

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission**  
**May 14-16, 2014**  
**Idaho Department of Fish and Game**  
**Clearwater Region**  
**3316 16<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Lewiston, Idaho**

**May 14**

**Commission Field Tour: Alliant Techsystems (ATK) and Redbird Canyon**

Commissioners Brad Corkill, Fred Trevey, Robert Barowsky, Mark Doerr, Randy Budge, Kenny Anderson and Will Naillon participated on the tours.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Public Hearing**

The public hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Robert Barowsky. He introduced Commissioners Brad Corkill, Fred Trevey, Mark Doerr, Randy Budge, Kenny Anderson and Will Naillon.

Director Virgil Moore and Department personnel were introduced and the hearing was opened for public comment.

Derrick Reeves, representing Idaho Chapter, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, spoke regarding regulating unmanned aerial vehicle systems (drones) in hunting (Appendix 47, Exhibit 32). Mr. Reeves would like for the Commission to clarify in the hunting regulations that unmanned aircraft are not permitted in Idaho hunting seasons or scouting during hunting season.

Suzanne Stone, Defenders of Wildlife, spoke regarding wolf management in the wilderness. Ms. Stone stated that science does not support the actions in the Frank Church Wilderness area. She referenced the Wood River Wolf Project (Appendix 47, Exhibit 33).

Written comment was received from Ed Lindahl, regarding data reporting; Rob Patuto regarding the April 18<sup>th</sup> letter published in the Lewiston Tribune titled *Poachers Kill More Than Wolves*; and SFW Board of Directors, regarding the Wildlife Summit and predator management (Appendix 47, Exhibit 34).

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**May 15**

**Opening Comments**

The Commission meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Barowsky. Commissioners Brad Corkill, Fred Trevey, Mark Doerr, Randy Budge, Kenny Anderson, Will Naillon and Commission Secretary Virgil Moore were present.

Chairman Barowsky expressed his thanks to the Clearwater staff for hosting the Commission meeting and to Commissioner Trevey for his work arranging the field tour of ATK.

### **Review of Public Comment**

The Commission discussed and reviewed the comments from the public hearing. Staff was directed to follow up with Mr. Reeves request regarding unmanned aircraft (drones). The Director will respond to Mr. Lindahl's letter.

### **Consent Calendar**

The Consent Calendar included the following items:

- Minutes February 6, 13, 20, 27, and March 6 and 13, 2014
- Financial Report

**14-35** Commissioner Budge moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to accept the minutes as presented in the consent calendar. All Commissioners voted in favor.

**14-36** Commissioner Doerr moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to accept the financial report as stated in the consent calendar. All Commissioners voted in favor.

## **RULES**

### **Season Setting: Chinook Salmon Fisheries and Update on Salmon Runs.**

Peter Hassemer, Anadromous Fish Manager, provided a 2014 Chinook Salmon fact sheet (Appendix 47, Exhibit 35) and presented the proposals (Appendix 47, Exhibit 36). Mr. Hassemer stated the opening date for the season is June 21, 2014. Daily bag limit is four (4) Chinook Salmon, only two (2) of which may be adult Chinook Salmon. Possession is twelve (12) Chinook salmon, only six (6) of which may be adult Chinook Salmon.

**14-37** Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Doerr seconded a motion to approve the proposed 2014 Chinook salmon fishing seasons for South Fork Salmon River and Upper Salmon River. All Commissioners voted in favor.

## **REPORT**

### **Lake Pend Oreille Research Update: Lake Trout Suppression and Kokanee Response**

Andy Dux, Fisheries Principle Research Biologist provided a report (Appendix 47, Exhibit 37) to the Commission. Lake trout were first stocked in Lake Pend Oreille in 1925 and remained at low

abundance for decades. However, by the early 1990's their abundance began to increase and was estimated to be doubling every 1.6 years by the mid-2000's. As lake trout abundance increased, kokanee (the primary food source for lake trout) suffered a marked decline and were in danger of complete collapse by 2005. A lake trout suppression program funded by the Avista Corporation and the Bonneville Power Administration was begun in 2006 to reduce predation pressure on kokanee and ultimately restore the kokanee fishery. Commercial fisherman from the Great Lakes were contracted to remove lake trout using proven netting methods. Additionally, an Angler Incentive Program (AIP) was undertaken to encourage anglers to harvest lake trout. Telemetry was used to follow lake trout ("Judas fish") to spawning areas in the lake and subsequently target fish at those locations with nets. During the first 8 years of suppression, the adult lake trout spawning stock was decreased by 82%. Reduced predation by lake trout allowed kokanee to rebound during this period, especially over the last three years. Kokanee spawners increased by about four fold from 2012 to 2013, and an even larger increase in spawner abundance is projected in 2014.

