

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, STATING AN INVITATION BY THE LEGISLATURE TO THE BIENNIAL OUTDOOR RETAILER SHOW, AND EXPRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION TO THE ECONOMY OF IDAHO AND TO THE LIVES OF IDAHOANS.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, Idaho's recreation industry generates \$6.3 billion in consumer spending, \$1.8 billion in wages and salaries, \$461 million in state and local tax revenue and 77,000 direct jobs; and

WHEREAS, at least seventy-four percent of Idaho residents participate in outdoor recreation each year; and

WHEREAS, 162,000 Idahoans and 85,000 nonresidents hunt in Idaho, combining for 3.2 million days of hunting; and

WHEREAS, 238,000 Idahoans and 208,000 nonresidents fish in Idaho's waters, combining for 5.5 million days of fishing; and

WHEREAS, eighteen ski areas operate in Idaho; and

WHEREAS, more than 38,000 people participate in wildlife-related recreation in Idaho annually; and

WHEREAS, Idaho contains the largest contiguous wilderness area in the lower forty-eight states; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has 3,100 river miles, more than any other state in the lower forty-eight states; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has 32,496,000 acres of federal public lands; and

WHEREAS, an Idaho interim legislative committee recommends state officials work cooperatively and collaboratively with federal land managers to resolve public land conflicts; and

WHEREAS, that committee is not recommending litigation concerning the transfer of public lands at this time; and

WHEREAS, the State of Idaho values its public lands and the outdoor recreation opportunities those lands provide to all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Outdoor Retailer's present contract ends in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Outdoor Retailer would bring \$40 million to Idaho's economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislature invites Outdoor Retailer to host its biennial shows in Idaho.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the outdoor recreation industry is important to the lives and livelihoods of all Idahoans.