

MINUTES
SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 19, 2022

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Vick, Vice Chairman Heider, and Senators VanOrden (Bair), Blair (Johnson), Patrick, Guthrie, Burtenshaw, Stennett, and Semmelroth

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: None

NOTE: The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

CONVENED: **Chairman Vick** called the meeting of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee (Committee) to order at 1:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL: **Vice Chairman Heider** made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2022. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 29019C1 **Relating to Water. Colby Cameron**, Bureau Chief for Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, Idaho Division of Financial Management, presented **RS 29019C1**, which repeals Idaho Code § Chapter 2, Title 70. This eliminates the obsolete Coeur d'Alene River and Lake Commission, which was replaced by the Coeur d'Alene Lake Advisory Committee appointed by the Governor in coordination with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) last year.

MOTION: **Senator Guthrie** moved that **RS 29019C1** be sent to print. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

RS 29020C1 **Relating to Fences. Mr. Cameron** presented **RS 29020C1**, which repeals Idaho Code § Chapter 2, Title 35. This eliminates an obsolete statute requiring fences around portions of quartz mills.

MOTION: **Senator Burtenshaw** moved that **RS 29020C1** be sent to print. **Senator VanOrden** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

PASSED THE GAVEL: Chairman Vick then passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Heider.

DOCKET NO. 13-0000-2100F **IDAPA 13 Department of Fish and Game Fee Rules. Vice Chairman Heider** introduced, **Jim Fredericks**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), who reviewed **Docket No. 13-0000-2100F** related to Fee Rules and stated these are unchanged from language previously reviewed.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Heider** moved to approve **Docket No. 13-0000-2100F**. **Senator Burtenshaw** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO.
13-0000-2100**

IDAPA 13 Department of Fish and Game Pending Rules. Mr. Fredericks presented changes to **Docket No. 13-0000-2100**, Department of Fish and Game Pending Rules. **Mr. Fredericks** provided a handout (Attachment 1) that provides a summary list of changes by chapter, and subsequent detailed explanations of Rules Book pages where changes were made. **Mr. Fredericks** noted that most of the changes did not significantly change the effect of existing rules and were primarily made due to Governor Little's **Executive Order 2020-01**, which requested repeal or simplification of outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective rules. As part of their rules review process, IDFG reviewed 13.01.01, Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, 13.01.07, Rules Governing Taking of Wildlife, and 13.01.09, Rules Governing Taking of Game Birds and Upland Game Animals. For these chapters, IDFG held open meetings, published administrative bulletins, and took comments. **Mr. Fredericks** reported they received no negative comments. **Mr. Fredericks** explained that changes to 13.01.08, Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals, are in response to the detection of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in Idaho. These changes modify rules related to the movement of cervid carcasses in CWD management zones, allow the IDFG Director to designate temporary CWD zones, and clarify legal consequences for violating transport rules.

DISCUSSION:

Senator Burtenshaw asked for clarification on who designates CWD management zones. **Mr. Fredericks** responded that these are designated by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. **Senator Stennett** asked for reasoning behind boundary line changes. **Mr. Fredericks** responded that boundaries were revised primarily to make boundaries simpler and more clear for hunters. **Senator Stennett** asked if the revised boundaries had any impact on animal counts or licensing. **Mr. Fredericks** responded that changes would not affect how they count animals, but may affect how harvest is structured. These changes would be very minor. **Senator Semmelroth** shared positive feedback she received from hunters in her district about the boundary changes. **Senator Semmelroth** also stated she received feedback that boundary descriptions in the manual can be hard to follow and anything that can be done to clarify boundaries would be appreciated. **Senator Guthrie** asked for clarification on how the layperson would know what rules were removed and he expressed a concern that rules are becoming more complicated for the consumer. **Mr. Fredericks** explained that most of their consumers look to IDFG's Proclamation Brochure to understand rules. He also stated that they have aligned topics more clearly in the Rules, such as having all rules related to trapping in the same Chapter. **Senator Semmelroth** questioned the ethics of allowing 72 hours for presenting trapped animals. **Mr. Fredericks** responded that they try to balance practicality with the ethical elements of trapping.

TESTIMONY:

Benn Brocksome, Idaho Sportsmen, thanked the department and expressed his support for the rule changes.

MOTION:

Senator Burtenshaw moved to approve **Docket No. 13-0000-2100**. **Senator Semmelroth** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE
GAVEL:**

Vice Chairman Heider passed the gavel to Chairman Vick.

ADJOURNED:

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Vick** adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Senator Vick
Chair

Shelly Johnson
Secretary