## **RULES**

### **Regulation Change on Lake Pend Oreille Kokanee**

Jeff Dillon, Fisheries State Manager, presented the proposal to the Commission.

Kokanee in Lake Pend Oreille historically provided a fishery that supported an annual harvest of over a million fish. Although kokanee numbers declined in the 1960's and 70's due to the loss of spawning habitat and the introduction of Mysis shrimp, the population still supported a high yield sport fishery and provided the forage base for trophy rainbow trout and bull trout. By 2000, it was evident that predation by an expanding lake trout population threatened to totally collapse the kokanee population and subsequently impact the rainbow fishery and bull trout population.

In response to continued declines, IDFG closed the kokanee fishery in 2000. In 2006, an aggressive lake trout suppression program using angler harvest and commercial netting gear was implemented. After eight years of suppression, over 170,000 lake trout have been removed resulting in an estimated 70-80% reduction in the lake trout population. Kokanee survival rates have improved, and the population has steadily grown since the low point in 2007. As a result of increases in kokanee survival and abundance, a harvest fishery was reopened in 2013 after a 13-year closure. A conservative limit of six kokanee per day was established as an exception to the Panhandle Region's general bag limit of 15 kokanee per day to provide additional time to evaluate the growth in the population.

Population survey results in 2013 were very encouraging. Over 1.2 million mature kokanee survived to spawn (about a four-fold increase from 2012) making it one of the highest spawner returns seen in the past 40 years. More importantly, the mature kokanee abundance in 2014 is expected to be even greater, with potentially two to three million spawners. Kokanee abundance is more than sufficient to support increased harvest likely to result from increasing the daily limit from 6 to 15 kokanee. A creel survey in 2014 and ongoing kokanee population monitoring will enable biologists to evaluate any potential impacts of the increased bag limit on the population.

**14-38** Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Naillon seconded a motion to approve the proposal to revise the season on Lake Pend Oreille to increase the daily kokanee bag limit from 6 fish to 15 fish, to be effective immediately. All Commissioners voted in favor.

## **REPORT**

### **Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation Report**

Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director presented the report for Ann Dehner, Executive Director.

- The Foundation's 2014 grants program is open, with a deadline for proposals set for May 30. Supported projects will include those that preserve or restore wildlife habitat and conservation education programs. The Foundation's Board will award a total of \$25,000 in grants at its August Board meeting.
- Wildlife license plate sales for three quarters of the fiscal year ending June 2014 show an increase in new plates sales over the same time last year: Cutthroat Trout plate up about 12%; Elk plate up 11% and Bluebird plate up 8%. Renewal rates for the same period were mixed: Elk plate renewals down about 3%, Bluebird renewals down about 1%, and Trout plate renewals down less than a percent. The gap in the renewal rate over last year appears to be narrowing, meaning that more people are renewing their Wildlife license plates. The Foundation continues to work with the Department on new marketing strategies. Summer billboard campaign promoting "Keep Idaho Wild!" begins May 19 and runs through Labor Day. Other marketing includes targeted print advertising and a new Website for the Wildlife License plates at [wildlifelicenseplates.com](http://wildlifelicenseplates.com).
- The Idaho Gives 2014 event, was held May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Foundation's staff continues to hold several discussions with Department personnel regarding potential distributions of its endowed and non-endowed funds for 2014, as well as discussions surrounding the potential creation of new funds for wetland mitigation and fundraising activities to benefit the Department.
- The next meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors will be held on August 17 in Sandpoint.

## **LEGISLATION**

### **Implementation of New Law**

Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director, presented the legislative bills for Commission approval.

### **Senate Bill 1278**

Senate Bill 1278 revised the eligibility requirements for nonresident disabled American veterans to receive reduced fee hunting license and deer, elk, bear, and turkey tags. The fee reduction was also modified.

Senate Bill 1278 provides the statutory authority for revision of Commission rule. Senate Bill 1278 results in deletion of certain Commission rules.

**14-39** Commissioner Budge moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to adopt the staff recommendation as proposed to amend IDAPA 13.01.04.302 to conform Senate Bill 1278. All Commissioners voted in favor.

