Dear Senators HEIDER, Brackett, Stennett, and Representatives GIBBS, Gestin, Erpelding:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the Department of Fish and Game:

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 12/26/2019. If a meeting is called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 01/27/2020.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement, and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4854, or send a written request to the address on the memorandum attached below.
MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Resources & Environment Committee and the House Resources & Conservation Committee
FROM: Deputy Division Manager - Katharine Gerrity
DATE: December 06, 2019
SUBJECT: Department of Fish and Game

IDAPA 13.01.11 - Rules Governing Fish - Notice of [Amended Amended] Amended Proclamation (Docket No. 13-0111-1901AAAP)

Section 36-105(3), Idaho Code, provides that the Department of Fish and Game shall be excepted from the requirements of rulemaking when adopting, repealing or amending any proclamations relating to the setting of various seasons and limits, provided it publishes notice of such proposed proclamations in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin and provides notice to Legislative Services for review by the germane joint subcommittees as soon as possible after adoption by the commission. The department's proclamations relate to Rules Governing Fish.

The 2020 Idaho Spring Steelhead Seasons, establishing seasons and limits for fishing in Idaho, has been amended to provide that the following areas will continue to be closed to steelhead fishing:

1. Clearwater River – from its mouth upstream to the confluence of the Middle Fork Clearwater and South Fork Clearwater rivers;
2. North Fork Clearwater River – from mouth to Dworshak Dam;
3. South Fork Clearwater River – from the mouth to the confluence of American and Red rivers;
4. Middle Fork Clearwater River – from the mouth to Clear Creek; and
5. Snake River – From the Washington State line at the confluence of the Snake and Clearwater Rivers upstream to Couse Creek Boat Ramp.

The amendments also include reducing the limit to one steelhead per day and the possession limit to no more than three steelhead in possession.

cc: Department of Fish and Game
    Paul Kline

*** PLEASE NOTE ***
Per the Idaho Constitution, all administrative rules may be reviewed by the Legislature during the next legislative session. The Legislature has 3 options with this rulemaking docket: 1) Approve the docket in its entirety; 2) Reject the docket in its entirety; or 3) Reject the docket in part.
AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 36-105(3), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that at a November 14, 2019 quarterly meeting the Commission amended by proclamation the 2020 Idaho Spring Steelhead Seasons, establishing seasons and limits for fishing in Idaho. The following areas will continue to be closed to steelhead fishing.

1. **Clearwater River** – from its mouth upstream to the confluence of the Middle Fork Clearwater and South Fork Clearwater rivers;
2. **North Fork Clearwater River** – from mouth to Dworshak Dam;
3. **South Fork Clearwater River** – from the mouth to the confluence of American and Red rivers;
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The amendments also include reducing the limit to one steelhead per day and the possession limit to no more than three steelhead in possession.

Anglers are advised that they must consult the text of the Commission’s official proclamation before fishing as this notice is merely meant to advise that changes have been made. This notice is not an exhaustive list of those changes.

**ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:** For assistance on technical questions concerning the proclamation, contact Owen Moroney at (208) 334-3715.