

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Annual Meeting – January 27-28, 2016
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Boise, Idaho**

January 27

Chairman Doerr called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Commissioners Brad Corkill, Dan Blanco, Blake Fischer, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon were present.

16-04 Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to add an Agenda item to discuss and consider the age eligibility for Youth General Turkey hunts. This agenda item was not included in the original agenda because the issue was discovered during review of the draft Upland Game Seasons Brochure which goes to print tomorrow. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RULES

Eligibility Age for General Youth Turkey Hunt

Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director presented the recommendation (Appendix 49, Exhibit 2).

IDAPA Rule identifies a specific age for youth-only Controlled Turkey Hunts (ages 10-15).

IDAPA Rule does not identify a specific age for General Spring Youth Turkey Hunts. In the absence of rule, Idaho Statute is the guiding authority and we defer to the relevant license class. Hunters between ten (10) and seventeen (17) are eligible for:

1. Resident Junior Hunting License and Turkey Tag
 - a. All youth younger than twelve (12) must be accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt in Idaho.
2. Nonresident Junior Mentored Hunting License and Turkey Tag
 - a. All youth younger than eighteen (18) must be accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt in Idaho.

Idaho Code authorizes these license holders to participate in General Spring Youth Turkey hunts when accompanied by an adult licensed to hunt in Idaho.

The Seasons and Rules booklet has applied the age restriction for youth-only Controlled Turkey Hunts (ages 10-15) to General Spring Youth Turkey Hunts in error.

Commission action will correct this error in the Seasons and Rules.

This action will provide more opportunity for General Spring Youth Turkey Hunts, and will not impact current youth-only Controlled Turkey Hunts.

The Department intends to propose additional rule changes that will standardize youth-only hunt ages at a future Commission meeting (May 2016).

16-05 Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Fischer seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendation. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discuss Items for Commission Meeting & Confirmation Hearings

Commissioners and staff discussed items in preparation for the confirmation hearings for Commissioners Dan Blanco and Derick Attebury.

Public Meeting

Chairman Doerr called the meeting to order and welcomed the public. Commissioners Brad Corkill, Dan Blanco, Blake Fischer, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon were present. Chairman Doerr reviewed the ground rules for the meeting and stated that the Commission and Department staff would be available after the meet to answer questions. Director Moore introduced staff.

The following individuals provided public comment:

Jay Stark, Ron Marquart, Pam Conley, Danielle Solberg, John Robison representing ICL, Dr. Karen Balch, Suzanne Stone, Bob Minter, Olin Balch, Bruce Monk, Ian Malepeai, and Tom Demorest. Written comment received from Jim Hagedorn (Appendix 49, Exhibit 3).

January 28

MISCELLANEOUS

Breakfast with Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus

Commissioners Brad Corkill, Dan Blanco, Blake Fischer, Mark Doerr, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon attended the breakfast.

Posting of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game Honor Guard presented the colors. Members presenting: Brian Flatter, Meghan Roos, Nathan Stohosky and Dan Kelsey.

Opening Comments

The Commission convened at 8:45 a.m. with Commissioners Doerr, Naillon, Corkill, Blanco, Fischer, Clezie and Attebury present.

Agenda Changes

Director Moore noted that there would be an additional recognition award relative to the Wild Sheep Foundation presented after the Shikar-Safari Award at 4:30 p.m.

Review of Public Comment

Chairman Doerr requested for Director Moore to start the discussion on the review of public comment. Director Moore noted that 12 people testified. Eight of those comments were related to wilderness issues, predominately on wolf collaring and what wilderness is and is not. There is no action for any of these comments as the matter is under judicial review.

Tom Demorest, Diamond D Ranch suggestion for Unit 27 for a 4 point or better for elk and consideration for an extension of the 3 point mule deer for the entire season. These comments will be considered for future scoping for big game season setting.

Ian Malepeai, Back Country Hunters and Anglers, comments relative to exclusive recreational use leases of endowment lands. A presentation will be given in agenda item #10.

Suggestion to allow university students to purchase resident hunting licenses for a better recruitment of youth. Regional Supervisor Chip Corsi will follow up on this suggestion.

Concern and comments asking if the Department has a moose plan. The Department will follow up with Bob Minter on this item.

