

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
December 9, 2008
Fish and Game Headquarters
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Director Groen, Virgil Moore, Deputy Director; Dallas Burkahlter, Deputy Attorney General; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director; Gregg Servheen, Wildlife Program Coordinator; Tom Hemker, Habitat Manager; and Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wheeler with Commissioners Barowsky, Wright, Trevey, Budge, Power and McDermott participating.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director-Policy, reported that a request for the Commission to meet with the House Natural Resources and Conservation Committee and the Senate Resources and Environment Committee. The proposed dates to meet with the Committees are January 28 and 29th. The Department asked the Commission to modify the 2009 January meeting schedule to accommodate this request. The proposed dates are January 27th for the public hearing and the remainder of the commission meeting on January 28th and 29th.

08-90 Commissioner Budge move and Commissioner Wright seconded a motion TO ACCEPT THE DATES AS PRESENTED BY STAFF FOR THE JANUARY MEETING. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Director Groen gave a brief report on the where the Department is at on support for the revenue increase proposal. The Department will provide the Commission with the public results by mid January.

LEGISLATIVE

Director Groen noted that there are some questions regarding the revenue increase legislative proposal; should or can the Department amend the proposal.

Sharon Kiefer, Assistant Director-Policy, stated that the Department has a legislative proposal that was drafted and has been put in bill format and given a routing slip (RS) number. The RS would be assigned to a committee and it is the chairman's discretion of that committee to introduce that bill for a print hearing. The Department would then make the print hearing presentation and it would be up to the committee to either to vote to print the bill or not.

Ms. Kiefer stated that if the Commission were to give policy guidance for the Department to make changes to the original revenue increase proposal that it would have to come in the form of a new bill to be sponsored by someone other than the Department.

Chairman Wheeler stated that the Department should not make any changes to the revenue increase proposal. Chairman Wheeler noted that this is what the Governor supported and is what the Department and Commission presented to the Ad Hoc Legislative Committee. The Commission is in consensus to follow through the process for the revenue increase proposal.

LANDS

Gregg Servheen, Wildlife Program Coordinator, presented four land actions for Commission approval and finalized by the end of the year (Appendix 41 Exhibit 96).

- Region 6- Campbell Conservation Easement
- Vanderbilt Conservation Easement
- Region 3- Dog Creek Land Transfer
- Region 6- Schluter Land Acquisition and Donation

08-91 Commissioner Barowsky moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a motion TO PURSUE ACQUISITION OF THE VANDERBILT, CAMPBELL, DOG CREEK AND SCHLUTER PROPERTIES AS PRESENTED BY STAFF TO THE COMMISSION. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sharon Kiefer reported that Department has received a technical request from Senator Schroeder to provide technical assistance for a bill that he is contemplating drafting to charge a fee for services. The bill if passed would be inserted into Idaho Department of Fish and Game Code. The Department will provide technical assistance but are making it clear that the Commission has not taken a policy position on this legislation.

Director Groen reported that he signed a Memorandum of Understanding Protection of Genetic Diversity of Northern Rocky Mountain Gray Wolves yesterday with Montana and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Adjournment

The Commission meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Wayne Wright
Chairman

Cal Groen
Secretary