

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
February 12, 2015
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Virgil Moore, Sharon Kiefer, Mike Keckler, Dallas Burkhalter, Greg Wooten, Ed Schriever, Jeff Gould and Mary Boyer.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fred Trevey with Commissioners Brad Corkill, Blake Fischer, Mark Doerr, Lane Clezie, Kenny Anderson and Will Naillon participating.

LEGISLATION

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer presented a legislative update (Appendix 48, Exhibit 16) to the Commission.

FY15 Budget Supplemental

Senate Bill 1013 FY 15 supplemental is one of two supplementals.

The JFAC budget setting for FY16 will be held on February 27th.

Fish and Game Sponsored Bill Analysis/Discussion/Action for Policy Position

House Bill 32 - Amends existing law to revise fee provisions and to provide for certain fees. The bill is held at the call of the chair. Staff is working on potential language to address concerns from committee members. The Department may seek a new RS.

Senate Bill 1020 is awaiting debate on the Senate floor.

Ongoing Bill Analysis for Discussion/Action for Policy Position

HB 31 - Makes a technical correction to reimbursable penalty for illegal kill, possession, or waste of certain big game species defined as trophy. Has passed the house committee and is awaiting a hearing in the Senate Resources & Environment Committee. The Commission supports HB31.

HB 44 The Department will continue to monitor. The bill has passed the house and will be heard in the Transportation Committee this afternoon.

HB 51 The Department will continue to monitor. There are several conflicts that conflict with agency authorities. The bill was heard in the House Resources and Conservation Committee and will be sent to the amending order. Representative Gibbs asked for an Attorney General opinion.

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer will follow up with Representative Shepard who is the sponsor for the HB 51.

SB1031 passed in the Senate Resources and Environment Committee and will be sent to the Senate floor.

House Joint Memorial 2 has passed in the State Affairs Committee.

New Bill Analysis/Discussion/Action for Policy Position

House Bill 103 Amends existing law to reclassify certain violations as infractions and to provide for penalties.

Current Law/Background: The Legislature, Criminal Justice Commission, counties, and cities have been studying the costs of state's public defender system for relatively low level crimes. Many FG violations are misdemeanors and the penalty includes potential jail time, which means that the judge must appoint a public defender. This work is part of a national trend; a report from the National Legal Aid and Defender Association in 2010 found that public defenders' caseloads are too high and some defendants didn't meet their lawyers until entering the courtroom.

15-11 Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to support House Bill 103. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Other Discussion

Sportsmen are concerned with the agricultural administrative rule to allow importation of elk from areas where the meningeal worm has been identified. The Senate Agricultural Committee will vote today on the rule.

The Department continues to work on Representative Simpson proposal for the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act.

Director Moore reported that he has been meeting this week and last with Senators and Representatives regarding the Department fee bill.

Adjournment



Fred Trevey
Chairman



Virgil Moore
Secretary