

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 15, 2014

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Denney, Vice Chairman Gibbs, Representatives Wood(35), Barrett, Moyle, Eskridge, Raybould, Andrus, Shepherd, Wood(27), Boyle, Vander Woude, Gestrin, Miller, Anderson(1), Pence, Erpelding, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude

GUESTS: Betty Munis, Idaho Forest Products Commission; Steve Martin, Parks and Recreation; Paul Waldon, Idaho State Chapter NWF; Burk Mantel; Tom Schultz, Idaho Department Of Lands; Eric Wilson, Idaho Department of Lands; Tyler Mallard, IOGA; Jay Stark, ISCAC; Todd Fenzel; Tammy Kolsky, Idaho Parks and Recreation; Nancy Merrill, Idaho Parks and Recreation; Anna Canning, Idaho Parks and Recreation; Kevin Hobbs, Idaho Parks and Recreation; Sid Anderson, Idaho Department of Lands; Jane Wittmeyer, Wittmeyer Assoc.; Laura Johnson, Idaho State Department of Agriculture; Russ Hendricks, Farm Bureau; Grant Simonds, IOGA; Daniel Butler, Spring Care Outfitting; Dennis Tateham, Idaho Outfitters Bureau; Jim Lowe, Food Producers; Brett Wilder; Parker Papworth, Lobby Idaho; Matt VanVleet, Clearwater Paper; John Watts, Boulder Creek; Norman Semanko, IWUA; Benjamin Kelly, Food Producers of Idaho; Elli Brown, Veritas Advisors, LLC.

Chairman Denney called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Pence** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2014 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 22410: **Betty Munis** from the Idaho Forest Products Commission spoke regarding **RS 22410**. She said **RS 22410** was created to update procedures to reflect changes and increase opportunity for partnerships.

MOTION: **Rep. Eskridge** made a motion to introduce **RS 22410**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 22409C1: **Eric Wilson** from the Idaho Department of Lands spoke regarding **RS 22409C1**. He said **RS 22409C1** will amend and clarify terms of motorized exploration and casual exploration related to the diameter of dredge intake size. **RS 22409C1** will affect dredges between 2" and 5". The terminology clarifications will reduce agency costs for recreational mining on public lands. He said the statute has unclear terminology resulting in information requests and litigation and bond will be determined by the Board. There is a maximum of \$2,500 for the bond.

MOTION: **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to introduce **RS 22409C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barrett** and **Rep. Shepherd** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.

RS 22396: **Tom Shultz**, Idaho Department of Lands, provided information regarding **RS 22396**. He said **RS 22396** will restructure the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission within the Department of Lands for administrative purposes.

MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to introduce **RS 22396**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.
25-0101-1201:** **Jake Howard** of Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Bureau spoke on **Docket No. 25-0101-1201**. Mr. Howard requested the committee's rejection of **Docket No. 25-0101-1201** at this time as a result of opposition from private land owners.

- MOTION:** **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to reject **Docket NO. 25-0101-1201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 26-0120-1301:** **Tammy Kolsky** of Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation provided information on this Pending Fee Rule change. Ms. Kolsky said the Department of Parks and Recreation needs to increase fees for campsites, cabins and yurts as a result of increasing utility costs and declining general fund support. The last fee increase was in 2009. Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's Fiscal Officer offered to breakdown camping fees in comparison to cover operating costs. Ms. Kolsky said the Department monitors other campgrounds and their costs to ensure the fee increase is competitive. The effective date would be July 1, 2014.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 26-0129-1301**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barrett** requested the she be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- DOCKET NO. 26-0120-1302:** **Tammy Kolsky**, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, explained this proposed Fee Rule change regarding Winter Access Programs at Harriman and Ponderosa State Parks. The user fee increase is necessary to maintain the program and provide a safe recreational environment. **Rep. Gibbs** mentioned the Idaho Parks and Recreation budgets were cut several years ago and should be funded by user fees. This fee change rule to be effective date July 1, 2014.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 26-0120-1302**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Barrett** requested the she be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Representative Denney
Chair

Jennifer Smith
Secretary