Jay Stark comments regarding rule dockets for the Department. Department staff reviewed the process with Mr. Stark.

Chairman Doerr noted comments heard regarding wolf education. Staff will follow up to clarify.

Commissioner Fischer noted comments regarding Loon Creek Sheep Hunt Area for season setting for 2017.

Consent Calendar

The consent calendar included the following items:

- Minutes November 18-19 and December 14, 2015
- Financial Report ending

16-06 Commissioner Blanco moved and Commissioner Clezie seconded a motion to accept the minutes listed in the consent calendar. All Commissioners voted in favor.

16-07 Commissioner Clezie moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to accept the financial report through December 31, 2015. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS

Winter Feeding Advisory Committee Appointments

Jon Rachael, State Wildlife Manager reported that the Regional Winter Feeding Advisory Committees (WFAC) were established following passage of Senate Bill 1406 in 1994. Committees are charged with assisting the Department in implementing the Commission's Emergency Big Game Feeding Policy. Committees exist in regions where emergency winter feeding occurred periodically in the past (Southwest, Magic Valley, Southeast, Upper Snake, and Salmon regions). Feeding last occurred in the Salmon Region in the Stanley area in 1998. No WFACs have been established in the Panhandle or Clearwater regions. Committee members are appointed by unanimous vote of the Commission with appointments lasting 2 years.

Mr. Rachael provided a Winter Feeding Status Report by Region (Appendix 49, Exhibit 4).

16-08 Commissioner Attebury moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to adopt staff recommendations on Winter Feeding Advisory Committee. All Commissioners voted in favor.

RULES

Season Setting: Take of Peregrine Falcons

Colleen Moulton, Staff Biologist, Wildlife, reported that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) delisted the American Peregrine Falcon in 1999 and subsequently authorized the take of nestling peregrines from the wild for use in falconry in 2004. In 2008, the Service decided to also allow capture of post-fledging first-year peregrines, known as hatch year or "passage" birds. Federal regulations governing falconry authorize States to manage the take of peregrines from the wild for falconry not to exceed 5% of annual production. In 2013, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission adopted regulations allowing the take of peregrine falcons for falconry for the first time in more than 40 years. Seasons were set for 2013 through 2015, during which time Idaho falconers harvested four peregrines (capture limit of two birds per season). Other western States currently allowing peregrine take for falconry include Montana, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona.

Department surveys conducted in 2015 indicate that Idaho currently has 58 known (active or historical) peregrine territories. Seven new territories were discovered between 2012 (the previous complete survey) and 2015. One-third (18) of the State's territories occur in the Salmon Region alone. Eighteen pairs successfully produced 44 young. Under the federal framework authorizing take not to exceed 5% of annual production, 44 young allows the take of two birds per season in Idaho—the same limit as the previous set of seasons.

Staff recommendation is to renew regulations to continue regulated take seasons for 2016–2018 for wild-caught peregrine falcons (Appendix 49, Exhibit 5).

16-09 Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to approve the Departments recommendation to authorize the take of up to two peregrine falcons from the wild for falconry purposes during the 2016-2018 seasons as proposed. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bighorn Sheep Tag Refund

Deputy Director Ed Schriever stated that Mr. Jeff Kiem's request for a BHS rain check died for lack of a motion at the November 2015 commission meeting. Subsequent to a lack of action by the Commission, Mr. Kiem requested consideration for a refund of \$2,101.75 for the BHS tag.

Chairman Doerr asks for a motion.

Chairman Doerr stated that in the absence of a motion the request for a refund is denied.

MANAGEMENT PLAN

2016 – 2025 American White Pelican Plan

Jeff Dillon and Rex Sallabanks presented.

The Wildlife and Fisheries bureaus have collaborated to update the Management Plan for the Conservation of American White Pelicans in Idaho. This plan addresses the need to conserve pelicans in Idaho and reduce pelican predation impacts on important native fish and recreational fisheries. The previous Commission-approved plan (2009-2013) has lapsed, and significant new information is now available to update statewide and regional objectives. Pelican distribution and abundance in southern Idaho has increased since the 1990s, and predation on native cutthroat trout and hatchery trout results in conflicts with fisheries management goals in some locations. The draft plan proposes to maintain 2,800 breeding pelicans distributed among three nesting colonies in southern and eastern Idaho. The most recent 5-year average of breeding birds is 5,672. The plan proposes actions to identify and address predation conflicts using a variety of approaches such as hazing and nesting colony management.

