

MINUTES
JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2014

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room C310

MEMBERS : Chairman Cameron, Vice Chairman Keough, Senators Mortimer, Vick, Nuxoll, Johnson, Bayer, Thayn, Schmidt, Lacey
Chairman Bell, Vice Chairman Bolz, Representatives Eskridge, Thompson, Gibbs, Miller, Stevenson, Youngblood, Ringo, King

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

STAFF Ray Houston

PRESENT:

CONVENED: Chairman Bell convened the meeting at 8:00 a.m.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

PRESENTER: **Virgil Moore, Director**, presented an overview of the Department of Fish and Game as follows: accomplishments; license revenue; proposed legislation and FY 15 budget request. To view the presentation in detail click on [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#).

OFFICE OF SPECIES CONSERVATION

PRESENTER: **Dustin Miller, Administrator**, presented the following overview of the Governor's Office of Species Conservation: who they are and what they do; FY 2015 budget recommendation; federal funding sources; current activities and recent successes. To view the full presentation click on [Office of Species Conservation](#).

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

PRESENTER: **Paul Kjellander, Commissioner**, informed the Committee of the Commission's role. He presented the following: what they do and do not regulate; commission staff; and commission budget with line items that were in the Governor's recommendation.
Mr. Kjellander reviewed major utility rate cases and future issues. To view the presentation click on [Public Utilities Commission](#).

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

PRESENTER: **Gary Spackman, Director**, reviewed the FY 2015 Governor's recommendation by fund, decision units in recommendation, replacement items in recommendation, inflation in recommendation, and General Fund appropriation.

PRESENTER: **Honorable Eric J. Wildman, Presiding Judge**, reported on the status of the Snake River Basin Adjudication and the Coeur d'Alene-Spokane River Basin Adjudication.

PRESENTER: **Roger Chase, Chairman, Water Resource Board**, reported on the State Water Plan, Water Board loan, water sustainability initiative funding, Thousand Springs discharge and eastern Snake Plain Aquifer cumulative storage change, stabilization ESPA is essential, Northern Idaho future water needs studies, investigation of new water storage, and the water supply bank.

PRESENTER: **Gary Spackman**, presented slides depicting the mountain snow water equivalent, active transfer applications, active permits with proof submitted, application for permit backing, pending water right ownership change notices, pending lease application, pending rental application and December 2013 Snake River Basin Adjudication status. To view the full presentations click on [Department of Water Resources](#).

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Representative Bell
Chair

Kathryn Yost
Secretary