

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
April 7 2011
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Director Moore, Deputy ; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General;; Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director - Policy; Lance Hebdon, Inter-Governmental Policy Coordinator; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Jeff Gould, Chief, Wildlife; Jon Rachael, and Bonnie Butler, Governor's Office.

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 Power participating. Commissioner Wheeler was present in the Director's office.

MISCELLANEOUS

Agenda Changes

Chairman Wright stated that the agenda needed to be amended to add the 2011 Big Game Season Revision Panhandle Elk Tag A.

11-40 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a motion to amend the agenda and add an agenda item regarding the Panhandle Elk A-Tag 2011 Big Game Season. Roll Call Vote: **McDermott: aye; Trevey: aye; Barowsky: aye; Wheeler: aye; Wright aye; Power: aye; Wright: aye. Vote tally: 7 ayes.**

RULES

Jon Rachael, State Wildlife Manager, reported that there was confusion with the proposed changes in the Panhandle A tag seasons between the initial proposal, public input process and the final presentation to the Commission at the March 28-30, 2011 meeting. The change that the Panhandle is proposing is to change the archery season in Unit 6 only. In addition to the 2011 Big Game proposals that were adopted on March 29, 2011 is to add an additional season to the A-tag that would be:

- Archery – Only
- Antlered – Only
- Unit 6 – Only
- September 20 – September 30

11-41 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion to add to the Panhandle A-Tag, an Archery only, Antlered only hunt in, Unit 6, September 20 – September 30 hunt. The motion carried unanimously.

LEGISLATION

Legislative Update

Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director-Policy, updated the Commission on the following legislative matters (Appendix 44, Exhibit 41)

HB 247aa – Special Auction Tags as amended

Ms. Kiefer reported that the HB247aa had its hearing in the Senate Resource and Environment Committee and that bill was held in committee. Staff relayed the message that the Commission had not had an opportunity to review the amendments as a body and the Commission had no policy position to present but would offer technical comments.

The Commission will discuss this issue at their July meeting to determine if this would be a legislative item for the 2012 session. The Commission feels it is important that this concept be scoped with constituents and input from sportsmen in advance of the next legislative session.

HB 343 – Adds to and amends existing law relating to wolves to provide for declarations of emergency; to provide a procedure for issuance of Executive Orders and proclamations relating to certain disaster emergencies.

HB 343 passed in the Senate Resources and Environment Committee yesterday and is ready for Governor signature.

Ms. Kiefer reported that the bill tracking tables will be updated and mailed out next week since we are close to the end of the session.

MISCELLANEOUS

Director Moore reported that he participated in conference call with the FWS and the directors of Wyoming and Montana this week. Reports that the 10j proposal is moving forward and the public comment period should be complete in 2 weeks. It is hoped that a permit should be issued no later than May. The FWS is proceeding with a delisting for the Great Lakes area and that rule should be published late this year for delisting.

Adjournment

11- 42 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Tony McDermott
Chairman

Virgil Moore
Secretary