

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
February 27, 2014
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Virgil Moore, Director; Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Jeff Gould, Wildlife Chief; Jon Rachael, State Wildlife Manager; Mike Keckler, Communications Chief; and Greg Wooten, Acting Enforcement 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, Randy Budge, Kenny Anderson, Will Naillon, and Mark Doerr participating.

LEGISLATION

Bill Status Discussion

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer provided a status update on previously reviewed and discussed bills (Appendix 47, Exhibit 18).

House Bill 399 – Lower age to hunt big game.

House passed. Senate Resources and Environment Committee hearing 2/26.

Staff will work on additional information requested from the Committee.

House Bill 398 – Expand Fish and Game Commission discount authority via Commission order.

House passed.

House Bill 467 – Provides that LAP controlled hunt permits may also be issued for bear and turkey and provides that wildlife subject to depredation hunts shall include bear and turkey.

House passed, Hearing 2/26 in Senate Resources and Environment Committee. Do Pass.

House Bill 468 – Amends existing law to provide that the definitions of “outfitter” and “guide” shall not apply to private landowners and their employees who provide facilities or services upon their own privately owned property. *House Resources and Conservation Committee “Do Pass*

Senate Bill 1219 – Exempt duplicate licenses and tags from license and tag set-aside requirements and revise amount of license set-aside for resident Disabled Combination-Fishing Licenses. *Awaiting bill hearing in Senate Resources and Environment.*

Senate Bill 1220 – Revise reimbursable penalty provision to include all wildlife classified protected by the Fish and Game Commission. *Held in House Resources and Conservation Committee at call of the chair.*

RS 22427 FG Fee Increase. *Awaiting print hearing in House Resources and Conservation Committee.*

Senate Bill 1276 – Revise provisions of qualified organization to apply for disabled American veteran special big game hunt tag. *Senate passed.*

Senate Bill 1278 - Revise provisions of nonresident disabled American veteran hunting license and tags. *Senate passed.*

House Bill 431 – Amends provisions for the testing for chronic wasting disease of certain domestic cervidae, provides for inventory and facility inspection of farms and ranches and revises fees. *Awaiting vote on Senate floor.*

House Bill 469 – Provides that the Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board shall not accept, process or approve any applications for outfitted or guided turkey or waterfowl hunting and unless licensed to do so prior to a certain date, a person may not outfit or guide turkey or waterfowl hunters for compensation, and codifies previous moratorium on outfitted turkey or waterfowl hunting. *Awaiting bill hearing in House Resources and Environment Committee.*

House Bill 470 – New version of House Bill 423 to establish a Wolf Control Fund and Wolf Depredation Control Board. *House passed.*

Deputy Attorney General Kathleen Trever explained that there is a limitation on executive department offices of not more than 20 departments. House Bill 470 will need to be amended and assigned to either an agency or to the Governor's office.

New Bill Analysis / Discussion

House Bill 539 is information only and no position is needed.

House Bill 539 – Adds to existing law to provide restrictions relating to the use of exploding targets, to provide that certain lessees may approve or prohibit the use of exploding targets on public lands that they lease, to provide for use of exploding targets on shooting ranges, to provide for liability.

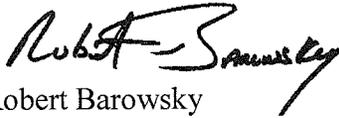
Other Discussion

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer reported that the Department has not received the PARF for a temporary rule to extend the trap check period for snares for wolf trapping from 72 hours to 8 days in certain geographic areas for the benefit of elk and other ungulate populations below Department objectives.

Commissioner Trevey stated that he spoke with Tony McDermott, Foundation for Wildlife Management and said that the Commission understands the groups concerns and recommendations. The Commission will evaluate on the long term rather than a short term that might have unintended consequences.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.



Robert Barowsky
Chairman



Virgil Moore
Secretary