The Department proposes to release the draft Management Plan (Appendix 49, Exhibit 6) for the Conservation of American White Pelicans in Idaho for a 30-day public comment period, after which the plan will be submitted for final Commission approval.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the release of the draft Management Plan for the Conservation of American White Pelicans in Idaho for public review and comment.

16-10 Commissioner Clezie moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to approve the staff recommendation to release the draft Management Plan for the Conservation of American White Pelicans in Idaho for public review and comment. All Commissioners voted in favor.

REPORT

Grizzly Bear Update

Jeff Gould, Chief, Wildlife, provided an update and that this item is for information only and no action.

The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee (IGBC), consisting of various federal and state wildlife and land management agencies, along with other experts, agree that grizzly bears are recovered in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA). GYA grizzly bears were delisted in 2007, but a federal judge ordered re-listing due to a procedural flaw.

In 2007, one federal recovery goal was a minimum population of 500 bears to ensure genetic health because of isolation from other populations. A second recovery goal ensured distribution of bears across the recovery zone, and a third goal set mortality limits.

The IGBC acknowledges suitable bear habitat is at capacity, and it is no longer appropriate to manage for a stable to increasing bear population. The growth rate slowed between 2002-2011 compared to 1983-2001, and bear distribution has increased within the GYA. In 2013 the Service proposed changes to the first and third recovery criteria because “they no longer represented the best scientific data or the best technique to assess recovery of the grizzly bear population,” but did not finalize proposed amendments.

In December 2015, Directors of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming fish and game agencies sent a letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director to press forward with delisting. The state directors also drafted a Memorandum of Agreement to submit to their respective commissions for approval in support of delisting. The draft MOA defines a process for coordinating management and allocation of discretionary mortality of GYA grizzly bears. The draft MOA framework applies lower mortality limits at lower population levels and increased flexibility with higher grizzly populations. States would maintain a grizzly bear population consistent with the long-term average and associated confidence intervals estimated during the period of 2002-2014.

After delisting, state agencies will be fully responsible for Yellowstone grizzly bear management, including the potential for limited hunting.

LEGISLATION

Legislative Update

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer provided a legislative update about legislative activity since initiation of the 2016 Legislature on January 11 that was not previously covered during the January 21 conference call.

Bill tracking tables (Appendix 49, Exhibit 7) were provided to the Commissioners and will be posted on the Website. The tables are a tool to keep the Commission informed of bill status and Commission positions taken.

RS24141 to increase reimbursable damage penalties. The RS was heard and has a bill number SB 1226 but the Department has not received a copy of the bill. The Commission desire is to see

the bill before taking a position statement on the bill. SB 1226 will be discussed on the February 4 conference call.

Rules Review heard in the House Resources and Conservation Committee. All dockets were approved with the exception of:

- Docket No. 13-0116-1501 Proposed. IDAPA 13.01.16 – The Trapping of Predatory and Unprotected Wildlife and the Taking of Furbearing Animals. The proposed rule would establish a mandatory trapper education class, the class length, and the required subject matter to be covered.

The rule docket for the trapping of predatory and unprotected wildlife and the taking of furbearing animals has not been heard in the Senate and Resources Committee at this time.

The Department is working with Representative Youngblood to amend existing law to clarify that the Fish and Game Commission shall have the authority to prescribe and administer education programs in trapping

HB 378 Amends existing law to clarify that the Fish and Game Commission shall prescribe and administer education programs in trapping.

16-11 Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to support HB378. All Commissioners voted in favor.

REPORTS

Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Ann Dehner, Executive Director provided the report.

- The Foundation has launched its new Website, www.IFWF.org. The site includes new pathways for increasing donations from the public, such as “Support a Project,” “Host a Fundraiser” and “Leave a Legacy.” The Foundation will be working closely with the Department to coordinate and identify priority projects to be promoted on the Foundation’s website.
- The Foundation’s competitive grants cycle for 2016 will be announced in early February. The Foundation will award grants to IDFG and nonprofits with similar missions for habitat restoration and conservation education projects. Deadline is May 1 and grants will be awarded in August.
 - In addition to its competitive grants program, the Foundation also holds various restricted endowed and non-endowed funds that are available for Department projects throughout the year. For example, a total of over \$95,000 from endowment earnings are available for various uses in 2016.

