

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Tuesday, January 17, 2017**

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
	Organizational Meeting	Chairman Gibbs
	Rules Review	Dennis Stevenson, Department of Administration
Docket No. <a href="#">26-0120-1601</a>	Rules Governing the Administration of Park and Recreation Areas and Facilities	Keith Hobbs, Department of Parks and Recreation

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**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Gestrin

**GUESTS:** Keith Hobbs, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation; Anna Canning, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation; Brandy Kay, Idaho Wool Growers Association

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

**Chairman Gibbs** advised that the Administrative Rules would be done by the whole committee.

After an attendance roll call, **Chairman Gibbs** welcomed everyone and explained the committee procedures and decorum. He asked that everyone introduce themselves for the benefit of the four new committee members, the new committee secretary, **Tracey McDonnell**, and Page, **Emily Horrocks**.

**Dennis Stevenson**, Office of Rules Coordinator, Department of Administration, gave a brief presentation about the Rules review, the statute requirement, processing prior to legislative review, and the use of the Legislative Services Office (LSO) analysis. Mr. Stevenson described the results of adopting or rejecting Pending, Pending Fee, and Temporary Rules. He also explained effective dates.

**DOCKET NO. 26-0120-1601:** **Keith Hobbs**, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR), explained that the requested changes to **IDAPA 26, Title 1, Chapter 20, Section 010.05, Subsection a.** is to increase the number of motorcycles allowed at a campsite within Idaho State Park Campgrounds from two to four and to clarify the language in the subsection. Currently, Chapter 20 states that the motor vehicle limit is two. IDPR requests that two motorcycles be equal or equivalent to one motor vehicle when determining campsite capacity. In response to questions, IDPR held two public meetings in Boise and provided numerous methods for the public to provide comments in addition to the meetings.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 26-0120-1601. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:28pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
Docket No. <a href="#">13-0102-1601</a>	Rules Governing Hunter Education and Mentored Hunting	Sharon Kiefer, Department of Fish and Game
Docket No. <a href="#">13-0108-1601</a>	Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals in the State of Idaho	Sharon Kiefer, Department of Fish and Game
Docket No. <a href="#">13-0109-1601</a>	Rules Governing the Taking of Game Birds in the State of Idaho	Sharon Kiefer, Department of Fish and Game
Docket No. <a href="#">13-0109-1602</a>	Rules Governing the Taking of Game Birds in the State of Idaho	Sharon Kiefer, Department of Fish and Game
Docket No. <a href="#">13-0111-1601</a>	Rules Governing Fish	Sharon Kiefer, Department of Fish and Game
Docket No. <a href="#">13-0117-1601</a>	Rules Governing the Use of Bait and Trapping for Taking Big Game Animals	Sharon Kiefer, Department of Fish and Game

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**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Vice Chairman Gestrin

**GUESTS:** Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Sal Palazzolo, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Brett Bowersox, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Wyatt Prescott, ILD; Russell Westerberg, ICOA

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
13-0102-1601:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated this proposed fee rule establishes a mandatory trapper education program for trappers purchasing their first trapping licenses on or after July 1, 2011. This change is in large part due to a spike in the sale of trapping licenses around 2011 from a variety of factors such as the change in fur prices in 2010/2011, more interest in wolf trapping, an increasing concern from the public regarding some of the trapping practices on the landscape, and concern from formal trapping organizations about the increase of new trappers out in the field who had not been properly trained.

This proposed rule broadens the description of mandatory education to include trapping and because they had never properly referenced archery education, are correcting that. This proposed rule also deletes an obsolete rule regarding the practical handling and shooting of firearms requirement from hunter education certification. This changes the hunter education program from live fire exercises to field exercises; safety is still emphasized in carrying guns, crossing fences, getting in and out of vehicles, and muzzle control. Hunter education trainers are encouraged to voluntarily offer live fire training, but it is no longer required. Finally, this proposed rule sets a fee of \$8.00 for each student who enrolls in the mandatory hunter education, archery education, or trapper education programs.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0102-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Shepherd** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**DOCKET NO. 13-0108-1601:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated this proposed rule would administer grizzly bear hunting should the Idaho Fish and Game Commission authorize hunting after grizzly bear within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem are taken off the Federal Endangered Species List. This rule does not make any decision to delist the grizzly bear, nor does this rule propose to open any hunting season to grizzly bear in Idaho. The best way to look at this is "if" the Commission were to open a season, this docket would be representative of the business rules to conduct a hunt. Should the grizzly bear be delisted and the Commission opens a hunting season, this proposed rule would establish a "once in a lifetime" harvest much like mountain goats and bighorn sheep are managed. The taking of a grizzly bear under defense of life and property, pursuant to Idaho Code, does not fall under the scope of this rule. The hunt would mirror the controlled hunt process with very limited allocation.

Within this proposed rule, the Department has added grizzly bear to the application periods, identified animals that can be legally taken, sex identification requirements, tag validation and attachment requirements, and mandatory check and reporting requirements. These provisions are consistent with how other big game species are managed. The 3-state MOU between Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming creates consistency in how the three states would approach hunting seasons, and identifies what grizzly bear can be taken legally should a hunt be opened. Additionally, the Idaho Fish and Game Proclamation identifies how they would address discretionary mortality allocated to Idaho, which could impact the hunt quota and if a season would have to be shut down if the state's quota was met. Concerns were raised about why rules are being proposed before the grizzly bear is even delisted or a hunt proposed. Due to concerns from several committee members and further discussion needed, this proposed rule will be held over until the next committee meeting on Monday, January 23, 2017.

**DOCKET NO. 13-0109-1601:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated this proposed rule modifies the current boundary of the Hagerman goose hunting closure area to remove certain private property to allow hunting to reduce goose depredation on crops.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Youngblood** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0109-1601. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 13-0109-1602:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated this proposed rule simplifies the age and mentor requirements for youth-only hunts to make them more consistent with the eligibility provisions of the license or hunting passport and updates the rule to be consistent with **H 350** which was passed in 2016. For upland and migratory birds, the youth hunt provisions did not align with the age provisions of the license. Even so, there are still differences in age requirements due to which species is being hunted. Turkey requires a tag, so the minimum age remains at 10 years old, while the minimum age for a youth hunting pheasant, which only requires a youth passport, remains at 8 years old. These are examples of why the Department cannot go to a straight minimum age across the board. For the youth only general and controlled hunts, the age bracket is now 10-17 years old, to mirror the junior hunting license age bracket. Under Upland Game, the Department is changing the minimum age from 17 to 18 years old to be consistent with an adult license and **H 350**, rather than have the requirement for a youth license for one year. Under the youth waterfowl hunt, the minimum age of 15 has been changed to an age bracket of 8 to 17 years of age. But, there is still a minimum age requirement of 16 years old to possess a Federal Migratory Bird stamp. Finally, under Tags, Stamps, Permits, and Validations, there's a technical correction from resident to nonresident child or grandchild.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0109-1602. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 13-0111-1601:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated this proposed rule provides for the opportunity to harvest unclipped summer Chinook salmon in the Clearwater River pursuant to a season that would be set by the Commission. At the time of its adoption by the Department in 2016, it was a temporary proposed rule because of a situation on the Clearwater River where they were developing a hatchery run of summer Chinook salmon to expand both tribal and non-tribal harvest opportunities and had a greater return than anticipated. Because they were not expecting such a large return, the hatchery did not clip the adipose fins. The current rules for Chinook salmon only allow the retention of hatchery fish that are adipose clipped. Although these are hatchery fish, the Commission wants to provide the opportunity to harvest these fish in the future, so that is the basis of this proposed rule.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0111-1601. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 13-0117-1601:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated this proposed rule revises the distance from roads and trails for placing bear bait in the Panhandle and Clearwater regions, due to hilly terrain and an extensive road network, which makes the current standard infeasible in many areas of these regions. In 2016, a proposed rule was approved which clarified the definition of a road, making it easier for the public to understand. Even with this clarity, there was still much concern in the Panhandle and Clearwater regions that the 200 yard distance from roads and trails required to set a bait site was too difficult due to the terrain. There were no concerns from other regions around the state; the Commission made an exception, only for the Panhandle and Clearwater regions, within this proposed rule to change the 200 yard requirement from any road or trail to 200 feet.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0117-1601. Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Miller, Erpelding, and Jordan** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:43pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Monday, January 23, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Update on Winter Feeding	Ed Schriever, Department of Fish and Game
<a href="#">RS24835</a>	Outfitters and Guides Definition Revised	Lori Thomason, Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board
<a href="#">RS24864</a>	Interstate Compact, Conservation Oil/Gas	Eric Wilson, Department of Lands
<a href="#">RS24832</a>	State/schools Lands, Oil/Gas Development	Mike Murphy, Department of Lands
Docket No. <a href="#">13-0108-1601</a>	Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals in the State of Idaho	Sharon Kiefer, Department of Fish and Game
Docket No. <a href="#">20-0214-1601</a>	Rules for Selling Forest Products on State-Owned Endowment Lands	Mr. Groeschl, Department of Lands

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**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Lori Thomason, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board; Ed Schriever, Jeff Gould, and Scott Reinecker, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Eric Wilson and Mike Murphy, Idaho Department of Lands; Jerome Hausen, IDFA; Wyatt Prescott, ICA; Greg Casey, Veritas Advisors; Tyler Murgoitio, Idaho Water Users; Kathleen Trever, Idaho Attorney General's Office; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau

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

**Chairman Gibbs** announced the Rules for Selling Forest Products on State-Owned Endowment Lands, **Docket No. 20-0214-1601** will not be heard today and will be held over until next week.