### **Senate Bill 1276**

Senate Bill 1276 revised the definition of “qualified organization” eligible to apply for a Disabled Veterans Special Big Game Tag, adding 501 (c) (4) as an eligible IRS status for nonprofit organizations with a mission to afford opportunities, experiences and assistance to disabled veterans.

Senate Bill 1276 provides the statutory authority for change in Commission rule. The temporary and proposed rule is below; the rule also includes a clean-up to include a previous statutory change to add 501 (c) (19) as eligible IRS status.

There was direct communication from a veterans group to both the department and the legislature during the legislative session, resulting in legislative action.

**14-40** Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to adopt the staff recommendation to amend IDAP A 13.01.04.901.03a to conform to Senate Bill 1276. All Commissioners voted in favor.

### **House Bill 399**

House Bill 399 lowered the age to hunt big game to ten years of age, maintaining the current requirement that youth less than 12 must be accompanied in the field by a licensed adult.

House Bill 399 provides the statutory authority for revision of Commission rules. In addition, review of the relevant IDAPA chapters 2 and 8 revealed need for additional technical clean-up to comport with previous statutory changes (consolidation of youth licenses into the Junior license) and agency revision of Hunter Education coursework.

The Commission conducted public involvement for House Bill 399 July, 2013 through January, 2014. There was further opportunity for public involvement during the 2014 bill hearing.

**14-41** Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Doerr seconded a motion to adopt the staff recommendation as proposed to amend sections of IDAP A 13.01.02 and 13.0108 to comport to House Bill 399 and make technical corrections. All Commissioners voted in favor.

## **House Bill 467**

House Bill 467 added black bear and turkey to the Commission's discretionary authority to issue additional control hunt tags to landowners of property valuable for habitat or propagation purposes where general hunting tags are limited (program called the Landowner Appreciation Program,(LAP). House Bill 467 becomes effective July 1, 2014.

Although negotiated rulemaking is in progress for the LAP program for deer, elk, and pronghorn, staff believes that due to the limited nature of bear controlled hunt areas, adding black bear to existing LAP rules in the interim is a straightforward rule revision with limited scope regarding the number of landowners and bear hunters affected. This proposal demonstrates responsiveness to new law and enhances landowner relations. The Commission retains the policy flexibility to also direct staff to implement notice of intent to conduct negotiated rulemaking at a future date.

Staff is not proposing Commission action at this time to add turkey to the LAP program because the scope is much broader in terms of Controlled Hunt Areas, the number of tags, potential eligible landowners, eligible acreages, and interested sportsmen. Staff believes negotiated rulemaking is appropriate to craft a rule proposal and will publish a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Administrative Bulletin later this summer in order to avoid confusion with ongoing LAP negotiated rulemaking.

Adopting a temporary and proposed rule to add black bear to LAP would allow landowner registration in July for participation in late July LAP drawing for the fall controlled bear hunt. Action by the Commission establishing a LAP season for black bear would also be required in addition to rulemaking. Based on an additional ten percent of the number of controlled hunt black bear tags, there would be 20 tags released for the fall LAP black bear drawing and 16 tags released for the spring LAP black bear drawing. Staff estimates a pool of up to 61 potentially eligible landowners, based on current registrations for deer, elk, and pronghorn in the black bear controlled hunt areas proposed for LAP (Controlled Hunt Area 22 comprised of Units 22 and 31 and Controlled Hunt Area 32 comprised of Units 32 and 32A).

House Bill 467 provides the statutory authority for revisions of Commission rules and season setting via proclamation.

The Commission requested to table HB467 until agenda item # 15 has been presented.

## **FISCAL**

### **FY 16 Budget Direction**

Michael Pearson, Chief, Administration, reported that the Department has begun the planning process for preparation of the fiscal year 2016 budget request to be submitted to the Governor's Office by September 1. This presentation updated the Commission on the current financial status of the Department and discussion of revenue and expense expectations, and actions taken

to begin to bring the Department's budget in line with revenue as per Legislative Intent. Mr. Pearson reported that the JFAC Legislative intent (Appendix 47, Exhibit 38) is to have License appropriation = License revenue by FY16, by:

- Setting revenue projections based on last 3 years of actual, taking into account current and approved legislation,
- FY15 license appropriation within 105% of license revenue, and
- FY 16 revenue = license appropriation.