- The Foundation completed its fiscal year in December and will begin its annual audit in February. The annual report should be available upon approval by the Board of Directors at its May meeting.
- The next meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors will be held in Boise on Saturday, January 30, 2016.

Spring / Summer Chinook Salmon 2016 Return Forecast

Peter Hassemer, Anadromous Fish Manager, presented the spring/summer 2016 chinooks salmon forecast. He reported the projected 2016 return to the Columbia River mouth of 188,000 upriver spring Chinook salmon, of which 101,000 would be destined for the Snake River (Appendix 49, Exhibit 8). Fisheries staff proposes to return to the Commission in March with recommendations for 2016 Chinook salmon sport fisheries.

FISCAL

Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC)

On Tuesday, February 2nd, 2016 the Department will present the Governor's recommended budget for IDFG to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee (JFAC). Director Moore provided the Commission with a preview of his planned presentation to JFAC for their information and input. The presentation covered the current Department revenue situation, Sportsmen's role in conservation, impact of outdoor recreation on Idaho's economy, and department successes.

Agency Budget and Spending Priorities

The Commission and Director discussed the agency budget and spending priorities looking forward.

REPORTS

Recreation and Exclusive Use on Endowment Lands

Emily Callihan, Communications Officer, Idaho Department of Lands, updated the Commission about current Idaho Land Board considerations of policy options to provide guidance to IDL regarding requests for exclusive recreational use leases of endowment lands.

Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) land managers have been faced with questions about when to exclude the public from using endowment lands for dispersed recreation. Dispersed recreation is a secondary use on endowment land.

Historically, IDL has not offered exclusive use leases for recreation purposes, whereby a lessee can lease endowment lands for an exclusive recreation-related use, such as an exclusive hunting operation, under special provisions that eliminate the possibility for the public to access the same lands for recreation. Recognizing the value Idahoans put on recreational access to endowment

lands, IDL has been reluctant to issue exclusive use leases for recreation, and instead has been willing to work with individuals on proposals that enable new revenue generating uses of endowment lands without barring public access on endowment lands. For example, there may be an outfitting lease on endowment land, but it does not exclude the general public from hunting.

However, currently there is no standalone policy adopted by the Land Board addressing dispersed recreation on endowment lands but there have been actions taken by the Land Board, IDL, and the Idaho Legislature over the years to address public access to endowment lands, and past actions could act as precedent in guiding IDL land management decisions involving dispersed recreation. IDL recognizes there is a need for the Land Board to adopt a formal policy for dispersed recreation on endowment lands.

Continued communication and coordination is important to ensure that current Title 36 provisions and any new Land Board policy are consistent.

Public involvement has and will occur through Land Board procedures for policy development.

The Department will continue technical and policy communication and coordination with IDL.

Big Game Briefing

Jon Rachael, State Wildlife Manager, presented a statewide overview of the status of deer and elk population management unit objectives and elk management zone objectives (Appendix 49, Exhibit 9).

Mr. Rachel noted that biologists captured and radio-collared 384 new mule deer. The department is currently monitoring 620 radio-marked mule deer in 33 units in 12 PMUs as part of annual mule deer survival monitoring effort.

Currently have 723 radio collared elk across 8 monitoring areas. Elk tag sales are up again this year.

Mr. Rachael referenced Depredation Summary on the last page of exhibit xx that regional staff have been responding to.

Discussion on Auction Tags

The Commission annually issues 2 special bighorn sheep tags as authorized in Idaho Code 36-408(5), one through auction and the other issued through lottery drawing. Idaho Code 36-408(8) authorizes 10 wolf tags that may be issued by auction annually. Auctions for 10 tags were conducted during Idaho's first regulated wolf hunting season in 2009. Additionally, the Commission is authorized by Idaho Code 36-408(9) to issue Special Big Game Auction Tags known as "Governor's Wildlife Partnership Tags."

