

Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
Legislative Conference Call
February 25, 2016
Boise, Idaho

Present: Virgil Moore, Sharon Kiefer, Ed Schriever, Dallas Burkhalter, Kathleen Trever, Mary Boyer and Jeff Gould.

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, Dan Blanco, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon participating.

Chairman Doerr called the meeting to order with all Commissioners participating on the call.

Status of Fish and Game Rule Dockets

No change from the February 18, 2016 call. The dockets are waiting to be heard in the Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

Status of Fish and Game Sponsored Bills

SB 1213 Amends existing law to prohibit the use of unmanned aircraft systems for hunting, molesting or locating game animals, game birds and furbearing animals. Has passed in both houses and waiting for Governor signature.

Status of Legislator Bills Considered By Commission

Ms. Kiefer referenced the bill status tables for both the House and Senate (Appendix 49, Exhibit 22).

HB 350 Amends existing law to revise age provisions associated with the purchase of wildlife management area upland game bird permits. HB 350 has passed in the House and is waiting to be heard in the Senate Resources and Environment Committee (SRC).

HB 393 Amends existing law to remove provisions regarding the award of specified equipment upon the retirement of conservation officers. HB393 has not had a hearing.

SB 1236 Amends existing law to require the annual issuance of certain Governor's Wildlife Partnership Tags. SB 1236 is waiting for a hearing in the SRC.

HB 489 Amends existing law to prohibit Fish and Game Commission members and Fish and Game employees from participating in any drawings for controlled hunt permits and from participating in any controlled hunts.

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hunts. HB 489 and HB 490 both printed and referred to House Resources and Conservation Committee.

New Bill Analysis for Discussion / Action for Policy Position

HB 462 As amended amends existing law to remove age limitations for certain exceptions and to provide for predatory and unprotected birds and animals.

16-28 Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Fischer seconded a motion to not support House Bill 462. All Commissioners voted in favor.

HB 510 Provides that specified law shall not apply to prospecting and small-scale dredge mining. HB 510 was returned to the sponsor to work through concerns. The Department will continue to provide technical support.

SB 1344 Amends and adds to existing law to revise provisions regarding controlled hunts; and to provide for contracts with private entities to conduct drawings for controlled hunt permits and tags. Ms. Kiefer provided testimony on SB 1344 (Appendix 49, Exhibit 23) at the SRC meeting on Monday.

16-29 Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to oppose Senate Bill 1344 as amended. Ayes: Commissioners Will Naillon, Derick Attebury, Mark Doerr, Dan Blanco, Brad Corkill and Lane Clezie.
Nays: Commissioner Blake Fischer.
Motion Carries.

New Bills of Interest or Pending Analysis

House Bill 497 Adds to existing law to provide for reports by certain state entities with exceptions to the Secretary of State under the state Sunshine Law.

Senate Bill 1355 Amends existing law to clarify that peace officers may issue a citation for certain persons, to provide that peace officers shall accompany a vehicle to an inspection station in certain instances; and to revise penalties. An analysis will be provided on next week's call.

Other Discussion

Direction for March 3 Agenda

Continue to monitor legislation and keep the Commission updated on changes.

Adjournment

Mark Doerr
Chairman

Virgil Moore
Secretary