**Ed Schriever**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game introduced himself and provided an update on Winter Feeding to the committee. He provided a background on the legal authority, department policy, and the current status of emergency winter feeding of deer, elk, and pronghorn in Idaho. The authorizing statute, **36-111(1)**, establishes a dedicated feeding account and specifies how the money is to be expended. From each deer, elk, and pronghorn tag, \$0.75 is dedicated to winter feeding and winter range rehabilitation, and \$0.75 is dedicated for depredation prevention or predator control. There is a 5-member Winter Feeding Advisory Committee which serves as a liaison between the Commission, the Department, interest groups, and the public on winter feeding issues. The criteria that must be met to initiate feeding includes 1) actual or imminent threat of depredation to private property, 2) threat to public safety, including traffic hazards, or 3) limited or unavailable winter forage caused by fire or unusual weather.

This year, depredation statewide is higher than compared to last year. To date, there have been 340 depredation complaints with 281 elk and 54 deer. The Department is currently monitoring survival of approximately 700 deer and 800 elk across Idaho. Generally speaking, big game came off of a very good summer range and were in good condition. Past survival has been above average over the last 4-5 years, but conditions this year could indicate above average winter mortality for deer, especially fawns. There is a reduction in winter range due to the 50,000 acre Henry's Creek fire near Tex Creek WMA in Eastern Idaho, which triggered an emergency declaration. The Pioneer fire also impacted portions of winter range in the Southwest region. The Tex Creek WMA winters approximately 4,000 elk and 4,000 mule deer; as a result of the fire significant winter feeding has been occurring long before the first snowfall. The Director also declared winter feeding emergencies in the Southwest, Magic Valley, Southeast, and Upper Snake regions.



- RS 24835:** **Lori Thomason**, Executive Director, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board stated the purpose of this proposed change is to clarify the license year between Statutes **36-2102(g)** and **36-2109** to make the statute years consistent with each other. There will be no fiscal impact with this change.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to introduce **RS 24835**. **Rep. Erpelding** declared Rule 38. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 24864:** **Eric Wilson**, Resource Protection Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Lands stated the purpose of this proposed legislation is to ratify, approve, and adopt the Interstate Compact to Conserve Oil and Gas, and allow Idaho to become a full member of the Interstate Oil and Gas Commission. Idaho is currently an Associate Member, which does not allow for full participation and voting. Full membership will allow Idaho to weigh in on national oil and gas issues that affect the state's ability to administer the oil and gas conservation programs. There is no General Fund impact. The current Associate membership is \$1,500 annually and the Full membership is \$7,500 annually. An additional \$6,000 would be required to join as a full member. The additional expense will be covered by existing appropriation and cash in the Lands Dedicated Fund.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Youngblood** made a motion to introduce **RS 24864**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 24832:** **Mike Murphy**, Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Lands stated this legislation will allow the State Board of Land Commissioners, through the Department of Lands, to issue oil and gas leases for terms "up to" 10 years. **Idaho Statute 47-801** currently limits the lease terms to exactly 10 years and this proposed legislation will allow the Director of the Department of Lands the discretion to issue leases of shorter than 10 years when in the best interest of the endowed beneficiary.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to introduce **RS 24832**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- DOCKET NO. 13-0108-1601:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game. There was a good discussion of this proposed rule at the January 19, 2017 meeting, but before making any motion to approve, the committee wanted to review the Tristate MOU as well as the Commission adopted proclamation. Neither document delists the grizzly bear or opens a hunt season. The goal of the Department is to be responsive to circumstances on the ground to ensure their management objectives and conservation are upheld.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 13-0108-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Erpelding, Rubel, and Jordan** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.
- DOCKET NO. 20-0214-1601:** **Chairman Gibbs** announced this proposed rule would be held over until next week.
- ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:46pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
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**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">RS24880</a>	Oil and Gas, Permits, Fees, and Hearing	Eric Wilson, Department of Lands
Docket No. <a href="#">20-0316-1601</a>	Rules Governing Oil and Gas Leasing on State Lands	Mike Murphy, Department of Lands
Docket No. <a href="#">20-0701-1601</a>	Rules of Practice and Procedure Before the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Committee	Eric Wilson, Department of Lands
Docket No. <a href="#">20-0702-1601</a>	Rules Governing Conservation of Oil and Natural Gas in the State of Idaho	Eric Wilson, Department of Lands
	Introduction of Department of Fish and Game Commissioners	Virgil Moore, Director, Department of Fish and Game

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

**GUESTS:** Mike Murphy, Dave Schwarz, Eric Wilson and James Thum, Idaho Department of Lands; Jonathan Oppenhiemer, ICL; Elizabeth Criner, Simplot; Brent Mathew, Doug Paddock, Julia Page, and Elizabeth Roberts, IORC; Jim Classen; Rialin Flores, CVI; Kate Haas, Alta Mesa; Dennis Stevenson and Jay Shaw, Department of Administration; C.J. McDonald, Lone Tree Petroleum; Lenny Craig; Austin Hopkins, ILL; Miguel Legarreta, ATI

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 24880:** **Eric Wilson**, Resource Protection Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Lands stated this proposed legislation would improve the permitting and hearing processes used for applications filed with the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. It would simplify the integration process and modify some options for the integrated parties, would clarify confusing and potentially conflicting time frames and processes for notification, publication, review, and approval, and finally, would establish predictable hearing dates that would benefit permittees, affected parties, and the Department. This proposed legislation would also provide a way to eliminate hearings if no objections are received and clarify the appeal process.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to introduce **RS 24880**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO.  
20-0316-1601:** **Mike Murphy**, Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Lands stated there were two negotiated rule making meetings in July 2016. Attendees included industry members and members of the public. The following are changes reached through the negotiated rule making for this pending fee rule. The Department submitted legislation to allow for oil and gas lease terms of "up to" 10 years, which gives the Department discretion to issue shorter leases when in the best interest of the endowed beneficiary. Nomination fees were increased from \$25 to a minimum of \$250 per nomination, as set by the Land Board. Processing fees for assignments were increased from \$5 to a minimum of \$100 per lease, as set by the Land Board. Annual rental rates were increased from \$1 per acre to \$3 per acre, with a minimal annual rental payment of \$250. Lease boundaries are no longer limited to a single section, but will have a maximum size of 640 acres (or one full section). The Department would have the discretion to combine nominated tracts into one lease. Annual shut-in fees are now twice the rental rate. On-line auctions are now recognized as a method for holding lease auctions, and definitions were clarified and the rules were reorganized to clarify the nomination and auction process. The fee increases reflect cost recovery levels for administrative efforts on behalf of the Department and are in line with other oil and gas producing states in the Western United States.

A public hearing was held in October 2016, and the Department emailed more than 80 parties interested in oil and gas issues. There were only two comments received, the most significant from the Idaho Conservation League (ICL) identifying many concerns such as prohibiting surface occupancy on state lands serving a dedicated purpose from degradation by oil and gas infrastructure, prohibiting surface occupancy on lands with split surface and mineral estates, and providing consistency for setbacks across rules. The Department did not support the first two concerns, but did agree with consistency for setbacks across rules and has proposed changes within this proposed fee rule.

There was much discussion within the committee regarding the rewording of the competitive bidding process with the removal of "highest bid." The concern is that with the removal of the original language, the winning bid may no longer be the highest bid.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Rubel** made a motion to **HOLD Docket No. 20-0316-1601** for time certain, January 31, 2017.

Discussion continued until there was general agreement that with the phrase "in the best interest of the state" still within the body of the pending fee rule, along with the final determination coming from the Land Board, that the pending fee rule as written is adequate.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Youngblood** made a substitute motion to approve **Docket No. 20-0316-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 20-0701-1601:** **Eric Wilson**, Resource Protection Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Lands stated the Department is the administrative agency for the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and it is the Commission's duty to prevent waste during exploration and development of oil and gas resources, protect the correlative rights of mineral owners, and protect fresh waters during oil and gas development on all federal, state, and private lands in Idaho. In July 2016, the Commission directed the Department to enter into rulemaking to repeal **IDAPA 20.07.01**. These rules went into effect in 1992, and predate the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). Therefore, the APA supersedes these rules. In addition, changes to **Title 47, Chapter 3, Idaho Code**, in the 2016 Legislative Session modified how administrative proceedings take place. As a result, **Docket No. 20-0701-1601** no longer governs actions by the Commission. Repealing this rule section clarifies administrative processes.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 20-0701-1601**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 20-0702-1601:** **Eric Wilson**, Resource Protection Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Lands stated in March 2016, the Oil and Gas Commission directed the Department to revise **IDAPA 20.07.02** relating to spacing, drilling, plugging, and production of oil and gas wells. Changes to **Title 47, Chapter 3, Idaho Code**, during the 2016 Legislative Session necessitated these changes. The Department also identified several parts of the proposed rule that needed to be changed and clarified. The most substantive changes are as follows. Consistent terminology is added throughout the proposed rule including several definitions. The role of the Commission and Department is aligned with statutes. Permit requirements and processing are modified throughout to conform to statutes. Seismic exploration is better defined and requirements are clarified. Requirements for spacing units are modified for clarity to better explain how exceptional wells and spacing unit changes are handled and to better protect correlative rights. Integration, unitization, and several other processes are modified to conform to statute and to clarify the process. Drill pad construction prior to permit approval is conditionally authorized. A setback of wells from occupied structures is added. The permit transfer process is modified to ensure any new operator is registered and in good standing with

the State of Idaho. Inventory of wellhead equipment is added. Well logging and reporting requirements are modified to improve information gathering and retention. Production and well reporting requirements are modified to get the information to the Department sooner to reduce the need for corrected reports. Gas-oil ratio is increased to 10,000:1 for gas well classification. Meter calibration is increased in frequency and transparency. And, tank battery and processing facility standards are modified to add flexibility.

