

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 01, 2012

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Stevenson, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representative(s) Wood(35), Barrett, Moyle, Eskridge, Raybould, Bedke, Andrus, Wood(27), Boyle, Hagedorn, Harwood, Vander Woude, Gibbs, Pence, Higgins, Lacey

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative Vander Woude

GUESTS: John Chatburn, OER, Ashley Henderson; Tom Schultz, IDL; Joie McGarvin, Russell Westerburg, ICOA; Sharon Kiefer, IDFG; Courtney Washburn, Idaho Conservation League; Kent Lauer, Idaho Farm Bureau; Michael Christian, Snake River Oil & Gas; Suzanne Budge, SBS Associates; Pat Barclay, ICIE; John Williams, BPA; Max Greenlee, Risch Pisca; Kerry Ellen Elliott, IAC; Norm Semanko, IWUA

Chairman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Chairman Stevenson introduced students from Sage International Charter School.

RS 21116: **Suzi Budge**, Idaho Petroleum Council, said this is the first of several pieces of legislation that are part of a package for gas and oil exploration. She said they had the model language in statute before, but the statutes needed to be updated. She said this legislation helps weave together the regulations for the oil and gas industry. It is a gap filler for the other pieces of legislation and the Rules. Ms. Budge reviewed the changes in the legislation. She said this legislation is a common agreement of some of the parties impacted.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood(35)** made a motion to introduce **RS 21116. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21066: **Tom Schultz**, Director, Idaho Department of Lands, said this proposed legislation for oil and gas conservation was previously introduced as **H 377**. He said it allows for the application fee to increase from \$100 up to \$2,500. He said the Committee had concerns with the fee amount and a way to address those concerns was to add a sunset clause to the bill. Mr. Schultz explained how they arrived at the fee amount, saying they are trying to pay for the cost of the program.

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to introduce **RS 21066. Motion carried by voice vote** with **Rep. Harwood** being recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 21112: **Tom Schultz**, said this legislation was previously introduced as **H 378** and updates definitions and enforcement provisions. He said in this proposed legislation they have added an emergency clause.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood(27)** made a motion to introduce **RS 21112. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21098C1: **Paul Kjellander**, Idaho Public Utilities Commission, said this proposed legislation looks at oversight in the safety jurisdiction of gathering lines. He explained the legislation defines gathering lines and bring them under the same safety criteria within the PUC. Mr. Kjellander explained that the PUC is the only agency in the state that has the ability to do pipeline inspection. He said they will be using the same staff and equipment they already use and any fees assessed will be based on actual work done.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 21098C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood(35)** made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Subcommittee and approve the Rules of the Department of Fish and Game. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 20756:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, said last year the Legislature approved **H 85**, giving the Department authority to enter into negotiated rule making to create a mentored hunt program. She said they realized there is a statute that would preclude a child under 12 from possessing a firearm. She said this proposed legislation would allow children under 12 to possess a firearm for hunting when participating in this program.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to introduce **RS 20756**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 20763:** **Ms. Kiefer** said this proposed legislation will allow a parent or grandparent to designate a control hunt tag to their minor child or grandchild. She explained that it would be an adult tag that would be designated to a youth and they thought this could be a good recruiting mechanism.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood(27)** made a motion to introduce **RS 20763**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 20787:** **Ms. Kiefer** said this proposal will add a wolf tag to the Sportsman's Pak License. She said this is a customer service measure and will create a single license package for customer who currently purchase the Sportsman's Pak License and a separate wolf tag.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Harwood** made a motion to introduce **RS 20787**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 20815:** **Ms. Kiefer** stated this proposed legislation will incorporate a nonresident three day fishing license into the current adult nonresident hunting license. She said they thought this would be desirable and from a marketing standpoint for those out-of state hunters who might also want to fish while they were in Idaho.
- In response to questions from the Committee, **Ms. Kiefer** said they were thinking of a nonresident that would come into the state to hunt for a short period of time. She said the significance of three days, rather than a week or season is there would be less of an impact on the product that is provided.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to introduce **RS 20815**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 21094:** **Rep. Patrick** said this proposed legislation defines veteran organizations in code.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 21094**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Representative Stevenson
Chairman

Susan Werlinger
Secretary