

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
Legislative Conference Call
January 21, 2016
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Ed Schriever, Sharon Kiefer, Mike Keckler, Dallas Burkhalter, Kathleen Trever, Jon Rachael, Greg Wooten, Brad Compton 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 Brad Corkill, Blake Fischer, Dan Blanco, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon participating.

Season Setting: Upland Game, Furbearers and Turkey (biennial 2016)

Jon Rachael, State Wildlife Manager, presented the proposals (Appendix 49, Exhibit 01). Season dates, bag and possession limits are set on even-numbered years and cover a two-year period. Mr. Rachael stated that related to turkey there should be an increase in opportunity for both fall and spring hunting.

16-01 Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to accept the 2016 and 2017 Upland Game, Turkey and Furbearer seasons as presented by staff. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LEGISLATION

Status of Bills and Rules

Deputy Director Sharon Kiefer provided the legislative update.

Rules review Tuesday 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 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

Rule dockets will be heard next week in the Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

HB 349 Appropriates an additional \$1,638,700 to the Department of Fish and Game for fiscal year 2016 and will be sent to the House and Senate for a vote.

HB 350 Amends existing law to revise age provisions associated with the purchase of wildlife management area upland game bird permits.

Printed and referred to Resources & Conservation Committee.

Deputy Director Kiefer referenced a proposal still in RS format that would increase certain penalties for the illegal killing, possession or waste of certain game animals. No print hearing at this time but anticipate a print hearing next week.

The bill tracking tables that show the status of bills will be sent out Friday and posted on the Website.

MISCELLANEOUS

Logistics for Upcoming Commission Meeting

Chairman Doerr stated that the confirmation hearings are scheduled for Wednesday, January 27th at 1:30 p.m. for Commissioners Derick Attebury and Dan Blanco. Commissioners will meet at 9:00 a.m. to discuss.

A Legislative Sportsman Caucus breakfast is scheduled for Thursday at 8:00 a.m. The regular meeting will convene at 9:15 a.m.

Executive Session

16-02 Commissioner Blanco moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to hold an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(f) to discuss litigation. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brad Corkill, Dan Blanco, Blake Fischer, Mark Doerr, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon.

16-03 Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to come out of executive session with no action taken.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Mark Doerr
Chairman

Virgil Moore
Secretary