

Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – October 1, 2015
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Conference Call
Director's Office
Boise, Idaho

Present in the Director's Office: Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer, Dallas Burkhalter, Gregg Servheen, Jeff Gould, Mike Keckler 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 Mark Doerr with Commissioners Dan Blanco, Blake Fischer, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon participating. Commissioner Brad Corkill was absent.

LANDS

Walker Acquisition

Gregg Servheen, Wildlife Program Coordinator, reported that this 760-acre property is located on the Bear River approximately 5 miles northwest from the town of Georgetown, ID and borders the existing Georgetown WMA. The Department proposes acquiring fee-title of the property to preserve winter habitat, a wildlife travel corridor and to provide calving, fawning, and nesting habitat in the riparian corridor and mountain brush communities. Additional benefits would include improved nesting cover for waterfowl and upland game, and opportunity to improve stream habitat in the Bear River. This property includes approximately 2 miles of the Bear River and also adjoins the recently acquired McCammon (2007) and RMEF (2012) properties.

The property is currently dryland grazing and agricultural land, and has a 4 CFS water right.

This property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in November of 2013.

Originally intended to be purchased using mitigation monies from PacificCorp (Bear River) and Bonneville Power Administration (Southern Idaho Wildlife MOA) for a total of \$891,000; \$446,664 of IDFG license monies will replace BPA monies in order for IDFG to close on the property within the schedule outlined in the existing purchase and sale agreement with the landowners. Subsequent to closing, IDFG will seek reimbursement for the capital costs plus stewardship monies for perpetual operation and management of the property from BPA as outlined in the 2014 MOA.

Staff Recommendation: Recommend allowing the change of funding in order to meet signed purchase and sale agreement schedule rather than risk a delay in closing related to BPA funding requirements, the need for a new purchase and sale agreement and the landowners declining to sell to IDFG because of complications and delays.

15-69 Commissioner Clezie moved and Commissioner Naillon seconded a motion to proceed with the acquisition of the Walker property as presented by the Department with funding for the acquisition to be provided from IDFG license monies and Bear River Mitigation funds and the Department shall pursue reimbursement of the license monies and funding for stewardship of the property from Bonneville Power Administration consistent with the Southern Idaho Wildlife Mitigation Memorandum of Agreement. All Commissioners voted in favor.

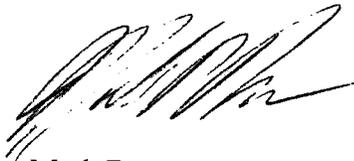
MISCELLANEOUS

Planning for Next Meeting

Chairman Doerr and Commissioners discussed items for the November meeting to include a field trip on November 18th.

Adjournment

The call ended at 2:10 p.m.



Mark Doerr
Chairman



Virgil Moore
Secretary