

MINUTES  
**HOUSE AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, January 30, 2023  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW42  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Andrus, Vice Chairman Raymond, Representatives Boyle, Cannon, McCann, Ehlers, Gallagher, Garner, Nelsen, Pickett, Sauter, Mathias, Nash, Roberts  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Nelsen, McCann, Garner, Raymond, Cannon, and Boyle  
**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.  
**Chairman Andrus** called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.  
**Ken Day**, JR Simplot Co., Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER), said PNWER is a statutory, public-private partnership with the U.S., Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, the Yukon and Northwest Territories. **Branden Hardenbrook** explained the mission of PNWER is to increase the economic well-being and quality of life for all citizens while maintaining and enhancing the natural environment. PNWER works to coordinate provincial and state policies throughout the region, and find ways to enhance the competitiveness of the region in both domestic and international markets. Idaho exports to Canada are pearls, gems, precious metals and jewelry, ores, slag and ash, fertilizers, live animals, wood, inorganic chemicals, vegetables, pasta, bread, cereal preparations, paper and paperboard. **Senator Winder** said PNWER is developing a plan for Canada and the United States governments to work together.  
**Rick Waitley**, Food Producers of Idaho, introduced University of Idaho students and faculty from the Agriculture Economics Public Policy class.  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

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Representative Andrus  
Chair

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Jayne Feik  
Secretary