

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
February 26, 2015
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Virgil Moore, Sharon Kiefer, Mike Keckler, Dallas Burkhalter, Kathleen Trever, Ed Schriever, Greg Wooten, Jeff Gould, Brad Compton, Anna Owsiak, Jon Rachael, Hollie Miyasaki and Mary Boyer. Toby Boudreau participated from the Region 4 regional office.

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, Kenny Anderson and Will Naillon participating. Lane Clezie was excused.

LEGISLATION

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer presented a legislative update (Appendix 48, Exhibit 18) to the Commission.

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

House Bill 32 the fee increase legislation is still being held at the request of the Department. Commission discussion followed on how to best move forward with HB32. Chairman Trevey, Vice Chairman Doerr and Director Moore will schedule meetings with both chairs of the House Resource and Senate Environmental Committees.

Senate Bill 1020 that remove set-asides from duplicate license and tag revenue passed in the Senate committee and is waiting for approval on the House floor.

Ongoing Bill Analysis for Discussion/Action for Policy Position

Ms. Kiefer referenced House and Senate bill status tables (see Exhibit 18).

New Bill Analysis for Discussion/Action for Policy Position

Senate Bill 1090

Amends existing law to clarify provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons. The Department will continue to answer technical questions on the bill.

RULES

Adopt Season and Rules for Spring LAP Bear Hunt (Action)

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).

Staff is recommending the Commission adopt a temporary rule establishing an application period of March 1- 15 for the 2015 LAP spring black bear season.

The Commission took no action on this item.

Other Discussion

The confirmation hearing for Bob Barowsky, IOGLB, and liaison for the Commission was last week and is waiting on senate vote. Commissioner Fischer attended on behalf of the Commission.

Discussion regarding a draft letter to the congressional delegation related to Representative Simpson's wilderness bill.

Adjourn



Fred Trevey
Chairman



Virgil Moore
Secretary