

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
Legislative Conference Call
March 17, 2016
Boise, Idaho**

Present: Sharon Kiefer, Dallas Burkhalter, Mary Boyer, Mike Keckler, Greg Wooten, Brenda Beckly, Jon Rachael. Ed Schriever and Scott Reinecker participated via phone.

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, Blake Fischer, Derick Attebury and Will Naillon participating. Lane Clezie was excused.

LEGISLATION

RULES

Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director, reported that HCR 55 is part of the formalizing process to reject mandatory trapping education pending rule.

HCR55 -- Stating findings of the Legislature and rejecting a certain rule docket of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game relating to the Trapping of Predatory and Unprotected Wildlife and the Taking of Furbearing Animals.

Status of Fish and Game Sponsored Bill

Deputy Director referenced the bill status tables (Appendix 49, Exhibit 33).

HB 350 – Amends existing law to revise age provisions associated with the purchase of wildlife management area upland game bird permits. Is on its way to the Governor for signature and will become law July 1, 2016.

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 been signed by the Governor and becomes law July 1, 2016.

Status of Legislator Bills Considered by Commission (see bill status tables)

HB 565 – Is IDFG FY17 Budget. Ongoing and has been sent back to JFAC. Will keep the Commission posted on any action.

HCR 53 -- HUNTER, ANGLER, TRAPPER ACCESS - Stating findings of the Legislature and opposing any proposals that bar Idaho hunters, anglers and trappers from accessing state endowment trust land on the basis of exclusivity and encouraging the State Board of Land Commissioners to preserve and promote reasonable and equitable access to state endowment trust land for the benefit of all Idahoans.

Deputy Director Kiefer referenced the update given last week at the March 9-10, 2016 meeting. HCR 53 has passed the House Resource Committee and is on floor debate.

New Legislation for Consideration

The Department is monitoring any new bills that may pop up that would affect the Department.

HB 482 -- BOARDS - Amends existing law to revise qualifications for various licensure boards so that all members serve at the pleasure of the Governor and each board has at least one consumer member.

HB 482 if passed might change the way that the Idaho Fish and Game Commission Liaison to Idaho Outfitters and Guides is selected. The proposed change would include at the “pleasure of the Governor”. The Department will continue to monitor.

Discussion For Future Meeting

The Department will work on an agenda item for discussion with the Commission for the May 16-17, Commission meeting regarding HB 378.

Adjournment

Will Naillon
Chairman

Virgil Moore
Secretary