Seven negotiated rulemaking sessions were held from May through July, 2016. Participation ranged from industry representatives to community members to non-governmental organizations. While agreement was reached on many points, requests that would conflict with statute, were outside of the scope of rulemaking, were outside the scope of the Commission's authority, or involved issues that other states are not in agreement on/no clear correct answer could be found, could not be fulfilled. These proposed changes build on the established regulatory framework for oil and gas development and would further the mission of the Commission.

There was much discussion within the committee members regarding the process undertaken to conduct the meetings, how comments were tracked, minutes recorded, and how information was made available from these meetings to the public in a timely manner.

**Brent Mathew**, member of ICL and Idaho Resource Council, urged the committee to look closely at the public health impact regarding the setback on issues with air, water, and noise pollution. He also urged the committee to direct the Department to increase the setback to protect public health and quality of life.

**Jim Classen**, an exploration geologist for over 57 years, called attention to one issue with these rules. The rulemaking process was long and arduous but he was in favor of the rule in general. One area of concern he has was with spacing. Standard spacing units for oil should be a 40 acre temporary unit around the well location. The standard spacing for a gas well, in his opinion, should be 160 or 320 acres around the well location. No unit should be restricted by section or township lines. For 640 acre spacing for a gas well, he suggests holding a hearing where public comments can be made and the IDL staff can review those comments.

**Elizabeth Roberts**, self, from Eagle Idaho, agrees that the 300 foot setback isn't enough. She worries about possible methane leaks, noise from truck traffic, lights, and possible water contamination. She would like to see an increase in the setback for the health and quality of life of Idaho residents when the committee considers these rules.

**Kate Haas**, representing Alta Mesa, an oil and gas operator in the Payette area, addressed the committee and said they have made a substantial investment in Idaho. They agree the rulemaking process was very open and transparent and the staff should be commended. They do have concerns about how things were added after the close of the rulemaking and public comment process. They believe there were significant policy decisions at the end of that process that were not part of the rulemaking process. They didn't agree on all aspects of the rules, but generally, in their opinion, it was a good rulemaking process. They have done an analysis and believe this rule is workable if the committee chooses to approve it.

**C. J. McDonald**, representing Lone Tree Petroleum. He has worked for 34 years in the oil and gas industry all over the world. He has extensive experience in permitting, regulatory issues, and consulting. He participated in the rulemaking process, which he stated was frustrating. He participated to try to better the state of Idaho to move the process forward. He believes if Idaho was in line with the other states and the process was clear cut, it would make things more doable. Without an outline and a clear cut process to move forward, it leaves a lot of questions. He stated they are analyzing how many of the wells are going to be in Idaho at this time. He doesn't feel the transparency is there to make a plan to move forward. He also feels spacing is an issue due to the fact that landowners do not have defined property lines along section and township lines, which causes problems when trying to set wells. He believes this rulemaking will make the statute worse by defining it to a section line.

**Senator Larry Craig**, self. He stated these rules are critical to Idaho with this growing industry. He attended all seven of the negotiated rulemaking sessions and testified at several of them. He stands before the committee today **in opposition**. It is his opinion they do not create a kind of transparency, clarity and openness that is necessary to create the competitiveness in this state. He questioned if the state of Idaho or a private citizen whose resources are being pulled from the ground and sold by a private contractor be disclosed of immediately, this should be a requirement. The measuring of those resources should be immediate because that can determine the selling price. It's called metering. Idaho is not yet to the national standard, so that makes it difficult to operate in Idaho. Spacing is another issue. If it were not an issue, then the wells would all be located in the center of the lease to assure all setback requirements were met. But, most of the wells in Idaho are not in the center; they are located off to the edge. That is because the operators know exactly where they want the wells located based on the 3D seismic readings that tell them where the resources are located. This impacts the landowners adjacent to these leases when it comes to spacing and setbacks. He stated this proposed rule will not advance competition, it will not bring more wells online, and it will not put more money in the treasury of the state of Idaho to the levels stated.

**Julia Page**, member of IORC in the Boise area. She said this organization helps farmers and ranchers and concerned citizens participate in decisions that impact their communities and quality of life. IORC took part in the negotiated rulemaking process, but did not feel their needs were met through this process. The needs are different for industry than they are for people who live nearby. The people who live close by stand to lose the most when it comes to quality of life, property values and health due to the threat of leaks and spills, constant noise, lights, additional traffic, and burdens to local infrastructure like schools, law enforcement, and medical facilities. They do not agree that a 300 foot setback is adequate to protect homeowners from impacts to oil and gas development. Local governments have the ability to enact local ordinances that require a greater setback than the state, but often the state standards are used as a ceiling, not a floor. Greater setbacks are needed at the state level. They support strengthening the reporting requirements in the rules; the Department must require the highest levels of transparency in all reporting to assure that it is available to the public in a timely manner. They feel this proposed rule is a minimal start.

**Jonathan Oppenheimer**, representing Idaho Conservation League, stated they have many concerns with this proposed rule, specifically with regard to water quality and setbacks. The concerns are based on the fact that there has not been consultation with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), therefore work on the proposed rule lacks regulatory and statutory direction. He asked the committee to reject this proposed rule and ask that the Department of Lands work with DEQ and concerned citizens to address the issues of water quality as well as setbacks.

**Rep. Boyle** stated the majority of the activity is happening within District 9 and she has had a lot of comments from her constituents who are not happy with this rulemaking process. She is not happy with this proposed rule either and will be voting against this proposed rule.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Boyle** made a motion to reject **Docket No. 20-0702-1601. Motion carried by voice vote. Chairman Gibbs** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Tuesday, January 31, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Annual Update - Department of Water Resources and Water Board	Gary Spackman, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and Roger Chase, Chairman, Water Board
<a href="#">RS24824</a>	Fish and Game Set-Aside Accounts	Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
<a href="#">RS24830</a>	Fish and Game Upland Game Bird Shooting Hours	Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Docket No. <a href="#">20-0214-1601</a>	Rules for Selling Forest Products on State-Owned Endowment Lands	David Groeschl, Idaho Department of Lands

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 31, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive (Mendive), Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; David Groeschl, Idaho Department of Lands; Gary Spackman, IDWR; Stephen Goodson, Governor's Office; Scott Phillips, SCO; John Younce, McFarland Cascade; Jeremy Chou, Givens Pursley; Will Hart, Idaho Consumer-owned Utilities; Marie Kellner, Idaho Conservation League; Steve Thomas, IFC; Norm Semanko, IWUA; Jesse Taylor, Bear Lake Watch; Douglas Jones, self.

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2017 and the January 25, 2017 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Roger Chase**, Chairman, Idaho Water Resource Board introduced himself and provided an update on Idaho's water issues. He stated in the past the people of Idaho did a great job utilizing water, but the conditions today that drive the Board is sustainability. Water is a finite resource and this presents the greatest challenge to make sure the people of Idaho understand. The factors impacting sustainability that will need to be addressed include: more water is being used than in the past in certain areas of the state; educating people to better understand when they use water, how that impacts the state as a whole; and, the affect of climate variability on water capture and storage as a result of high temperatures and snow pack levels. He also reviewed work that was being done around the state including adjudication issues, salmon recovery efforts, and cloud seeding.

**Gary Spackman**, Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources introduced himself and provided an update on Idaho's water resources. As a result of all the snow this winter, many areas in the southern part of the state are in excess of 100% of water in the snow. The Owyhee Basin has the highest levels at 164%, but north of the Eastern Snake Plain, it starts to dry up. The Salmon Basin is below 100%, as are several other basins, and the extreme Northern Panhandle is below 70%. He talked about a newly formed Ground Water Management Area that was established as the result of a settlement agreement between the surface water coalition, a consortium of surface water irrigation delivery organizations, and ground water users to address a multi-year action plan for corrective measures to bring the aquifer back into balance. This management area is an overlay to ensure that all water users were participating in their irrigation plans and contributing towards the recovery.

