

MINUTES  
**JOINT FINANCE-APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Tuesday, February 03, 2015
- TIME:** 8:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room C310
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Senators Co-chairman Cameron, Keough, Mortimer, Bair, Nuxoll, Johnson, Thayn, Guthrie, Schmidt, Lacey
- Representatives Co-chairman Bell, Gibbs, Miller, Youngblood, Burtenshaw, Horman, Malek, Monks, King, Gannon
- ABSENT/EXCUSED:** None
- CONVENED:** Chairman Bell called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
- PRESENTER:** **Virgil Moore, Director**  
**Department of Fish and Game**  
**Director Moore** presented the Governor's Budget Recommendation for FY 2016 for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. Director Moore discussed conservation accomplishments including, predator management. He further discussed the statistical trend line for license revenue and expressed support for the recommended 3% CEC increase. Director Moore concluded his presentation with a brief overview of the enhancements in the Budget Recommendation. [Idaho Department of Fish and Game](#)
- PRESENTER:** **Dustin Miller, Administrator**  
**Office of Species Conservation**  
**Mr. Miller** provided a brief overview of the accomplishments and challenges faced by the Governor's Office of Species Conservation. Mr. Miller further discussed the Governor's Sage-Grouse Task Force and Conservation Strategy: emphasizing strong partnerships between state and federal agencies, industry groups, and conservation organizations. Mr. Miller concluded with the FY 2016 Budget Recommendation. [Office of Species Conservation](#)
- PRESENTER:** **Teri Murrison, Administrator**  
**Soil and Water Conservation Commission**  
**Administrator Murrison** presented on the Governor's Budget Recommendation for Idaho's Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Mrs. Murrison spoke also on the structural organization, core functions, district support, and conservation programs of the department. Further discussion on the revenues from the RCRDP Loan Program and the TMDL Loan Program were illustrated. Mrs. Murrison concluded with a brief overview of the line items specific to the Budget Recommendation. [Soil and Water Conservation Commission](#)

**PRESENTER: Celia Gould, Director  
Department of Agriculture**  
**Director Gould** presented the ISDA budget composition, base adjustments, and FY 2016 enhancements. Director Gould further discussed the budget regarding the General/Dedicated Fund and the Range Program. Director Gould also presented on the Animal Industries, Weights and Measurements Program, and the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Coordinator. She concluded with a statistical analysis illustrating the Idaho agricultural growth in the last seven years, and stood for questions regarding the Governor’s Budget Recommendation. [Department of Agriculture](#)

**PRESENTER: Carl Rey, Member of Public at Large  
Wolf Depredation Control Board**  
**Mr. Ray** presented a brief overview of the financial history, IWDCB work, and USDA APHIS Wildlife Service depredation control activities. He concluded with the FY 2016 Budget Recommendation. [Wolf Depredation Control Board](#)

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, Chairman Bell adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

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Representative Bell  
Chair

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Christi Cox  
Secretary