

MINUTES  
**SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 28, 2019

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW55

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Heider, Vice Chairman Brackett, Senators Bair, Johnson, Mortimer, Patrick, Guthrie, Stennett, and Jordan

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** None

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Heider** called the meeting of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee (Committee) to order at 1:31 p.m.

**RS 26434C1** **Relating to the Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board, repealing sections of the code relating to a sunset date, amendments, and to remove a date range regarding The Idaho Fish and Game Commission's Compliance with specified Provisions.** **Carl Rey**, a member of the Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board (Board), presented this RS. He stated that the Board was established in 2014, all Board members are serving their second term, and the Board is working very well. The Board is requesting repeal of the sunset provision that would reauthorize the Board's authority in the future, and repeal of the sunset provisions that affect funding of the Board.

**DISCUSSION:** In response to questions from the Committee, **Mr. Rey** advised that the federal government put wolves in Idaho. The Board's mandate is not to harvest or remove as many wolves as they can from the ecosystem, but to manage problem wolves that prey on livestock. Because the Board is working with problem wolves, lethal means of control are usually necessary and the Board's mandate does not include control by non-lethal methods. The Board works with Idaho Fish and Game and USDA Wildlife Services to monitor the wolf population and handle complaints from livestock producers. **Mr. Rey** further stated that although the Board's authorization does not sunset until 2020, the Board would not be able to present funding requests next year for 2020 operation if the sunset clause is not removed at this time. He indicated that because the Board has surplus funding, this year's funding request was limited to \$200,000 and this will require the Board to dip into surplus funds.

**MOTION:** **Senator Bair** moved to send **RS 26434C1** to print. **Vice Chairman Brackett** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**DOCKET NO. 13-0110-1802** **Rules Governing the Importation, Possession, Release, Sale, or Salvage of Wildlife.** **Sharon Kiefer**, Chief, Bureau of Communications, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated that the intent of this rule is to prevent the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the State of Idaho. She indicated that Idaho does not currently have CWD, but many states do. This rule prohibits the importation of carcasses or other parts of deer, elk, or moose from any area outside of Idaho with a documented case of CWD. Wrapped meat, edible organs, and finished taxidermy are listed among items that may be imported. Brain tissue and spinal tissue may not be imported.

**MOTION:** **Senator Mortimer** moved to approve **Docket No. 13-0110-1802**. **Senator Bair** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**.

**VOTE ON  
GUBERNATORIAL  
APPOINTMENTS:**

**MOTION:** **Re-appointment of Lane Clezie to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, serving June 30, 2018, to June 30, 2022.** **Senator Stennett** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of **Lane Clezie** to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to the floor with a recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Guthrie** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Chairman Heider** will sponsor the appointment on the Senate floor.

**MOTION:** **Appointment of Tim Murphy to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission, serving November 28, 2018, to June 30, 2022.** **Vice Chairman Brackett** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of **Tim Murphy** to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission to the floor with a recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Jordan** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Vice Chairman Brackett** will sponsor the appointment on the Senate floor.

**MOTION:** **Re-appointment of Jo Ann Cole-Hansen to the Idaho Water Resource Board, serving January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2023.** **Senator Johnson** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of **Jo Ann Cole-Hansen** to the Idaho Water Resource Board to the floor with a recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Senator Johnson** will sponsor the appointment on the Senate floor.

**MOTION:** **Re-appointment of Jeffrey Raybould to the Idaho Water Resource Board, serving January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2023.** **Senator Bair** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of **Jeffrey Raybould** to the Idaho Water Resource Board to the floor with a recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Mortimer** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Senator Bair** will sponsor the appointment on the Senate floor.

**MOTION:** **Re-appointment of Dale Van Stone to the Idaho Water Resource Board, serving January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2023.** **Senator Guthrie** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of **Dale Van Stone** to the Idaho Water Resource Board to the floor with a recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Stennett** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Senator Stennett** will sponsor the appointment on the Senate floor.

**MOTION:** **Re-appointment of Pete Van Der Meulen to the Idaho Water Resource Board, serving January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2023.** **Senator Stennett** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of **Pete Van Der Meulen** to the Idaho Water Resource Board to the floor with a recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Mortimer** seconded the motion. The motion passed by **voice vote**. **Senator Stennett** will sponsor the appointment on the Senate floor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, **Chairman Heider** adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.

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Senator Heider  
Chair

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Tyler Brock  
Secretary

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Lois Bencken  
Assistant Secretary