**RS 24824:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game stated this proposed legislation increases set-asides from permits or tags, and directs it to three set-aside accounts designated for specific functions to offset funds from Fish and Game accounts used for these functions. She stated this does not impact current fees for the affected permits or tags, but rather a redistribution of dedicated revenue to facilitate administration of these programs. She further stated there are two approaches found in this proposed legislation; a proportional set-aside and a flat fee set-aside. They heard from many sportsman requesting rather than a flat fee set-aside from salmon and steelhead permits, they wanted to see a proportional set-aside proposed. Their reason is that should things change in the future, up or down, the proportional set-aside would float with those particular changes. Although not a traditional approach, this can be done because it can be feasibly administered from resident and nonresident salmon and steelhead permits, which do not have substantially different prices and will ensure the set-aside keeps pace with any future fee revisions. A traditional approach of a flat fee set-aside from pronghorn, deer, and elk tags, of which there are multiple types of resident and nonresident tags, is retained for the feeding account exclusively for winter feeding, and the control of depredation of private property accounts. This approach will continue because of the complexity of administering many types of tags with very different prices. This proposed legislation also authorizes expenditures from the feeding account for activities directly related to winter feeding, such as the labor to spread pellets or to plant forage.

The other component of this proposed legislation is the increase of a tag set-aside that goes towards two accounts. Currently in law, \$1.50 from each deer, elk, and antelope tag is split evenly between the winter feeding account and the depredation of private property account. The Department is proposing an increase to \$3.50 from each deer, elk, and antelope tag to be equally distributed to the two accounts. They did not choose the proportional set-aside method due to the fact they sell multiple types of deer, elk, and antelope tags and the differential in prices between all of those tags is much greater.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to introduce **RS 24824. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 24830:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game stated this proposed legislation will revise several Fish and Game misdemeanors to infractions in **36-1401, Idaho Code**. This proposed legislation integrates the Fish and Game Commission Rule with current statute so that a violation of upland bird shooting hours on certain WMAs designated by Fish and Game Proclamation or Rule is an infraction rather than a misdemeanor.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to introduce **RS 24830. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**DOCKET NO. 20-0214-1601:** **David Groeschl**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Lands introduced himself and stated this proposed rule deals with the sale of forest products on state-owned endowment lands. This revision was driven by three factors. First, the Land Board timber sale approval process was modified and streamlined about a year ago. Second, several of the definitions and sale descriptions needed to be updated. Third, several areas of concern in **Sections .024 and .025** of the rules dealing with the sale of cedar poles needed to be addressed including: limited competitive bidding because of scale conversion and non-bidding requirements that favor one sector of the forest product industry; increased management costs that limit the Department's management options; requiring additional entry to remove cedar poles results in more site disturbance and stand damage rather than allowing for other possible sale entry; and lastly, the current rules are inconsistent with the Department and Land Board's constitutional duty to maximize long-term returns to

the beneficiaries. To alleviate those concerns, **Sections .024 and .025** have been stricken as shown in this proposed rule.

The Department proposes a two-year pilot program that compares two different methods of selling cedar poles through both a single- and dual-entry approach. The pilot program will be consistent with the existing Land Board policy of offering 20,000 cedar poles per year, but approximately 10,000 poles will be offered each year of the pilot program using a single-entry approach and approximately 10,000 cedar poles using a dual-entry approach. The data gathered during this two-year pilot program on both sale methods will help the Department determine the most efficient, effective and profitable approach to selling cedar poles on state-owned endowment lands.

**John Younce**, Vice President of McFarland Cascade, stated that McFarland Cascade believes the cedar pole pilot program is a well designed test to benchmark two methods of selling cedar and no longer opposes the repeal of the 1986 cedar pole rule, which had many points that had become outdated. They support the unit of measure from lineal feet to board feet or cubic feet, which should increase the number of bidders and competition. Because trees tend to be smaller on cedar pole sales today than from 1986, the volume of pole timber harvested should be revised. McFarland Cascade is comfortable with this proposed rule because the 20,000 cedar poles annually will still remain in place ensuring Idaho Utilities a reliable source of poles. They are confident cedar poles are the highest and best use and will continue to show the high returns to the endowment, fostering continuation of the program.

**Jeremy Chou**, representing Givens Pursley, who represents McFarland Cascade, met with the Department to discuss concerns McFarland Cascade had with the proposed rule. An agreement was reached, and as a result, McFarland Cascade dropped its opposition to the proposed rule. They believe this pilot program will further the long term interest of the endowment.

**Will Hart**, Executive Director of Idaho Consumer-owned Utilities, said they are one of the end-users of these poles. They are **in support** of this proposed rule to receive cedar poles under the pilot program.

**Steve Thomas**, on behalf of Idaho Forest Group, spoke **in support** of this proposed rule.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 20-0214-1601. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:52pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Wednesday, February 01, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>H 53</u></a>	Lease Term Changes, Oil/Gas Development	Mike Murphy, Idaho Department of Lands
<a href="#"><u>H 52</u></a>	Interstate Compact, Conservation Oil/Gas	Eric Wilson, Idaho Department of Lands
<a href="#"><u>H 51</u></a>	Outfitters/Guides, Definition Revised	Lori Thomason, Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board
<a href="#"><u>RS25058</u></a>	Bear River Commission; To Provide for Alternate Commissioners	Rep. Gibbs

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**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 01, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive (Mendive), Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Shepherd, Moyle

**GUESTS:** Tom Schultz, Mike Murphy and Dave Schwarz, Idaho Department of Lands; Kate Haas, Kestrel West; Greg Casey, Veritas Advisors; Elizabeth Criner, Simplot; Doug Paddock, Julia Page, and Elizabeth Roberts, IORC; Norm Semanko, IWUA; Cay Marquart, self; Miguel Legarreta, Associated Taxpayers of Idaho

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

**H 53:** **Mike Murphy**, Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Lands stated that **H 53** allows the State Board of Land Commissioners through the Department of Lands to issue oil and gas leases for terms "up to" 10 years. **Idaho Statute 47-801** currently limits the lease term to exactly 10 years. This legislation will allow the Department the discretion to issue leases of shorter than 10 years when in the best interest of the endowed beneficiary.

In answer to a committee question, **Mr. Murphy** explained the term "school lands" actually refers to State Endowment Trust Lands.

**Chairman Gibbs** requested the record reflect there was no public testimony for **H 53**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 53** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Giddings** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 52:** **Tom Schultz**, Director, Idaho Department of Lands presented in place of **Eric Wilson**. He stated the purpose of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, or IOGCC, is to conserve oil and gas by preventing waste and maximizing the production while protecting human health, safety, and the environment. The Chairman is always a governor from a member state. Oil and gas regulation is handled largely by the states, and no federal standards exist. Since 2011, Idaho has been updating its own oil and gas regulatory program. Thirty states are now members of the IOGCC. Idaho is currently an associate member as full membership is limited to only gas producing states. In 2016, Idaho became the newest oil and gas producing state in the union, and is now eligible to apply for full membership. Full membership will allow Idaho to have a voice in national oil and gas policies, will provide access to nationwide resources and assistance for enhancing programs, and will inform the state early on about emerging state and national trends. Full membership will not have an impact on the General Fund, but an additional \$6,000 from existing dedicated fund appropriation is required to cover full membership dues.

**Kate Haas**, representing Alta Mesa offers an industry prospective **in support** of this legislation. Idaho is the only state in the IOGCC who is not a full member. The IOGCC is a cooperative organization whose members trade best practices with things going on in the industry and it would be good for Idaho to become a full member.

**Julia Page**, representing IORC, is **in opposition** to this legislation. She stated the purpose of the IOGCC in the early years was to reign in over-production of oil and gas to reduce waste. Those days are done now and the IOGCC today works more as a lobbying group for the oil and gas industry. She stated they do not support or agree with several actions of the IOGCC including the fracking loophole, police powers, and the fact the IOGCC still does not follow the open records act allowing them to remain unaccountable to the public for what they do.

**Elizabeth Roberts**, representing IORC, is **in opposition** of this legislation. She believes that Idaho already has laws that prohibit waste. Rather Idaho should use the money to enforce laws already on the books like monitoring for unnecessary leaks and venting, tightening current standards that allow companies to flair or leak or use gas in their own equipment without paying royalties and taxes, and for more fairness for mineral owners.

**Cay Marquart**, self, said she didn't want to repeat what was already said, but requested the committee review testimonies from those that have already spoken. She is **in opposition** to this legislation.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to send **H 52** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Erpelding, Rubel, and Jordan** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 51:** **Lori Thomason**, Executive Director, Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board stated the purpose of this legislation is to clarify the license year between Statutes **36-2102(g)** and **36-2109** to make the statute years consistent with each other. There will be no fiscal impact with this change.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to send **H 51** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. He declared Rule 38. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Erpelding** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Gibbs** requested the record reflect there was no public testimony for **H 51**.

