

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 21, 2015

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Raybould, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Andrus, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle (Purdy), Vander Woude, Gibbs, Miller, Bateman, Burtenshaw, Mendive, VanOrden, Youngblood, Pence, Erpelding, Rubel

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Bateman, Pence, Erpelding, Rubel

GUESTS: John Williams, Bonneville Power Administration; Betty Munis, Forest Products Commission; Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Brian Ragan, Idaho Department of Water Resources; Tom Hehci, Idaho Department of Water Resources; Lynn Tominaga, Idaho Ground Water Association; Roger Seiber, Capitol West; Evan Martinez, Idaho State Bar.

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

Rep. Purdy stated for the record that she had determined, after consultation with the Attorney General's Office, that no conflict of interest exists because of her holding oil and gas leases in another state.

Lynn Tominaga, Idaho Ground Water Association (IGWA), provided an update on the Rangen Delivery Call. In February of 2005, the Idaho Department of Water Resources ordered a curtailment within Water District 130, which covers a portion of the Magic Valley located north of the Snake River.

IGWA has filed multiple mitigation plans and is building a pipeline. A small portion of the pipeline is temporary pipe until permanent pipe is installed. IGWA filed a motion with Idaho Department of Water Resources to allow the use of temporary pipe or to stay the curtailment until the permanent pipe is installed. IGWA has filed a motion with the District Court on January 20th to stay the curtailment until the project is completed. The project should be completed the first week of February 2015.

DOCKET NO. 37-0303-1401: **Brian Ragan**, Idaho Department of Water Resources, presented **Docket No. 37-0303-1401** regarding construction and use of injection wells. The revision is to replace the word "drilled" with the word "used".

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Gestrin** made a motion to **HOLD Docket No. 37-0303-1401** for further review.

**ROLL CALL
VOTE:** **Chairman Raybould** requested a roll call vote to **HOLD Docket No. 37-0303-1401** for further review. **Motion failed by a vote of 2 AYE, 9 NAY, 7 were absent/excused. Voting in favor** of the Motion: **Reps. Gibbs and Van Orden. Voting in opposition** to the motion: **Chairman Raybould, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Reps. Andrus, Shepherd, Wood, Purdy, Miller, Burtenshaw, and Mendive. Reps. Moyle, Vande Woude, Bateman, Youngblood, Pence, Erpelding, and Rubel were absent/excused.**

MOTION: **Rep. Andrus** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 37-0303-140. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 15-0101-1401: **Betty Munis**, Idaho Forest Products Commission, stated the 2014 Legislature passed **H 371** requiring rule changes to address the nomination and vacancy of the at-large commission member and amend the assessment basis for forest landowners.

MOTION: Rep. Miller made a motion to approve **Docket No. 15-0301-1401. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23273: Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, indicated the fees for licenses, tags, and permits issued are periodically adjusted to cover the increase in the department's operating costs. The last increase for the resident license fee was in 2005. The nonresident license fee was increased in 2009.

Ms. Kiefer stated the Price Lock program honors Idahoans who consistently purchase hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses by not having to pay increased license fees. The Price Lock program will remain in effect for at least three years until a commission review.

MOTION: Rep. Andrus made a motion to introduce **RS 23273. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 23321: Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated this proposed legislation makes a technical correction to uphold the reimbursable penalty provisions for the illegal kill, possession, or waste of mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk, bighorn sheep, moose, mountain goat, pronghorn antelope, and caribou that meet the statutory trophy definition. Ms. Kiefer mentioned **RS 23321** revises the reimbursable penalty for chinook salmon and wild steelhead to reflect broader conservation and fishery importance of multiple runs of hatchery and wild salmon species and steelhead.

MOTION: Rep. Wood made a motion to introduce **RS 23321. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Representative Raybould
Chair

Jennifer Smith
Secretary