Idaho Code 36-408(9) allows the Commission to issue up to 3 deer tags, 3 elk tags, 3 pronghorn tags, 1 moose tag, 1 mountain goat tag, and 1 bighorn sheep tag for auction as Governor Wildlife

Partnership Tags. These may be auctioned by an incorporated nonprofit organization dedicated to conservation. At least 95% of proceeds go to the Department, of which up to 30% may be allocated to sportsman access programs such as *Access Yes!*, and the balance to wildlife habitat projects, wildlife management projects to increase the quantity and quality of big game herds, and other research and management activities approved by the Commission. Proceeds may not be used to acquire private property or federally-managed grazing permits, nor may proceeds be used to transplant bighorn sheep in southwest Idaho, or for litigation or Environmental Impact Statements involving bighorn sheep. The Commission has approved the Administrative Rules to guide how these tags may be issued and used, but these tags have not been released for auction to this point.

In the sportsmen's survey conducted in fall 2015, the Department asked sportsmen about their opinions on auction tags for big game. Results from the random sample of 4,400 hunters (1,645 responses), 55% of hunters agreed it was acceptable to auction tags to generate money for wildlife management programs; 37% disagreed. Asked if the Commission should auction up to 12 additional big game tags to fund wildlife management and hunter access programs, 51% favored and 38% opposed.

The Department is asking for policy guidance on how to proceed. Commission discussion followed.

The Chair will entertain a motion to move forward with collaboration with the legislature on the development of possible legislation. With support of that yet to follow once the bill is written.

16-12 Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Clezie seconded a motion that the Commission allows issuance of 1 elk tag, 1 deer tag, 1 mountain goat tag, 1 pronghorn and 1 moose tag for auction.

Deputy Attorney General Kathleen Trever informed the Commission that the motion for action to release auction tags was not noticed as an action item.

Chairman Doerr suggests giving policy guidance to the Department to form a proposal for action at the next legislative conference call on February 4th.

The motion was amended by Blake Fischer and seconded by Lane Clezie to include direction to Department staff to scope this proposal item and that the Commission would consider for action at the February 4th conference call. Ayes: Brad Corkill, Dan Blanco, Blake Fischer, Mark Doerr, Lane Clezie and Derick Attebury.

Nays: Will Naillon.

Jon Rachael reported that the BHS auction tag sold for \$90,000 at the Wild Sheep Show last week. A copy of the Sportsmen Survey was distributed to Commissioners (Appendix 49, Exhibit 10). February

State Wildlife Action Plan Public Review Update

Rita Dixon, State Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator, provided an update on the public review process and a summary of what was heard from the public. The draft plan was released for public review on December 30, 2015 for a 21 day review. Ms. Dixon reviewed the draft SWAP Executive Summary (Appendix 49, Exhibit 11) and the next steps for submitting the final draft Plan to the U. S. fish and Wildlife Service for formal review. This is a necessary requirement for Idaho Department of Fish and Game to be eligible to receive State and Tribal Wildlife Grants funding.

Shikar Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year Award

Each year Shikar-Safari Club International asks to honor the outstanding “Wildlife Officer of the Year” for Idaho. The nominee must demonstrate exemplary conduct and initiative in the performance of their duties. Shikar-Safari Club strives to recognize the officer who has done an outstanding job in the enforcement of wildlife laws, the protection of wildlife and the implementation of conservation programs.

Director Moore and Chief Greg Wooten presented the award to Senior Conservation Officer Craig Mickelson.

Wild Sheep Foundation Award

Director Moore and Chairman Doerr presented Tricia Hosch-Hebdon, Wildlife Forensic Lab Manager, with the Youth Wildlife Conservation Experience Award.

LEGISLATION

Legislative Update Continued

Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director, provided the analysis on House Bill 378 (Appendix 49, Exhibit 12). Legislative concern has been raised that the Commission lacks explicit statutory authority to implement a mandatory trapping education program via rulemaking. House Bill 378 incorporates statutory authority for the Commission to prescribe and administers and education program in trapping, including provision of the \$8.00 fee for trapping education per 36-412 (c).

The bill also makes a technical correction by deleting duplicative reference for elements of certificate of completion and by deleting reference to the youth hunter education graduate hunting license with consolidation of the various reduced fee Junior hunting licenses, this license is no longer necessary and is not issued.

