

MINUTES
JOINT MEETING

**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

DATE: Wednesday, February 05, 2014

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Lincoln Auditorium WW02

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

Chairman Pearce, Vice Chairman Bair, Senators Cameron, Siddoway, Brackett, Heider, Tippets, Stennett, Lacey

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Raleen Welton, RMP; Jim Unsworth, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Elizabeth Criner, Simplot; Brenda Tominaga, IGWA; Jack Lyman, Idaho Mining Association; Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Corey Crownhart, Idaho Organization Resource Council and Western Organization Resource Council; Justin Hayes, Idaho Conservation League; Phil Homer, IASA; Norm Semanko, IWUA; and Tom Arkoosh, SWC.

Chairman Pearce called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Paul Powell, President of Petroglyph, provided a presentation on oil and natural gas well drilling. Mr. Powell explained the basic well drilling processes. Mr. Powell stated the drilling rigs are on location from one to two weeks. Mr. Powell explained there are two types of wells, vertical and horizontal. The overall process takes approximately 4 to 5 months. He stated Petroglyph is not drilling wells in Idaho at this time.

Justice Jim Jones, Idaho Supreme Court, provided a presentation on the Swan Falls Agreement. Justice Jones stated Swan Falls was the first dam on the Snake River, built in 1901, to provide water and power to mines. He indicated the Swan Falls Agreement originated as a dispute between the Idaho Power Company and citizens with water rights. Justice Jones said many parties became involved as the issue progressed, such as local water right holders, Idaho Power, various state and federal agencies, the Idaho **Governor (Evans)**, and the Idaho Legislature when a lawsuit was filed in 1977. He asserted that many unlikely and unusual alliances developed during this legal process. Justice Jones collaborated with stakeholders to reach an agreement on the Swan Falls water rights, but was vetoed by **President Reagan** in October of 1984. The Idaho State Legislature was involved in reaching a solution. Justice Jones said there have been a few disputes over the legal interpretation of the Swan Falls Agreement.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the joint committee, **Chairman Pearce** adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Chairman Denney called the House Resources and Conservation Committee Meeting to order at 2:53 p.m.

MOTION: **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to approved the minutes of January 21, 23, and 27th, 2014. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

- RS 22516:** **Rep. Moyle** represented **RS 22516** regarding the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's proposed legislation on controlled hunt permits.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood(35)** made a motion to introduce **RS 22516**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Miller, Pence** and **Erpelding** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- RS 22604:** **Russ Hendricks**, Farm Bureau, brought forth **RS 22604** to claim private property rights and confirm that Outfitters and Guides' operate on public lands. Mr. Hendricks stated outfitters and guides have been conducting activities on private land and going beyond legislative intent. **Rep. Erpelding** disclosed he will be a licensed outfitter in near future.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 22604**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 22632:** **Rep. Pence** brought forth **RS 22632** to continue the moratorium on outfitted turkey and waterfowl hunting.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood(35)** made a motion to introduce **RS 22632**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 22769C1:** **Rep. Gibbs** presented **RS 22769C1** regarding the creation of a wolf depredation control board. Rep. Gibbs stated **RS 22769C1** is similar to **H 423**. He stated **RS 22769C1** has a change in the fiscal impact, a five-year sunset clause, and the Board will operate on a majority rule of the members present. He reiterated this proposed legislation remains a stopgap to replace federal funding and create a Board to oversee funds and wolf management. He explained the Idaho Department of Fish and Game will not change their role in wolf management, they will continue to set wolf harvest limits and criteria, and the control efforts will primarily be sport hunting.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood(27)** made a motion to introduce **RS 22769C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Wood(35), Barrett, Miller, Pence, Erpelding** and **Rubel** requested they be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- RS 22727:** **Rep. Gestrin** sponsored **RS 22727** regarding the Public Utilities Commission's oversight of safety for entities that may not be classified as a public utility, but operate a gathering line for natural gas, natural gas condensate, or crude oil.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 22727**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Representative Denney
Chair

Jennifer Smith
Secretary