

MINUTES
HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 05, 2024

TIME: 1:30 pm or upon adjournment

PLACE: Room EW40

MEMBERS: Chairman Mendive, Vice Chairman Shepherd, Representatives Boyle, Vander Woude, Blanksma, Manwaring, Yamamoto, Raybould, Durrant, Hill, Mickelsen, Nelsen, Pickett, Raymond, Tanner, Burns, Necochea, Galaviz

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Manwaring, Mickelsen, Galaviz

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 Mendive called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

HJM 10: **Chairman Mendive** informed the committee that the sponsor of **HJM 10** has decided to pull it and he yielded to **Rep. Boyle** for further elaboration. **Rep. Boyle** explained she recently discovered Idaho Code 67-6302 already speaks to the introduction and reintroduction of endangered species in Idaho, and it eliminates the need for a memorial.

MOTON: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to **HOLD HJM 10** in committee. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 687: **Chairman Mendive** explained the sponsor of **H 687** is held up in another committee and the presentation of the administrative rules will be moved to the top of the agenda.

Chairman Mendive turned the gavel over to **Vice Chairman Shepherd.**

**UNANIMOUS
CONSENT
REQUEST:** **Vice Chairman Shepherd** made a unanimous consent request to hear all the administrative rule presentations and entertain motions at the end. There being no objection the request was granted.

**DOCKET NO.
13-0104-2301:** **Amber Worthington**, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game (IDFG) Programs and Policy Deputy Director, presented **Docket No. 13-0104-2301** saying this was a temporary rule adopted to support the implementation of a rule pertaining to deer and elk tag allocation for non-residents. The language in section 500.01 - A and B - is being eliminated.

**DOCKET NO.
13-0106-2301:** **Amber Worthington**, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game Programs and Policy Deputy Director, presented **Docket No. 13-0106-2301** saying changes in this rule center around addressing common and scientific names in an effort to make it easier for sportsman to adhere to rule and code.

**DOCKET NO.
13-0108-2301:** **Amber Worthington**, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game Programs and Policy Deputy Director, presented **Docket No. 13-0108-2301** saying sportsman were concerned about the availability of projectiles. She assured the committee the public was engaged in these changes through the rule making process, resulting in more options for bullets.

DOCKET NO. 13-0111-2301: **Amber Worthington**, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game Programs and Policy Deputy Director, presented **Docket No. 13-0111-2301** saying this chapter has under gone major modifications in an effort to update and clarify the rule's content. Much of the removed content has been relocated to other chapters to streamline the rules and she reviewed the specific changes.

The Committee had questions about the definitions of hooks, float tubes, the issuance of electronic fish tags how they would be verified under certain circumstances, and issuance of commercial gear tags. Deputy Director **Amber Worthington** yielded to **Joe Kozfkay**, IDFG Fisheries Manager, to answer some of the specific questions. Lastly, there was a question about whether the same rule chapters will be up for review again next year? IDFG does not intent to bring the same rules before the committee next year.

DOCKET NO. 13-0112-2301: **Amber Worthington**, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game Programs and Policy Deputy Director, presented **Docket No. 13-0112-2301** saying chapter twelve was repealed and mostly absorbed in chapter eleven.

DOCKET NO. 13-0115-2301: **Amber Worthington**, Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game Programs and Policy Deputy Director, presented **Docket No. 13-0115-2301** explaining this rule outlines the use of dogs. In previous years the subsections were consolidated but responding to negative feedback from sportsman the subsections were separated again. Some very specific language changes were described to the committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Burns** made a motion to **approve Docket No. 13-0104-2301, Docket No. 13-0106-2301, Docket No. 13-0108-2301, Docket No. 13-0111-2301, Docket No. 13-0112-2301, Docket 13-0115-2301 in their entirety.**

There was a committee question about the phrase "starting around" in subsection 200.04 - d. The question was yielded to **Tricia Hosch-Hebdon**, IDFG Assistant Chief of Wildlife, who explained the word choice was intended to give some flexibility because certain things concerning season setting and tag sales have to happen before a certain permit can be made available.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Motion carried by voice vote.**

Vice Chairman Shepherd turned the gavel over to **Chairman Mendive**.

H 687: **Chairman Mendive** explained that the sponsor of **H 687** is still held up in another committee.

MOTION: **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to **HOLD H 687** in committee until the March 7, 2024 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Representative Mendive
Chair

Andrea Blades
Secretary