**Chairman Gibbs** passed the gavel to **Vice Chairman Gestrin**.

**RS 25058:** **Rep. Gibbs**, District 32, stated this proposed legislation amends Section **42-3301**, Idaho Code to provide for alternate commissioners to the Bear River Compact Commission with the power to vote. It also makes a technical correction.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to introduce **RS 25058. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:06pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Tuesday, February 07, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Idaho Water Sustainability Plan	Jeff Raybould, Vice Chairman, Idaho Water Resource Board
<a href="#">H 64</a>	Oil and Gas, Permits, Fees, Hearings	Tom Schultz, Director, Idaho Department of Lands
<a href="#">H 96</a>	Bear River Commission	Rep. Gibbs
<a href="#">RS25116</a>	State Water Plan	Rep. Kauffman

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**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 07, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive (Mendive), Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan

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

**GUESTS:** Tom Schultz, Eric Wilson, and James Thum, Idaho Department of Lands; Doug Paddock and Julia Page, IORC; Victoria Casetta, Cay Marquart, and Ron Marquart, CAIA; Jeff Raybould, IWRB; Neely Miller and Brian Patton, IDWR; Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau; Tyler Murgoitio, Idaho Water Users; Kate Haas, Kestrel West; Rialin Flores, CVI; Jack Lyman, IHA; Brandy Kay, IWGA

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Jeff Raybould**, Vice Chairman, Idaho Water Resource Board introduced himself and provided an overview of the new Sustainability Policy Section within the Idaho State Water Plan. In September 2012, **Governor Otter** wrote a letter to the Idaho Water Resource Board requesting they define water sustainability, and incorporate a policy within the Idaho State Water Plan to focus more on achieving water sustainability within the State of Idaho. The Governor's guidance characterized sustainability as providing water supply for current needs and water availability for future economic development and job creation. The Board received a series of presentations from experts on the topic of sustainability, and received input from water users and the public. In November 2016, the Board adopted the new policy within the newly established Section 8 of the State Water Plan, titled Sustainability, and at that time submitted it to the Governor. The policy identifies sustainability as the overall stewardship of the state's water resources for the good of the people of the State of Idaho.

**Chairman Gibbs** stated today's presentation was informational; no action would be taken today by the committee. The new Sustainability portion of the State Water Plan will become effective 60 days from the start of the 2017 Legislative Session.

**H 64:** **Tom Schultz**, Director, Idaho Department of Lands stated this legislation would improve the permitting and hearing processes used for applications filed with the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. It would simplify the integration process and modify some options for the integrated parties, would clarify confusing and potentially conflicting time frames and processes for notification, publication, review, and approval, and finally, would establish predictable hearing dates that would benefit permittee, affected parties, and the Department. This legislation would also provide a way to eliminate hearings if no objections are received and clarify the appeal process.



In answer to committee questions, **Mr. Schultz** clarified the current process from start to finish takes approximately 104 days. With these changes, it would add between 10-14 days. Additionally, since the hearing dates will be pre-scheduled throughout the year, the operators can choose which month they want to take their application before the hearing official, giving all parties ample time to meet the notice requirements and be fully prepared.

**Victoria Casetta**, representing CAIA, stated she is not testifying against safe, accountable, or transparent oil and gas activities, as long as citizen's due process and personal property rights are protected while Idaho profits. She does have concerns with **H 64** including personal property rights being threatened, loss of local control to support citizen values, and the failure of the Idaho's oil and gas industry delivering promised taxes to the State.

**Julia Page**, representing IORC stated she is **in opposition** of this legislation because it fails to address the problems in Idaho law. Additionally, she has serious concerns this legislation infringes on people's Constitutional rights to due process to appeal or challenge decisions made by the Department. She stated the language in the legislation is unclear and inconsistent.

**Kate Haas**, representing Alta Mesa stated they are **in support** of this legislation. This, in their view, is not a perfect piece of legislation, but it builds on legislation from last year which streamlined several processes. They supported it last year and have learned from it. As a result, in the off-season, they worked with the Department through negotiation and compromise to help develop this legislation which continues to streamline the permitting and hearing processes for both the operator and the State perspectives.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to send **H 64** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Erpelding and Jordan** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Gibbs** passed the gavel to **Vice Chairman Gestrin**.

**H 96:** **Rep. Gibbs**, District 32, stated this legislation amends Section **42-3301**, Idaho Code to provide for alternate commissioners to the Bear River Compact Commission with the power to vote. It also makes a technical correction.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **H 96** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Vice Chairman Gestrin** passed the gavel to **Chairman Gibbs**.

**RS 25116:** **Rep. Kauffman**, District 25, stated this proposed legislation would amend **42-1743B**, Idaho Code, which would direct the Idaho Board of Water Resources to notify each member of the Legislature of any changes to the comprehensive State Water Plan. This amendment would ensure that any changes to the State Water Plan is known by all Legislators and the process remains transparent.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Moyle** made a motion to introduce **RS 25116**.

**Rep. Raybould** stated he had concerns with the proposed language. Striking the word "submit" on page 2, creates two concerns. First, it would no longer meet the requirements in current Statute to provide notice to the Legislature on the first day of the Regular Legislative Session. Since this notification to the Legislature starts the 60-day clock, where it would become law if no action is taken, his second concern with the word "submit" stricken, is it becomes unclear when that 60-day clock would start.

The committee discussed **Rep. Raybould's** concerns and what the best way forward would be.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Rep. Raybould** made a motion to return **RS 25116** to the sponsor to make the necessary changes. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Gibbs** stated the committee would hear the corrected **RS 25116** at the next meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Thursday, February 09, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 90</a>	Upland Game Bird Shooting Hours	Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
<a href="#">RS25136</a>	Department of Lands Rule Rejection	Rep. Gestrin
<a href="#">RS25116C1</a>	State Water Plan	Rep. Kauffman
<a href="#">RS25145C1</a>	Endowment Land Use, DOL Report	Rep. Erpelding
<a href="#">RS25206</a>	Wildlife Tanneries	Rep. Moon

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Thursday, February 09, 2017
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive (Mendive), Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association; Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau; Greg Casey, Veritas Advisors; Rialin Flores, CVI; Brian Brinks, IWR; Lynn Tominaga, IGWA  
**Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 90:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game stated this legislation will revise several Fish and Game misdemeanors to infractions in **36-1401**, Idaho Code. This legislation integrates the Fish and Game Commission Rule with current statute so a violation of upland game bird shooting hours on certain WMAs designated by Fish and Game Proclamation or Rule is an infraction rather than a misdemeanor.  
**Chairman Gibbs** requested the record reflect there was no public testimony for **H 90**.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to send **H 90** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Jordan** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 25136:** **Rep. Gestrin**, District 8, stated this Concurrent Resolution confirms the action this committee took which resulted in a full rejection of **Docket No. 20-0702-1601**, Rules Governing Conservation of Oil and Natural Gas in the State of Idaho, Idaho Department of Lands.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a motion to introduce **RS 25136** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Gestrin** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- RS 25116C1:** **Rep. Kauffman**, District 25, stated this proposed legislation would amend **42-1743B**, Idaho Code, which would direct the Idaho Board of Water Resources to notify each member of the Legislature of any changes to the comprehensive State Water Plan. This amendment would ensure that any changes to the State Water Plan is known by all legislators and the process remains transparent. The language concerns on page 2 identified in the February 7, 2017 committee meeting have been addressed in this corrected version.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to introduce **RS 25116C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25145C1:** **Rep. Erpelding**, District 19, stated this Concurrent Resolution asks the Idaho Department of Lands to produce an annual report detailing the managed uses of State Endowment Lands. The public would be able to find, within this one resource, locations of these lands, how much of the land is being used for certain activities such as logging, and whether or not they are accessible or inaccessible. If lands are inaccessible, that will be identified so the public doesn't try accessing them by potentially crossing private lands without permission or breaking other laws. Identifying that these inaccessible lands exist provides more transparency to the public. The report would use information from an already existing GIS-based inventory of all state-owned lands and the Department of Lands agrees this would be simple to pull already existing information into one report. The report would be due no later than September 30th each year, making the first report due September 30, 2017.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to introduce **RS 25145C1**.  
The committee agreed this would be a valuable report but discussed concerns regarding "reasonable access" on line 13.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN:** **Rep. Wood** withdrew his motion to introduce **RS 25145C1**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to return **RS 25145C1** to the sponsor to make the necessary changes regarding "reasonable access." **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25206:** **Rep. Moon**, District 8, stated this proposed legislation provides a definition for a "commercial wildlife tannery." It also defines requirements for recording wildlife hides and skins, for a shipping compliance statement for a commercial wildlife tannery, and it provides for length of time for records retention.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to introduce **RS 25206**. **Rep. Moyle** declared Rule 38. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:06pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Monday, February 13, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>RS25271</u></a>	Fish and Game Set-aside Accounts	Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
<a href="#"><u>RS25235C1</u></a>	Hells Canyon Complex	Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association
<a href="#"><u>RS25163</u></a>	Revision, Legislative Approval to Introduce Species	Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association
<a href="#"><u>RS25164</u></a>	Idaho Primacy, Fish, Wildlife, Water Resources	Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association
<a href="#"><u>RS25165</u></a>	Fishways, Hells Canyon Hydro Project	Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association
	Soil and Water Conservation Commission Annual Report	Teri Murrison and Delwyne Trefz, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission

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Rep Moyle	Rep Miller	Rep Blanksma
Rep Raybould	Rep Burtenshaw	Rep Erpelding
Rep Shepherd	Rep Mendive(Mendive)	Rep Rubel
Rep Wood	Rep Youngblood	Rep Jordan

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, February 13, 2017  
**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.  
**PLACE:** Room EW40  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representative(s) Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Moyle, Vander Woude, Rubel  
**GUESTS:** Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Norm Semanko and Tyler Murgotio, Idaho Water Users Association; Lynn Tominaga, Idaho Ground Water Association; Braden Jensen and Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Marie Kellner, Idaho Conservation League; Dustin Miller, OSC; Stephen Goodson, GOV; John Williams, BPA