The Commission requests to have staff provide an agenda item at the July meeting to further discuss the FY16 budget, future budget of the Department and provide direction and define the role of the Commission.

## **REPORT**

### **Update on Turkey and Waterfowl Outfitting**

Mr. Knetter, Upland Game and Migratory Bird Coordinator, provided a brief update and summary on the history of turkey and waterfowl outfitting (Appendix 47, Exhibit 39).

Mr. Cadwallader, Regional Supervisor, reported that the region has received its first application for turkey outfitting on public lands. The application is asking for 30 hunters with a two bag limit. The Forest Service also received a copy of the application. Mr. Cadwallader is asking for direction to help guide future comments on outfitted turkey and waterfowl hunting.

Chairman Barowsky noted that the Commission policy is to oppose any outfitting for turkey and waterfowl, and upland game on public lands or waterways. Consensus is to stay the same status quo.

The Commission expressed their thanks to Alex Irby former Commissioner and Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board Liaison.

George Pauley, Wildlife Regional Manager, was introduced by Dave Cadwallder.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Election of Commission Chair and Vice Chair**

**14-42** Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to appoint Fred Trevey as Chairman. The motion carried unanimously.

**14-43** Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to appoint Mark Doerr as Vice-Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Appointment of Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board (IOGLB) Liaison**

**14-44** Commissioner Budge moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to appoint Robert Barowsky as the representative for the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board. All Commissioners voted in favor.

## FISCAL

### Discount Nonresident Leftover Deer Tags Sold as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Tag, Revenue Discussion

Jeff Gould, Chief, Wildlife, reported that staff is working on proposals to raise revenue for the Department. One proposal that is being discussed is to discount nonresident deer tags sold as a second tag.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission establishes a nonresident tag quota through Rule IDAPA 13.01.04.600) that limits the number of nonresident elk and deer tags sold in Idaho each year. This quota has remained at approximately 12,815 nonresident elk and 15,500 nonresident deer tags since 1990. The last time Idaho sold all of the nonresident elk and deer tags in the quota was 2008.

Any nonresident elk or deer tags remaining in the statewide quota after August 1 may be sold to residents and nonresidents as a second tag, at the nonresident elk or deer tag price. There are an increasing number of residents and nonresidents purchasing a second tag during the past two years.

Price discounting is a marketing tool that may encourage hunters and anglers to purchase more frequently or a higher volume of license, tags, and /or permits per individual or family.

Staff will continue to analyze pricing options for deer and elk tags sold to both residents and nonresidents as a second tag. And provide final recommendation to the Commission in June or July for potential action. Discounts would begin in August 2014 for the 2014 big game hunting season.

**14- 45** Commissioner Budge moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion directing staff to develop a discounting proposal for further consideration and bring a proposal back to the Commission. All Commissioners voted in favor.

### Revise Super Hunt Application Fees, Revenue Discussion

The Special Control Hunt Program is established by Rule (IDAPA 13.01.08) and offers forty (40) big game tags through a random lottery draw process. Revenue generated from the program provides partial funding for Access Yes.

Lottery applications are sold for individual species (Super Hunt tags-10 deer, 10 elk, 10 pronghorn, 2 moose tags) and for combined species (Super Hunt Combo-there are 2 tag packages that bundle 1 deer, 1 elk, 1 pronghorn, and 1 moose tag per package).

The current fee structure was approved in 2008 and involved discounting to stimulate sales. It is as follows:

Super Hunt Application Fee: First application cost is \$6.00 (\$4.25 application fee, \$1.75 vendor fee); additional applications cost \$4.00 each.

Super Hunt Combo Application Fee: First application cost is \$20.00 (\$18.25 application fee, \$1.75 vendor fee); all additional applications cost \$16.00 each.

Although nonresident license, tag, and other fees increased in 2009, the Commission has not modified either the resident or nonresident fee structure for Super Hunt & Combo applications.

The staff recommendation is to update the pricing structure with careful consideration of discounting options. Set the resident application fees to \$6.25 for each Super Hunt application (equivalent to resident controlled hunt application fee) and \$25.00 for each Super Hunt Combo application. Additionally, continue to offer the nonresident application fee at the same price as the resident. Consider discount options and evaluate revenue implications. The new fee structure would begin August 10, 2014, when applications are available for the 2015 big game hunting season.

