

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
January 23, 2014
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Virgil Moore, Director; Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director; Jim Unsworth, Deputy Director; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Jeff Gould, Wildlife Chief and Mike Keckler, Communications Chief.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Barowsky with Commissioners Brad Corkill, Fred Trevey, Mark Doerr, and Kenny Anderson participating. Commissioners Randy Budge and Will Naillon were absent.

LEGISLATION

Confirmation Update

Commissioners Brad Corkill, Panhandle Region and Mark Doerr, Magic Valley Region were unanimously approved by the Senate with no dissent on January 22, 2014.

Status of Fish and Game Rule Dockets in the Committees

The five pending rules have been heard by both the Senate Resources and Environment and the House Resources & Conservation Committees.

Fish and Game Sponsored Bill Analysis/Discussion

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer provided a status of Fish and Game sponsored bills and RS (Appendix 47, Exhibit 13).

Senate Bill 1207 - Amend Wildlife Special Plate legislation terms from "elk wildlife special plate" and "cutthroat wildlife special plate" to "animal wildlife special plate" and "fish wildlife special plate" to allow broader spectrum of designs to retain customer interest.

Bill will start in the Senate Transportation Committee.

Senate Bill 1216 - FY14 Supplemental Appropriation.

Senate Bill 1219 - Exempt duplicate licenses and tags from set-aside requirements because set-aside are met at the time of original purchase and revise the set-aside for the reduced fee Disabled Combination-Fishing License to be a value that is proportional to the Adult Combination License set-aside.

Senate Bill 1220 - Expand wildlife species covered by a reimbursable penalty of \$50 to all protected wildlife that is not otherwise identified in Idaho Code 36-1404.

House Bill 398 - Amends existing law to provide for discounted license fees, to authorize a discount in fees to encourage hunting, fishing and trapping, to encourage purchase of licenses in consecutive years and to encourage the purchase of multiple tags and permits.

House Bill 399 - Amends existing law to remove a prohibition relating to the hunting of big game by persons with a junior hunting license who are ten or eleven years of age and are accompanied in the field by an adult licensed to hunt in Idaho; to provide that a license may be issued to certain qualified persons who are nine years of age to allow the application for a controlled hunt big game tag; and to provide that persons with certain licenses shall be entitled to fish in the waters of the state for a period of three consecutive days in each license year.

RS 22427 - Increase resident fees in Idaho Code 36-416 and make other changes: Increase fees for all resident licenses, tags, and permits by about 20% to affect 2015 fees. There has not been a print hearing scheduled at this time.

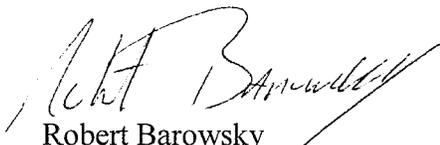
Department staff provided a Wolf Update to the Senate Resources and Environment Committee on January 22, 2014.

The House Resources and Conservation Committee is scheduled to hear a presentation on Elk Depredation by the Mayfield landowners on January 23, 2014. IDFG staff will attend.

Joint State Affairs Committees Negotiated Rulemaking Hearing is scheduled for January 30, 2014.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.


Robert Barowsky
Chairman


Virgil Moore
Secretary