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

**RS 25271:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated this proposed legislation is essentially one half of **H 89**, which the Department requested to hold in committee in order to move forward with this stand-alone legislation for the salmon and steelhead set-aside account. The winter feeding and depredation portion of **H 89** will be rolled into other proposals to be brought before the committee in the near future. **RS 25271** is the result of interest and requests from sportsmen wanting to see a proportional set-aside fee proposed for salmon and steelhead permits rather than the current flat rate set-aside fee because a proportional fee would float, up or down, as the set-aside keeps pace with any future fee revisions. The change in the set-aside does not affect current fees for the affected permits but is a redistribution of dedicated revenue to more transparently support statutory functions of the set-aside account. A proportional set-aside from salmon and steelhead permits can be feasibly administered from resident and nonresident permits because they do not have substantially disparate prices. The related set-aside distribution from eighth class licenses (sportsman's pak licenses) is also revised for consistency.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to introduce **RS 25271**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25235C1:** **Norm Semanko**, Executive Director, Idaho Water Users Association, stated this Joint Memorial is very important during Idaho Power Company's Hells Canyon Project relicensing process currently underway by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. A 30-year biological opinion, currently in place, found that the flow levels established were determined to be sufficient to avoid jeopardy to species downstream. The standing biological opinion and ongoing project management did not provide coverage for any species above Hells Canyon Dam. The State of Oregon has attempted to require Idaho Power Company to implement fish passage and introduction or reintroduction of anadromous fish above Hells Canyon Project into Idaho waters. Allowing this to happen would impact 30 years of proven beneficial flows downstream. This Joint Memorial provides that the Legislature opposes such introduction or reintroduction efforts and authorizes and directs the Governor and Attorney General to take all necessary measures to oppose and prevent Oregon's introduction or reintroduction efforts.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burtenshaw** made a motion to introduce **RS 25235C1**.

**AMENDED MOTION:** **Rep. Burtenshaw** made an amended motion to introduce **RS 25235C1** and recommend it be sent directly to the Second Reading Calendar. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Burtenshaw** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**RS 25163:** **Norm Semanko**, Executive Director, Idaho Water Users Association, stated this proposed legislation amends **67-6302**, Idaho Code, to require legislative approval of any efforts to introduce or reintroduce species into the State of Idaho by any agency or entity, State, Federal, or however constituted. This is referenced in the Joint Memorial **RS 25235C1**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 25163. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25164:** **Norm Semanko**, Executive Director, Idaho Water Users Association, stated this proposed legislation amends **67-818(5)**, Idaho Code, to clarify Idaho law that introduction or reintroduction of any aquatic or terrestrial species requires approval of the State of Idaho, and that the policy is not limited to listed species.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Youngblood** made a motion to introduce **RS 25164. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25165:** **Norm Semanko**, Executive Director, Idaho Water Users Association, stated this proposed legislation amends **36-906**, Idaho Code, to make it consistent with Idaho policy and law that fishways are not to be required at the Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project.

**Rep. Giddings** noted in the SOP, the word "Energy" was inadvertently left out of the title of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to introduce **RS 25165. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Delwyne Trefz**, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, introduced himself and provided an annual financial accountability report to the committee. The Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission's goal is to take care of and improve Idaho's natural resources for future generations while maximizing their benefits to all Idahoans. They work with local people who know the land and natural resources. They have no regulatory authority. Their efforts lead to better water quality and water savings, less soil erosion and fuel for wildfires, improved habitat for wildlife, and more. They are a Governor appointed five-member board, each member serving a five year term. Idaho's 50 Conservation Districts, which are distinct units of local government, request technical assistance from the Soil and Water Conservation Commission as well as identify needs for specific project funding, totaling \$3 million statewide in 2016. Conservation Districts' satisfaction of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission's efforts rose from 60% in 2013 to 91% in 2016. There were many successful accomplishments noted in the presentation.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:24pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary



JOINT  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**AND**  
**SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Lincoln Auditorium**  
**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Oil and Gas Presentation Introduction	Tom Schultz, Director, Idaho Department of Lands
	Overview of Oil and Gas Governing and Regulatory Structure in the Intermountain West	Kelly Williams, Attorney, Ray Quinney and Nebeker
	Overview of the IOGCC and Overview of State Oil and Gas Regulatory Exchange (SOGRE)	Carol Booth, Communications Manager, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission
	Present the Findings/Recommendations from the SOGRE Report	John Baza, Director, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING

**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
SENATE RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, February 15, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Lincoln Auditorium

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan

Chairman Bair, Vice Chairman Vick, Senators Siddoway, Brackett, Heider, Bayer, Johnson, Stennett, Jordan

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** John Chatburn, OEMR; Austin Hopkins and Justin Hayes, ILL; Emily Callihan and James Thum, IDL; Chris Beck and Ken Smith, OGCC; Marc Shigeta, Payette County; Brandy Kay, IWGA; Suzanne Budge, SBS Associates

**Chairman Bair** called the meeting to order at 1:35pm.

**Tom Schultz**, Director, Department of Lands, gave a brief overview of the day's agenda and introduced each of the speakers.

**Kelly Williams**, Attorney, Ray Quinney and Nebeker, provided an overview of legal issues regarding oil and gas. She stated there are three elements that make a successful oil and gas program. First, there should be incentives for cooperative development; establish regulations that will work for your state, constituents, and the environment. The second element is seeking uniformity within industry standards and working toward qualified transparency; making headway without over-regulating. And, finally, promote trust and open communications by providing adequate resources for increased education to all parties (industry, state, and private citizens) and access for all stakeholders in a collaborative process.

**Ms. Williams** explained the history of the Rule of Capture, which eventually necessitated oil and gas regulations. The Rule of Capture meant if the land owner has title to the oil and gas, and they set up wells on their land to extract the oil or gas, everything they extract, even if it is every drop from a reservoir that sits under other property owners in addition to their property, belongs to them and they will make all the money. This practice would actually damage reservoirs as a result of over production. As a result of this practice, correlative rights are protections that have been imposed against the Rule of Capture in order to protect adjoining land owners from being drained, granting multiple land owners the rights to equally produce the oil and gas under their properties.

She stated the two goals for oil and gas regulation and development is to promote the most amount of production possible and to prevent any waste of those resources. This is a finite resource so the goal is to get the most production out of the ground while preventing any waste by not leaving anything in the ground. Regulations are basically developed around these goals.

One of the ways to meet these goals for oil and gas development is through spacing. This is the conservation measure that identifies the location and number of wells that can be drilled to drain a reservoir. Much study goes into determining how quickly a reservoir can be drained, which is the basis for the number of wells on that reservoir. Technical agencies or entities will generally regulate oil and gas production because of their expertise in making these determinations.

Drainage is important to spacing because when a well produces over multiple land owners, there has to be a method devised to compensate all parties. Integration, or forced pooling, requires participation by agreement. Each oil and gas producing state has a different percentage of mineral rights owners needed to agree to pooling in order for the pooling to be approved. Some states are as low as 25%, while some are as high as 88%. This pooling method helps to develop a collaborative system.

**Ms. Williams** applauded Idaho for the way the state has worked with the IOGCC and other oil and gas producing states to try and come up with the best way to move forward with developing regulations with all interested parties in mind.

In response to committee questions, **Ms. Williams** explained that with forced pooling, or integration, if some mineral rights owners do not want to participate in development, that will not hold up production for those that want to develop the pool. But, as a result of not participating, they will generally not receive their pro rata royalty payments until all costs associated with setting up the well and drilling have been paid back to those who did participate.

**Carol Booth**, Communications Manager, Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), provided an overview of the IOGCC. The vision of the IOGCC is to promote the maximum recovery of oil and gas, to prevent waste, to conserve the natural resources, and protect health, safety, and the environment. The IOGCC is made up of states and is the collective voice of oil and gas development. The IOGCC developed a model statute for enabling legislation, they create resolutions, they will go to Congress on behalf of the states, and they collaborate with federal agencies within the oil and gas industry.

**Ms. Booth** also described the role of the State Oil and Gas Regulatory Exchange (SOGRE), which provides consultation and assessments for state regulatory improvements. Consultations and assessments are done at the request of a state. Many consultations have occurred, but Idaho is the first state to request an assessment. The SOGRE assessment team is comprised of top state oil and gas regulators with more than 140 years of combined oil and gas experience. She stated **Mr. Baza**, the next presenter, will elaborate on this assessment.

**John Baza**, Director, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, provided a review of the assessment report. The Idaho Department of Lands requested the comprehensive SOGRE assessment in early 2016 to evaluate Idaho's overall regulatory framework, compare existing programs and processes to similar states, clarify rules and definitions, acknowledge current oil and gas technology, and identify any potential issues for consideration. The team found that Idaho has the fundamental tools and foundation in place to adequately oversee oil and gas operations. Just like in other states, as Idaho further develops its regulatory programs and continues to progress, it will face its own challenges and issues.

