

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1
2 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE OPPOSING ANY PROPOSALS THAT BAR IDAHO
3 HUNTERS, ANGLERS AND TRAPPERS FROM ACCESSING STATE ENDOWMENT TRUST
4 LAND ON THE BASIS OF EXCLUSIVITY, ENCOURAGING THE STATE BOARD OF LAND
5 COMMISSIONERS TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE REASONABLE AND EQUITABLE ACCESS
6 TO STATE ENDOWMENT TRUST LAND FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL IDAHOANS, URGING
7 THE STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND ACCESS TO
8 LEGALLY ACCESSIBLE STATE ENDOWMENT TRUST LAND FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION,
9 INCLUDING HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING AND CAMPING AND URGING THE STATE
10 BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS TO DENY ANY EXCLUSIVE HUNTING OR FISHING
11 LEASES ON STATE ENDOWMENT TRUST LAND.

12 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

13 WHEREAS, hunting, fishing and trapping are central to Idaho's western
14 heritage; and

15 WHEREAS, hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation contribute more than
16 \$6 billion annually to the Idaho economy; and

17 WHEREAS, more than 77,000 Idahoans are employed in hunting, fishing and
18 outdoor recreation jobs; and

19 WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Lands manages more than 2.4 million
20 acres of state endowment trust land for the State of Idaho pursuant to Sec-
21 tion 8, Article IX, of the Constitution of the State of Idaho; and

22 WHEREAS, hunters and anglers, as taxpaying citizens of Idaho, expect
23 reasonable and equitable access to state endowment trust land; and

24 WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Lands has received written proposals
25 that would grant exclusive hunting and fishing access on state endowment
26 trust land and lock Idahoans out. The Idaho Department of Lands is obligated
27 to consider these proposals pursuant to Section 8, Article IX, of the Consti-
28 tution of the State of Idaho; and

29 WHEREAS, hunters and anglers enjoy abundant access to state endowment
30 trust land; and

31 WHEREAS, hunters and anglers are allowed year-round access to state en-
32 dowment trust land; and

33 WHEREAS, hunters and anglers are allowed to camp, with limited excep-
34 tion, anywhere on lands managed by the Idaho Department of Lands.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular
36 Session of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives
37 and the Senate concurring therein, that we are opposed to any proposals that
38 bar Idaho hunters, anglers and trappers from accessing state endowment trust
39 land on the basis of exclusivity.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage the State Board of Land Commis-
41 sioners to preserve and promote reasonable and equitable access to state en-
42 dowment trust land for the benefit of all Idahoans.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to ensure the greatest amount of public ac-
2 cess to state endowment trust land, the State Board of Land Commissioners is
3 urged to provide year-round access to all legally accessible state endowment
4 trust land for outdoor recreation, including hunting, fishing, trapping and
5 camping.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to prevent the erosion of Idaho's outdoor
7 heritage, the State Board of Land Commissioners is urged to deny any exclu-
8 sive hunting or fishing leases on state endowment trust land.