

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, January 27, 2022

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Lickley, Representatives Moyle, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Gestrin, Mendive, Kauffman, Blanksma, Addis, Moon, Manwaring, Okuniewicz, Yamamoto, Rubel, Mathias, Burns

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Wood

GUESTS: The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

Chairman Gibbs called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

Ed Schriever, Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, introduced members of the Fish and Game Commission to the committee. Those members include **Greg Cameron**, Chair, representing the Magic Valley Region; **Tim Murphy**, representing the Southwest Region; **Dave Bobbitt**, representing the Panhandle Region; **Don Ebert**, representing the Clearwater Region; **Lane Clezie**, representing the Southeast Region; **Derick Attebury**, representing the Upper Snake Region; and **Ron Davies**, representing the Salmon Region. Director Schriever commented, Commissioner Dave Bobbitt is still awaiting Senate confirmation.

Chairman Gibbs turned the gavel over to **Vice Chair Lickley**.

**DOCKET NO.
13-0000-2100:** **Jim Fredericks**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated this omnibus pending rule docket as written was before the committee during the 2021 Session. He indicated there were changes made, but the changes do not significantly alter the effect of existing rules; rather the intent is to streamline rules through repeal or simplification of outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective rules. As a result of compliance with the Governor's Executive Order, three chapters, 50 pages of text, and hundreds of restrictions were eliminated.

Mr. Fredericks stated one change of note was in response to detection of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Idaho, which resulted in modification of the rules regarding movement of cervid carcasses in the CWD management zones. This modification reflects temporary rule language adopted by the Commission that allows the Director to designate a CWD management zone on a temporary basis, allows the movement of tissue and cervid heads to the Department for sampling, and clarifies legal consequences for violating cervid transport rules.

In response to committee questions regarding CWD management in rule rather than statute, **Mr. Fredericks** responded, the Department had rules and a management plan in place realizing it was just a matter of time before CWD would be detected in the state. When it was detected, they realized the rules needed modification due to the restrictive nature of movement of cervid heads and tissue outside of CWD management zones. The Department needed the heads and tissue to be brought in quickly for sampling and study so they needed to modify the rules.

In response to a committee question regarding where CWD has been detected, and when, **Mr. Fredericks** replied, there were four deer and one elk detected with CWD this past fall during the general season hunt and a surveillance hunt in Unit 14. Mr. Fredericks remarked, the Department is currently finishing up their CWD report and will provide it to the committee when finalized.

MOTION: **Rep. Addis** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0000-2100**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 13-0000-2100F: **Jim Fredericks**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated this omnibus pending fee rule docket as written was before the committee during the 2021 Session. He indicated no changes were made from what the committee reviewed and approved last Session.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0000-2100F**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Representative Lickley
Chair

Tracey McDonnell
Secretary