

MINUTES
HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2020
TIME: 1:30 P.M.
PLACE: Room EW42
MEMBERS: Chairman Boyle, Vice Chairman Troy, Representatives Kerby, Stevenson, Zito, Andrus, Giddings, Goesling, Marshall, Nichols, Raymond, Kiska, Toone, Abernathy, McCrostie
**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None
GUESTS: Cindy Stark, ISDA; Cathy Wilson, IWC; Jason Durrant, IWC; Casey Chumrau, IWC; David Doeringfeld, Port of Lewiston; Lauren Markuson, IWUA; Samantha Guerrero, IORC; Garret Visser; Jay Shaw, Oar/DFM

Chairman Boyle called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Chairman Boyle expressed her appreciation for this sessions page, **Riata Chandler**, and thanked her for her diligent service.

Paul Arrington, Executive Director Idaho Water Users Association, said the Coalition for Idaho Water was formed in 1990, by the Idaho Grain Producers Association and the Idaho Water Users Association. He said they are addressing four areas today; Columbia River System Operations, Columbia Basin Partnership, Governor's Salmon Workgroup and Washington's Governor's Orca Taskforce. He explained the impact of the water system on Idaho's economy and agricultural industries reliance on the Lewiston Port and river ways.

Will Hart, Executive Director Idaho Consumer Owned Utilities Association, stated he represents 11 rural electric cooperatives and 11 municipal power companies providing power to over 137,000 Idahoans across the state. He said their utilities deliver electricity to consumers at cost and no member operates on a for profit basis. He said some of the benefits to hydropower are that it is renewable, flexible and reliable, affordable and the ratepayers help support fish and wildlife programs.

Stacey Satterlee, Executive Director Idaho Grain Producers, said Idaho wheat is the second largest cash crop in the state with 42 out of 44 counties in Idaho growing wheat. She said about half of the wheat grown in Idaho is imported to other countries such as Japan, Mexico and Korea with the other 50% staying in the US. She said barging the wheat to market is the least expensive, and most environmentally friendly way to transport it.

Dave Doeringfeld, General Manager for Port of Lewiston, explained nearly 10% of all US wheat exports move by barge on the Snake River. He stated removal of the lower snake river dams would cost the nation \$4 billion over 30 years, not including dam removal or power replacement. He noted that breaching the Snake River dams would increase transportation and storage cost by 50% to 100%. He further explained removal would affect over 1,100 family farms putting them at risk for bankruptcy while increasing cost of transportation, railroad, grain storage, highways and local infrastructure.

DOCKET NO. 02-0403-1901: **Dr. Bill Barton**, Administrator for Animal Industries, reported in order to streamline and simplify rules related to the prevention, mitigation, testing and reporting requirements for domestic animals, two rules were combined into a single rule. He noted there were no substitutive changes to either rule.

In response to a committee question, **Dr. Barton** clarified the \$25 fee is only for those who perform services for a fee.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0403-1901. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0405-1901: **Dr. Barton** stated four rules were combined into one, each pertaining to the inspection, production, processing, analysis and transport of Grade A and Manufactured Grade Milk and Milk Products. He reported no substitutive changes were made nor was there an increase in the fee.

MOTION: **Rep. Kerby** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0405-1901. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0426-1901: **Dr. Barton** stated this rule addresses regulations pertaining to how livestock must be properly identified, quarantined and have their movement documented when being bought, sold or exchanged. He said the consolidated rule was reviewed to update authorities and eliminate unnecessarily restrictive and redundant language. He explained there were no increases or new fees.

MOTION: **Rep. Raymond** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0426-1901. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0432-1901: **Dr. Barton** explained there were no changes to the pending fee rule and it is being adopted as originally proposed. He said this rule governs poultry operations, establishing standards for the storage, management and application of nutrients from commercial facilities.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0432-1901. Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 02-0207-1901: **Cindy Stark**, administrator for Agriculture Inspections, explained two rules were combined relating to the retail sale, inspection and bulk permitting of potatoes in Idaho. She reported there were no substitutive changes nor any changes in the fees. She said the consolidated rule was reviewed to update authority, eliminate unnecessarily restrictive language and redundancy.

MOTION: **Rep. McCrostie** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 02-0207-1901. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned 2:55 p.m.

Representative Boyle
Chair

Joan Majors
Secretary