**Mr. Baza** covered some of the key findings in the assessment report including that Idaho's current approach to well spacing is appropriate at this stage of development and that the state has the necessary tools in place to adjust spacing as needed. Additional findings include that Idaho may wish to consider pursuing permitting primacy for Class II underground injection control from the EPA; that contractors, performance metrics, and staff with appropriate expertise be put in place, and to consider the twelve specific program improvements such as horizontal well standards, Class II UIC wells, electronic forms and databases, increasing blanket bond requirements, and recycling of produced water.

In summary, **Mr. Baza** stated the three take-away points are, there are no gaps or deficiencies in the Idaho regulatory process, Idaho isn't alone in the regulatory process, and one size does not fit all; each state is unique in its own regard due to differences in geologic, economic, and political subdivisions. He believes Idaho is in a great position to create success in its developing oil and gas production program.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:57pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 169</a>	Revision, Legislative Approval to Introduce Species	Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association
<a href="#">H 170</a>	Idaho Primacy, Fish, Wildlife, Water Resources	Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association
<a href="#">H 171</a>	Fishways, Hells Canyon Hydro Project	Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association
<a href="#">H 168</a>	Fish and Game Set-aside Accounts	Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
<a href="#">H 141</a>	Wildlife Tanneries	Rep. Moon

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding (Gugino), Rubel, Jordan

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau; Lynn Tominaga, Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association; Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association; Marie Kellner, Austin Hopkins and Lana Weber, Idaho Conservation League; Will Hart, Idaho Consumer-Owned Utilities Association; Ryan Moyle, Moyle Mink and Tannery; John Chatburn, OEMR; Brian Brooks, Idaho Wildlife Federation; Elizabeth Criner, FWAA/NWFPA/Simplot; Tyler Murgoitio, FWAA; Dustin Miller, OSC; Stephen Goodson, GOV

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

**Chairman Gibbs** welcomed the committee's new Page, **Rebekah Henrie**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2017 and the February 13, 2017 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 169:** **Norm Semanko**, Executive Director, Idaho Water Users Association, stated this legislation amends **67-6302**, Idaho Code, to require legislative approval of any efforts to introduce or reintroduce species into the State of Idaho by any agency or entity, State, Federal, or however constituted. This was referenced in **HJM 2**.

**Braden Jensen**, representing Idaho Farm Bureau, stated they are **in support** of this legislation as well as **H 170** and **H 171**.

**Lynn Tominaga**, representing Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association, stated preliminary studies indicate if salmon were reintroduced above Hells Canyon Dam it would cost rate payers \$150-200 million dollars. That means Idaho Power customers would see a rate increase.

In response to questions regarding the stated increased costs, **Mr. Tominaga** explained during a previous relicensing period this issue was on the table. One option was to build an approximate two-mile fish ladder from the Snake River to waters above Hells Canyon Dam. Two additional fish ladders would also need to be constructed to accommodate two more dams. Another option considered was to catch salmon below the Dam and then transport them around the Dam, planting them above the headwaters of Brownlee Reservoir. Both options were considered cost prohibitive.

**Marie Kellner**, representing the Idaho Conservation League, stated their mission is to advocate on behalf of Idaho's native species and, in keeping with that mission, are **in opposition** to this bill. She stated they are concerned this bill undercuts Idaho's ability to work with other states on fisheries and other wildlife issues and that it provides a false sense of authority since Idaho does not have more authority over any other state than any state has over Idaho. Additionally, she stated it is unclear why the statute is being amended because there are already statutes that require legislative approval for species conservation, so having multiple statutes which appear to confer the same authority leads to ambiguity. Finally, they believe a better course of action would be to work with our sister states to develop plans everyone can agree to rather than posture in a way that has no legal authority.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Mendive** made a motion to send **H 169** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Rubel, Jordan and Gugino** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 170:** **Norm Semanko**, Executive Director, Idaho Water Users Association, stated this legislation amends **67-818(5)**, Idaho Code, to clarify Idaho law that introduction or reintroduction of any aquatic or terrestrial species requires approval of the State of Idaho, and that the policy is not limited to listed species.

In response to questions, **Mr. Semanko** stated by adding the phrase "and is hereby prohibited" was only meant to make absolutely clear that any introduction or reintroduction is indeed prohibited without the State of Idaho's approval. Adding that phrase will not change the statute or increase or decrease the penalties associated with this statute.

**Marie Kellner**, representing the Idaho Conservation League, stated their mission is to advocate on behalf of Idaho's native species and, in keeping with that mission, are **in opposition** to this bill. She stated they have three concerns with this bill. First, they feel adding the phrase "water resources" to the list of things Idaho asserts management primacy over is unnecessary, as this is not in question. Second, the change of "federally listed" species to "aquatic and terrestrial" species seems to significantly broaden the purview of the statute, and they are unclear how it would practically be implemented. And, finally, they question the utility and necessity of the phrase "is hereby prohibited." This statute already explains that introduction or reintroduction is prohibited without legislative and executive agency approval. She stated laws are supposed to be clear and provide guidance; she believes including this phrase creates redundancy, is unnecessary, and adds confusion.

**Rep. Jordan** asked both **Ms. Kellner** and **Mr. Semanko** questions regarding any potential impacts of this bill to the Columbia River Treaty. Neither knew for sure how or if this bill would impact the Treaty, but neither thought there would be any implications.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to send **H 170** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Jordan and Gugino** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 171:** **Norm Semanko**, Executive Director, Idaho Water Users Association, stated this legislation amends **36-906**, Idaho Code, to make it consistent with Idaho policy and law that fishways are not to be required at the Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project. Additionally, there is no intent or language within this legislation that would eliminate any requirements of the Department of Fish and Game that relate to the Hydroelectric Project.

**Marie Kellner**, representing the Idaho Conservation League, stated their mission is to advocate on behalf of Idaho's native species and, in keeping with that mission, are **in opposition** to this bill. She stated salmon used to call the rivers above Hells Canyon Dam home and sustained native people long before statehood. Fishing and living off the land is integral to Idaho and a part of the classic Idaho lifestyle. She further stated although it may seem impossible that those fish would ever inhabit those rivers again, this decision should not be taken away from future generations. Ms. Kellner stated instead of writing it off and giving up on this aspect of Idaho's heritage, they asked to instead do the much harder work of engaging in the conversation of restoring Idaho's salmon and steelhead to their native rivers above Hells Canyon Dam while maintaining the agricultural heritage and other aspects of Idaho's economy. It will be difficult but not impossible.

In response to questions, **Mr. Semanko** explained this legislation has to do with the relicensing process with FERC and NOAA, not with the statute itself. In the early 2000's, an EIS was developed as part of the relicensing process, and through that NEPA process it was decided and written in the final document not to require reintroduction of salmon into the waters above the Dam. Additionally, Idaho had to certify that water quality standards in those waters would be met under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Amending this statute to specifically state fishways will not be required at the Hells Canyon Hydroelectric Project will make this statute consistent with Idaho policy and law and eliminate any opportunity for reintroduction through the various stages of relicensing. **Reps. Rubel and Jordan** both expressed concerns about taking away the opportunity for future generations to ever see salmon in those waters.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 171** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Jordan** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Miller** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 168:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated this legislation is essentially one half of **H 89**, which the Department requested to hold in committee in order to move forward with this stand-alone legislation for the salmon and steelhead set-aside account. She stated this legislation is the result of interest and requests from sportsmen wanting to see a proportional set-aside fee proposed for salmon and steelhead permits rather than the current flat rate set-aside fee. A proportional fee would float, up or down, as the set-aside keeps pace with any future fee revisions. The change in the set-aside does not affect current fees for the affected permits but is a redistribution of dedicated revenue to more transparently support statutory functions in the set-aside account. A proportional set-aside from salmon and steelhead permits can be feasibly administered from resident and nonresident permits because they do not have substantially disparate prices. The related set-aside distribution from eighth class licenses (sportsman's pak licenses) is also revised for consistency.

**Chairman Gibbs** requested the record reflect there was no public testimony for **H 168.**

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to send **H 168** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Youngblood** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 141:** **Rep. Moon**, District 8, stated this legislation provides a definition for a "commercial wildlife tannery." It also defines requirements for recording wildlife hides and skins, for a shipping compliance statement for a commercial wildlife tannery, and it provides for length of time for records retention.



In response to questions, **Rep. Moon** stated there is only one tannery in Idaho that qualifies as a commercial wildlife tannery and that is Moyle Mink & Tannery, located in Heyburn, Idaho.

**Ryan Moyle**, owner of Moyle Mink & Tannery, stated at this time the current statute only impacts his business because of the volume he handles and this has been a problem for a very long time. Due to the current requirements in Idaho, it costs his business approximately \$150,000 annually to maintain the required records. This bill will level the playing field and mirror the requirements found in every other state.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to send **H 141** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Moyle** declared Rule 38. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Moon** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:39pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW40  
Thursday, February 23, 2017

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 140</a>	State Water Plan	Rep. Kauffman
<a href="#">S 1027</a>	Revised Fish and Game, License, Tags, Permits Regulations	Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game
<a href="#">RS25145C2</a>	Endowment Land Use, Department of Lands Report	Rep. Erpelding
<a href="#">RS25292C1</a>	Invasive Species Nonresident Sticker Fee	Rep. Erpelding

***If you have written testimony, please provide a copy of it along with the name of the person or organization responsible to the committee secretary to ensure accuracy of records.***

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Gibbs	Rep Boyle	Rep Kauffman
Vice Chairman Gestrin	Rep Vander Woude	Rep Giddings
Rep Moyle	Rep Miller	Rep Blanksma
Rep Raybould	Rep Burtenshaw	Rep Erpelding
Rep Shepherd	Rep Mendive	Rep Rubel
Rep Wood	Rep Youngblood	Rep Jordan

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 23, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained with the minutes in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Rep. Raybould** welcomed the BYU-Idaho Agriculture Business class to the meeting.

