updated the Commission on the following legislative matters (Appendix 44, Exhibit 30)

Fish and Game Sponsored Bill/Analysis/Discussion

HB 85 authorizing the Commission to implement a mentored hunt program has been signed by the Governor and will go into effect July 1, 2011.

New Bill Analysis/Discussion

HB 231- Hunting- related aircraft use is in amending order. The Department is not sure what the amendment will look like but has given technical suggestions.

HB 247 - Special Auction tags is in amending order. The Commission does not support HB 247. The Department will continue to monitor.

HB 251 – Fish and Game budget appropriation has passed the House and is in the 3rd reading in the Senate.

HB 274 – Wolf prohibitions is in amending order. The Commission opposes HB 274. There are technical concerns with the bill. The Department will continue to monitor.

SB 1085 – Domestic Cervidae is being heard in the Senate today. The Commission 2006 Statement on Domestic Elk Farming will be part of the testimony. The Department will monitor.

The following bills are informational only.

HB 281 – Public Record provisions. The Department will monitor to understand.
SB 1179 – Specialty License Plate program restrictions. The IDFG license plates will be grandfathered in this bill if it passes.

Ms. Kiefer referenced the bill tracking tables please see exhibit for status of bills.

Director Groen expressed thanks to Sharon Kiefer for being well prepared for the Legislative session, Lance Hebdon for support, Mary Boyer for taking minutes, and the Commission for making time on Thursday mornings for the Legislative calls because it carries weight and makes a difference.

Acting Chairman McDermott stated that the Commission appreciates what the Director, Sharon Kiefer and staff have done in respect to the Legislature.

11-27 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion to hold an executive session pursuant to subsection (f) of Idaho Code Section 67-2345 to discuss pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote: Barowsky: aye; Power: aye; Trevey: aye; McDermott: aye; Wheeler: aye Budge: aye. Vote Tally: 6 ayes.

11-28 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Power seconded a motion to come out of executive session. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

The executive session ended at 9:07 a.m. with no action taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

Wayne Wright, M.D.
Chairman

Virgil Moore
Secretary