**14-46** Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Doerr seconded a motion to direct staff to further evaluate a new price structure and provide final recommendation to the Commission in June or July for action. All Commissioners voted in favor.

## **REPORT**

### **Hunter Education Instructor of the Year Award**

Bill Seybold, Volunteer Service Coordinator, introduced Jerry Bateman.

Jerry taught 9 hunter education courses during 2013 and certified 146 total students. During 2013, he worked with 19 assistant instructors and youth volunteers.

Jerry is keenly focused on encouraging youth hunter and hunter education programs and following their progress as they mature through the stages of hunting. Each year, he personally mentors several young or first-time hunters in the field and he keeps in touch with them as they begin hunting on their own or with others. He also strongly encourages interested youths to join the hunter education program. Jerry also has developed and constructed many pieces of equipment that all instructors in our region can use for their hunter education classes.

Jerry is a gem amid a pile of very capable and highly polished rocks. Working with instructors like Jerry make the job of coordinating hunter education a pleasure. Region 2 has many excellent instructors on the roster, but few share the level of enthusiasm and motivation of Jerry.

Jerry touches all the bases when teaching: hear, see, and do. He tells the students how to do something and then he demonstrates how to do it. Finally, he lets them do it and makes corrections.

## **RULES**

### **Rules: Shooting Hours on WMAS's With Pheasant Stocking**

Jeff Knetter, Upland Game and Migratory Bird Coordinator, presented the proposal.

Shooting hours for upland game birds appear in Idaho Administrative Code (13.01.09.300.01). In 2012, this rule was modified to restrict hunting upland game birds before 10 a.m. on Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) where upland game birds are stocked. This was done for three reasons: 1) to address human safety concerns where employees/volunteers stocking upland game birds and vehicles were sprayed with shotgun pellets, 2) to help further distribute stocked upland game birds, and 3) to reduce conflict between waterfowl hunters and upland game bird hunters using the same property.

The Department recommends a modification to the rule that pertains to the taking of upland game birds, so the Commission may designate shooting hours on WMAs where upland game birds are stocked by proclamation.

**14-47** Commissioner Budge moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to adopt staff recommendation on establishing shooting hours on WMAs. All Commissioners voted in favor.

### **Nonbiological Rules Update**

Jeff Gould, Chief, Wildlife, reported that the Department is advancing two nonbiological rule proposals 1) Land Owner Appreciation Program and 2) Natural Bear Bait, through the negotiated rulemaking process. The Department will be holding public meetings to discuss the two proposed rule changes and the public comments received during the January 2014 comment period. Mr. Gould referenced the draft LAP rule proposal (Appendix 47, Exhibit 40). The LAP meetings will focus on potential program revisions based on public comments received.

The public meeting on natural bear bait proposal was held in Idaho Falls on May 12 with 80 individuals attending. The meeting focused on the background, rationale, clarifications based on prior comments, and potential options that may be considered. The comments and input received from the May 12 public meeting was reviewed by the Commission. In general, bear hunters did not support any aspect of the natural bear bait proposal and wanted no change to existing bear bait rules. The Commission determined that negotiated rulemaking was not feasible, there is no room for negotiation among the bear baiters, and there is no reason to move forward on rulemaking at this time. Staff will take appropriate steps to withdraw the rule from the negotiated rulemaking process.

The Department is preparing to undertake negotiated rulemaking for a rule proposal involving modifying unlimited control hunts. This proposal will allow the Commission to designate (through proclamation) specific unlimited controlled hunts that would be restricted to first choice

only applications in the controlled hunt process. See (Appendix 47, Exhibit 41). A Notice of Intent will be filed on June 6, 2014.

## **LEGISLATION**

### **Implementation of House Bill 467**

**14-48** Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to defer the staff recommendation as proposed to amend IDAPA 13.01.01 to add black bear to the Landowner Appreciation Program. All Commissioners voted in favor.

## **MANAGEMENT PLANS**

### **Draft Wolverine Conservation Plan Update**

Beth Waterbury, Regional Wildlife Biologist, provided a draft copy of the plan (Appendix 47, Exhibit 42) and updated the Commission.

The wolverine is a rare carnivore of the weasel family known for large home ranges, low densities, and long-distance movements. Wolverines inhabit remote areas near timberline defined by spring snow cover and cool summer temperatures. The Rocky Mountains of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, and the north Cascade Range of Washington represent the southernmost extent of current wolverine range in North America. In Idaho, the wolverine is classified as a protected nongame animal and Species of Greatest Conservation Need.

