

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 2014

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Denney (Rynearson), 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

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Moyle

GUESTS: Mackenzie Herrick, Veritas Advisors; Mark Woods, SITPA; Len Young, CPTPA; Jane Wittmeyer, Wittmeyer & Associates; Elizabeth Criner, J. R. Simplot Co.; Kate Haas, Alta Mesa; Tom Hemker, Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

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

Presentation on the Timber Protection Association (TPA) was provided by **Mark Woods** from the Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association and **Len Young** represented Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protective Association. Mr. Woods indicated there are fourteen TPAs in Idaho protecting private, state and federal timber lands and the two associations have been protecting timber lands for one-hundred years with voluntary membership by forest land owners. He stated the TPA is a quasi-government, private, nonprofit organization with government authority. The Timber Protective Association works together with land owners giving them a voice in how their lands are protected.

H 471: **Rep. Gestrin** spoke regarding **H 471** relating to oil and gas gathering lines. He stated this legislation clarifies the definition of gather line indicating it is a pipeline used to transport and deliver condensate from well line to transmission line usually performed by the company that owns the well and does the drilling. He explained this legislation subjects the oil and gas gathering lines to Public Utilities Commission (PUC) safety and is not generally regulated as Utility although the company may voluntarily choose to be a utility company if desired. Rep. Gestrin indicated this is a straight forward bill. He further stated the motivating factor for this legislation is a request from the industry as new wells are being drilled in Payette, Idaho, and currently shipping gas. He mentioned representatives from the commission are present today at this meeting.

Kate Haas, Alta Mesa, has spoken to partners, reviewed the language, and supports this legislation.

MOTION: **Rep. Eskridge** made a motion to send **H 471** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

SCR 133: **Rep. Gibbs** presented **SCR 133** regarding the rule rejection on Outfitters and Guides due to the opposition from private land owners.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood(27)** made a motion to send **SCR 133** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

S 1220: **Tom Hemker**, Wildlife Manager at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, spoke regarding **S 1220**. He stated that under Idaho Code, wildlife are the property of state of Idaho in relation to illegal killing, but Idaho Code does not cover all species of wildlife. He indicated **S 1220** is an issue of policy, not revenue, and the revenue from the legislation would probably amount to \$1,000 per year determined at \$50 for each violation. He mentioned this legislation will protect all wildlife equally and add more species to the list. He asserts this legislation is to assist in regulating commercial taking of wildlife, control commercial activity (such as rattlesnakes, lizards, etc. in pet stores), and would not cause additional work for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Mr. Hemker indicated this legislation will clarify statute that has existed for decades.

MOTION: **Rep. Barrett** made a motion to **HOLD S 1220** in committee. **Rep. Wood(35)** seconded the motion.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Erpelding** made a substitute motion to send **S 1220** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Rep. Andrus and Miller spoke in support of the original motion to hold **S 1220**.

AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION: **Rep. Wood(27)** made an amended substitute motion to **HOLD S 1220** in committee for a time certain at the call of the Chairman.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Vice Chairman Gibbs** requested a roll call vote on the amended substitute motion. **Motion carried by a vote of 14 AYE, 3 NAY, 1 absent/excused. Voting in favor** of the motion: **Reps. Gibbs, Ryneerson, Wood(35), Eskridge, Raybould, Wood(27), Boyle, Vander Woude, Gestrin, Miller, Anderson, Pence, Erpelding, and Rubel. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Reps. Barrett, Shepherd, and Andrus. Rep. Moyle was absent/excused.**

SJM 103: **Senator Heider** presented **SJM 103** establishing a fund for marketing of domestic seafood. Sen. Heider and **Rep. Wood(27)** serve on the Pacific Fisheries Board encompassing five states, California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Idaho. Senator Heider indicated this legislation is key to Idaho salmon spawning beds and Idaho river pathway for smolt to spawning salmon. He indicated the fund is for marketing domestic seafood as opposed to foreign fish, and will not support hatchery or dam projects. He explained the term seafood includes grown, raised and produced in America and if it spends time in salt water, it is seafood.

MOTION: **Rep. Wood(27)** made a motion to send **SJM 103** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Barrett** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Wood(27)** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

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

Representative Gibbs
Chair

Jennifer Smith
Secretary