

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission  
Special Meeting  
Legislative Conference Call  
February 4, 2016  
Boise, Idaho**

Present: Director Virgil Moore, Commissioner Blake Fischer, Sharon Kiefer, Mike Keckler, Dallas Burkhalter, Jon Rachael, Greg Wooten, Roger Phillips, Jeff Gould 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, Dan Blanco, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon participating.

**REPORT**

**Review of Department and Public Information About Commission Consideration to Release New Auction Tags**

Jon Rachael reported at the January 28, 2016 meeting, the Commission discussed public opinion survey results where hunters reported 55% acceptance of the concept of auction tags and options related to offering auction tags. The Commission discussed limited implementation of auction tags because the survey also indicated lower approval for full implementation of all 12 tags. The Commission asked staff to develop a proposal for release of one tag per species, excluding bighorn sheep (i.e. deer, elk, pronghorn, moose, and mountain goat) (Appendix 49, Exhibit 15).

A copy of summary regional sportsmen meetings the week of February 1 was provided to the Commission (Appendix 49, Exhibit 16).

Commission discussion followed.

**16-16** Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to not take action today regarding issuance of auction tags but move to the March meeting as an action item. Ayes: Brad Corkill, Blake Fischer, Mark Doerr, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon. Nays: Dan Blanco.

**LEGISLATION**

**Update of Rule Dockets**

Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director provided the legislative update see bill tracking tables (Appendix 49, Exhibit 17).

The Department is waiting to hear on a date for the Department rule dockets to be reviewed by the Senate Resources and Environment Committee.

The rule dockets have been heard in the House Resources and Conservation Committee, the docket on mandatory hunter trapping was rejected.

### **Update about New Commissioner Confirmation**

Commissioners Derick Attebury and Dan Blanco were confirmed in the Senate Resource and Environment Committee on February 3, 2016.

### **Status of FY16 Budget Supplemental**

HB 349 Appropriating an additional \$1,638,700 to the Department of Fish and Game for fiscal year 2016 passed in the Senate and signed by the Speaker of the House.

### **Status of fish and Game Sponsored Bills**

HB350 Amends existing law to revise age provisions associated with the purchase of wildlife management area upland game bird permits.

Passed in the House with Representative Fred Wood carrying and sent to the Senate for a bill hearing.

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.

Do pass recommendation from Senate Resources & Environment Committee, heads to the House floor.

### **Status of Legislator Bills Considered by Commission**

HB378 Amends existing law to clarify that the Fish and Game Commission shall prescribe and administer education programs in trapping.

Do Pass recommendation from House Resources and Conservation Committee, heads to House floor.

### **JFAC Presentation Update**

Director Moore reported that the February 2, 2016 JFAC presentation went well. The Department will follow up on a few questions from Committee members.

### **New Bill Analysis for Discussion/Action for Policy Position**

SB1226 Amends existing law to increase certain penalties for the illegal killing, possession or waste of certain game animals. The Department will continue to monitor.

HB 393 Amends existing law to remove provisions regarding the award of specified equipment upon the retirement of conservation officers.

IDFG Legislation Analysis provided for HB393 (Appendix 49, Exhibit 18).

**16-17** Commissioner Naillon moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to not support HB 393. All Commissioners voted in favor.

SB1236 Amends existing law to require the annual issuance of certain Governor's Wildlife Partnership Tags.

It is unclear when the bill will be heard. Commission position is to not support SB1236.

**16-18** Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Blanco seconded a motion to not support SB1236. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brad Corkill, Dan Blanco, Blake Fischer, Mark Doerr, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon

### **New Bills of Interest or Pending Analysis**

Deputy Director Kiefer stated that HB394 and HB395 would be on the agenda for the February 11<sup>th</sup> legislative conference call.

HB 394 Amends existing law to revise officer authorization provisions regarding certain inspections and searches.

HB 395 Amends existing law to provide minimum standards for the operation of safe check stations and to provide conditions under which certain vehicles may be stopped

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Mark Doerr  
Chairman

Virgil Moore  
Secretary