In February 2013, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposed to list the contiguous U.S. Distinct Population Segment of North American wolverine as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, citing the primary threat of habitat and range loss due to climate change. Pre-dating this action, the Department initiated a conservation planning effort to proactively lead state efforts to ensure the long-term persistence of wolverine populations in Idaho with the intent of avoiding species decline, costly ESA listing and recovery efforts, and associated land use prohibitions. Over the past year, the Department, in coordination with the Governor's Office of Species Conservation, has continued its engagement in listing deliberations while developing the Idaho Wolverine Conservation Plan (Plan). The Service twice reopened comment periods on the proposed rule to resolve state, public, and peer reviewer disagreements related to future climate impacts on wolverines and expects to make a final listing decision by August 4, 2014.

Public and Commission review of the Plan is timed to provide the Service with an approved final Plan prior to the August 4 decision date. The draft Plan will be previewed to the Commission on May 15, 2014, prior to opening a 21-day public comment period beginning May 19. The Department will request Commission review and action to approve the final draft Plan at their July 10 meeting in Salmon.

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission is charged with administering state wildlife policy through supervision and management of IDFG. Idaho Code 67-1903 requires state agencies to

develop strategic plans expressing how they will meet core mission requirements. Plans must identify outcome based goals and performance measures. The current IDFG strategic plan, The Compass, calls for the development of “action plans” that describe programs, projects, and activities necessary to meet strategic plan goals. The Idaho Wolverine Conservation Plan tiers to The Compass, functioning as the action plan for wolverine management in the state. Maintaining state-led management authority for wildlife by preventing species from becoming listed under the ESA remains a top priority for the Department.

The Department will open a 21-day comment period on May 19 to include statewide news releases, direct outreach to constituents, and an online chat.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Award to Dave Cadwallader**

Regional Supervisor Dave Cadwallader was honored for his 34 years of service with Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Cadwallader will be retiring this month.

## **REPORTS**

### **Director’s Report**

- Director Moore reported that the In-Service Training School (ISTS) is scheduled for May 20-21 in Boise and all Commissioners are invited to attend.
- The Department has initiated raven control to benefit sage-grouse, as directed by the Idaho Legislature in Senate Bill 1171. The Department has received a permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to remove ravens at three study sites in southern Idaho.

The Director’s report stands as written.

### **Commissioner Reports**

Magic Valley Region, Mark Doerr

- Several youth fishing projects ongoing in the region.

Panhandle Region, Brad Corkill

- Grizzly bear reported in Montana near the Idaho/Montana border between St. Regis and Missoula.
- Renovation of the Rose Lake access site has been delayed until early fall.

Clearwater Region, Fred Trevey

- Fishing forecast is good.

Upper Snake Region, Kenny Anderson

- The public meeting on natural bear bait proposal was held in Idaho Falls on May 12 with 80 individuals attending

- Construction at the Marty Property.

Southeast Region, Randy Budge

- This is the 40<sup>th</sup> meeting as Commissioner for the Southeast Region and worked with 3 directors.

Southwest Region, Bob Barowsky

- Deer fawn survival rate in Unit 39 has been good.
- Volunteer program with BSU students is wrapping up and has been a huge success.
- This spring 140 volunteers planted over 5100 plants within the Pony Fire area.

Commissioner Reports stand as written (Appendix 47, Exhibit43).

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Passing of the Gavel to Chairman Fred Trevey**

Chairman Fred Trevey appoints subcommittee to address Budget/OPS Team discussion, Mark Doerr and Will Naillon; and Kenny Anderson to work with staff and develop orientation strategy for new commissioners.

Chairman Trevey discussed his focus areas:

1. Improve process for developing the Director's performance and pay criteria.
2. Continue to build relationship with Legislature and the Governor's office.
3. Provide more opportunity for Commission discussion at our meetings.

### **Executive Session**

**14-49** Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded a motion to hold an executive session pursuant of subsections (c) of Idaho Code Section 67-2345 to discuss lands. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Kenny Anderson, Brad Corkill, Mark Doerr, Will Naillon, Fred Trevey, Randy Budge and Bob Barowsky.

**14-50** Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Barowsky seconded a motion to come out of executive session. All Commissioners voted in favor.

The executive session ended at 5:00 p.m. with no official action taken.

Fred Trevey  
Chairman

Virgil Moore  
Secretary