This bill benefits the Commission’s policy direction to emphasize trapping education for newer trappers to ensure their exposure to ethics and techniques, in particular for avoiding incidental capture of non-target animals and techniques effective for wildlife management.

16-13 Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to support HB378. All Commissioners voted in favor.

REPORTS

Director's Report

Director's Annual Report to the Commission

Director Moore presented the seventh edition of the Directors Report to the Commission showing Department financial summaries for FY15 and outlining challenges for FY16. The report also contains an overview of major Department programs.

Commissioner Reports

Panhandle Region: Brad Corkill

- Lake Pend Oreille "State of the Lake" meeting is scheduled for February 25th.
- Fifty nine elk were captured and fitted with GPS collars in units 4, 6 & 7 late last month and earlier this month as part of the ongoing elk survival work.
- As of January 19, 58 wolves have been harvested by hunting (27) and trapping (31) in the Panhandle.

Clearwater Region: Dan Blanco

- Good presentation and turn out for the Business Industry meeting held at the regional office.
- This has been a good fishing year for the region.
- Anticipating some depredation claims due to heavy snow fall.
- Has received some emails and photos of large cougars taken in the region.
- Reports of 3 urban moose in Moscow.

Southwest Region: Blake Fischer

- Participated in the Idaho Youth Outdoors Ice Fishing Day on Lake Cascade on January 16th.
 - Estimated that over 600 people attended the event.

Magic Valley Region: Mark Doerr

- Winter snow conditions have brought many elk out of the mountains and they are causing problems in some areas. We have 37 active winter depredations ongoing and staff are busy addressing issues as quickly as possible.
- The Silver Creek Land Exchange is finally completed. Staff have worked for several years to gain the 2 miles of perpetual access to the world renowned Silver Creek Fishery.
- This is the first year of the temporary and proposed change in the Hagerman goose closure boundary. The goose closure area was reduced by half to expand hunting opportunity and to help producers reduce the negative impact of wintering geese.

Southeast Region: Lane Clezie

- The region is gearing up for the Business Industry meeting.
- Snow pack is nearly identical to the January report last year.

- Deer aerial surveys are completed and the buck:doe and fawn: ratios at or above our management objectives.
- Referenced the collaring efforts in Jon Rachael's presentation.
- Beaver management has become a hot topic for a vocal number of greater Pocatello area residents. The Department is seeing increasing interest in beaver management, opposition to beaver trapping and challenges to our beaver management program.
- The annual winter cisco fishery on Bear Lake is strong, though safe ice for anglers is in short supply. The good fishing is keeping anglers active despite marginal fishing conditions.

Upper Snake Region: Derick Attebury

- Currently the region is working on 26 depredation claims due to the heavy winter conditions.
- The largest depredation claim in the Department's history was received relative to elk damage on wintering wheat outside the west boundary of the Tex Creek WMA. This claim took place January / February of 2015; the claim has not yet been settled.
- The Region is proposing to build a new boat ramp on a small parcel adjacent to the south Fork of the Teton River to be donated as an easement to the Department.
- As a Regional effort to provide valuable information not often heard in a public venue, a special series of four wildlife presentations will be offered in February and March at the Auditorium in Idaho Falls.

Salmon Region: Will Naillon

- Depredation issues in the Salmon Region are the same as in the rest of the regions.
- See Commissioner report for other topics of interest.
- Provided with an opportunity to participate in a deer and elk collaring. Kudos to staff for the job that they do, very professional.
- Gave a brief update on the WAFWA Winter Commissioner Committee meeting.

Commissioner Reports stand as written (Appendix 49, Exhibit 14).

Planning for Next Meeting

Chairman Doerr stated that the next legislative conference call is set for February 4th.

Executive Session

16-14 Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to hold an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206 (1)(b)(c)(f) to discuss land, litigation and personnel.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brad Corkill, Dan Blanco, Blake Fischer, Mark Doerr, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon.

The Commission came out of executive session at 6:45 p.m. with no action taken.

The Commission went back into open session.

16-15 Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to provide a 5% pay increase for Director Moore based on 2015 performance evaluation. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Adjournment

Chairman Doerr adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Mark Doerr
Chairman

Virgil Moore
Secretary