**H 140:** **Rep. Kauffman**, District 25, stated this legislation would amend **42-1743B**, Idaho Code, which would direct the Idaho Board of Water Resources to notify each member of the Legislature of any changes to the comprehensive State Water Plan. This amendment would ensure that any changes to the State Water Plan is known by all legislators and the process remains transparent.

**Brian Patton**, representing the Department of Water Resources, Water Resource Board, stated both Water Resources and the Water Board are **in support** of this bill.

**Braden Jensen**, representing the Idaho Farm Bureau, stated they are happy with the clarification of the Legislative notification of any changes to the State Water Plan and are **in support** of this bill.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 140** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Kauffman** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1027:** **Sharon Kiefer**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated the primary element of this legislation is to make the distinction between black bear and grizzly bear in several provisions of **Title 36** in expectation of the delisting of the Yellowstone Ecosystem grizzly bear. She stated **S 1027** does not delist the Yellowstone grizzly bear nor does it open any hunting seasons for delisted grizzly bear. What it does is address the rules to administer grizzly bear hunting should the bear be delisted and a hunting season authorized by the Fish and Game Commission. These are proactive measures to set the stage for state management, consistent with the 2002 Idaho Management Plan for Yellowstone Grizzly Bear, should that opportunity come through delisting prior to the next Legislative Session. She stated this legislation also revises taxidermist and furbuyer license requirements to include reporting of certain grizzly bear parts or skins and raw wolf skins, increases the timeframe for reporting the control of depredating wolves when no permit is required, and removes some obsolete language in other sections.

In response to a question regarding any conflict between **S 1027** and **H 141**, **Ms. Kiefer** stated she evaluated **H 141** regarding commercial wildlife tanneries and determined that because **H 141** establishes a new definition and provisions of recording exclusive to that definition, no conflict is created with **S 1027**.

**Gary Grimm**, representing himself, is **in opposition** to the bill. He stated there are many documents that indicate the grizzly bear should not be delisted and in his opinion it is premature for Idaho to even be talking about hunting grizzly bear.

**Brian Brooks**, representing Idaho Wildlife Federation, stated they are **in support** of this bill. He stated the increased population numbers of the Yellowstone grizzly bear is a testament to the successful management through the Endangered Species Act. These sustainable population numbers indicate the health of this iconic keystone species and the Federation believes it is now time for the Yellowstone grizzly to come off of the endangered species list and for Idaho Department of Fish and Game to manage the species. He further stated the Department has proven success in managing predator species and big game species and believes it's time to establish regulations to allow hunting of the grizzly. The Federation believes that funds from grizzly bear tags could be used to help manage the grizzly; examples include grizzly poaching enforcement, migration planning, wildlife overpasses, and bear boxes in campgrounds. The Federation cautions the Department to manage them in a sustainable way to not send them back to the endangered species list, and that it may be necessary to update the 2002 Management Plan in order to address the biggest threat; bear-human conflicts.

**Nick Bishop**, representing himself, is **in opposition** to the bill. He believes it is too soon to delist the grizzly bear and should be postponed until accurate population numbers can be obtained.

**Nathan Bishop**, representing the Herman Bloom Foundation, a non-profit, stated they are **in opposition** to the bill. They do not believe there are accurate population numbers to make this decision to delist and open up a hunting season.

**Sara Clemons**, representing Indivisible Idaho, stated they are **in opposition** to this bill. Ms. Clemons did not testify but presented a petition with 1,042 signatures and requested it be included in the record. (See Attachment 1.)

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to send **S 1027** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Erpelding, Rubel, and Jordan** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**. **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Chairman Gibbs** identified a privilege letter from **Speaker Bedke** for the committee to hear and vote on the following two RSs. (See Attachment 2.)

**RS 25145C2:** **Rep. Erpelding**, District 19, stated he worked with the Idaho Department of Lands to modify the "reasonable access" portion of this Concurrent Resolution as requested by the committee during the February 9, 2017 meeting. The result of this Concurrent Resolution would be an annual report and maps produced by the Idaho Department of Lands detailing the managed uses and locations of State Endowment Lands. The public would be able to find, within this one resource, locations of these lands, what activities are occurring on certain parcels, such as logging, and whether or not parcels are accessible or inaccessible/landlocked. The public would be required to gain permission from land owners to access landlocked parcels, but cannot assume access will always be granted. Because the Department cannot access some parcels at all due to their locations, they are actively working on land trades and sales in order to upgrade parcels that would be better State Endowment Lands in order to provide for schools.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to introduce **RS 25145C2**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 25292C1:** **Rep. Erpelding**, District 19, stated this proposed legislation amends **67-7008A**, Idaho Code, increasing the invasive species sticker fee for nonresidents from \$22.00 to \$30.00. He stated as Idaho becomes more popular for tourists, it is critical to ensure that efforts are maintained and even increased in protecting the state from invasive species. This was a recommendation from the Invasive Species Working Group. This proposed legislation would increase proceeds into the General Fund by approximately \$100,000 per year. If passed, the fee increase would go into effect January 2018.

In response to questions, **Rep. Erpelding** stated the State Parks would be unable to manage a fee increase in 2017 due to the production schedule of the sticker system they utilize.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to introduce **RS 25292C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:36pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and Members of the Idaho Senate,

1042 people have signed a petition on Action Network telling you to Protect Idaho's Wildlife.

Here is the petition they signed:

Idahoans live in this state because of its wildlife and its beautiful land. We are asking you to stand up for it, and to protect it. Protect Idaho's grizzly bears and wolves from trophy hunting and stand against depleting one of Idaho's most important natural resources: its wildlife. We are asking you to oppose SB 1027.

You can view each petition signer and the comments they left you below.

Thank you,

Indivisible Idaho

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**1. Michelle Bearhart** (*zip code: 54829-0063*)

**2. Tracy Olson** (*zip code: 83702*)

**3. Denise Wilson** (*zip code: 83467*)

Do not delist the grizzlies allow them to be trophy pieces. These animals are still in recovery and there just is not enough study to prove otherwise. Stand up and say no.

**4. steve Gibson** (*zip code: NG317UJ*)

**5. Lynda McElligott** (*zip code: 22664*)

**6. Cher Clapper** (*zip code: 92865*)

Please do not allow trophy hunting; it is so sad that anyone would get pleasure from killing. The wolves are not even eaten for meat. I wish California would release some of your grizzly bears, it the animal on our state flag.

**7. Abi Stephens** (*zip code: 95610*)

**8. Ann Boltik** (*zip code: 83858*)

Leave grizzly bears alone. There aren't that many & they don't need to killed.

**9. Rebecca Winkler** (*zip code: 37411*)

**10. nicolette ludolphi** (*zip code: 28239*)

**11. Amanda Gutowski** (*zip code: 83709*)

**12. Andrea Johnson** (*zip code: 02339*)

Have our wildlife not suffered enough loss already? This needs to be addressed and squashed before anymore wolves & bears & babies die. I am so disenchanted by this world and the USA.

**13. Andrea Johnson** (*zip code: 02339*)

What a wonderful world we could live in if humans didn't feel a sense of entitlement to everything that isn't there's. It is long overdue that we coexist and stop encroaching on their land their home & their wilderness. Animals are meant to be wild & free and Mother Earth balances her own. Hence why humans need to stop interfering with the balance of nature.

**14. Ann Karin S. Trogstad** (*zip code: 32101*)

**15. alec whittle** (*zip code: 98107*)

**16. Alexandra GREEFF** (*zip code: 2194*)

**17. lana scott** (*zip code: 92612*)

idaho seems to be the worst when it comes to caring about their wildlife!!!!

**18. Alisha Stigall** (*zip code: 83301*)

**19. Anita Phillips** (*zip code: 14905*)

**20. Levent Bozdere** (*zip code: 00000*)

**21. Monica Holthaus** (*zip code: 06220*)

**22. Alyona Philippova** (*zip code: 124482*)

A lot of people are against of hunting! Hunting is just a dirty business and the way to please the miserable wishes of mentally ill people. Stop it!

**23. Alyssa Tietjens** (*zip code: 55056*)

**24. Amanda Climer** (*zip code: 83703*)

**25. Amanda Hull** (*zip code: 64133*)

**26. Amanda Smith** (*zip code: LOS 1E0*)

**27. Agache Marian** (*zip code: 82600*)

It s not fair

**28. Amy Burkholder** (*zip code: 83716*)

**29. Amy Ocain** (*zip code: 76008*)

**30. Amy Barker** (*zip code: 83429*)

**31. Amy Kidwell** (*zip code: 83714*)  
Veto SB 1027. It's ridiculous.

**32. Andrew Lasken** (*zip code: 91604*)

**33. Andrew Pishue** (*zip code: 98155*)

**34. Patrice Darden** (*zip code: 75044*)

All wildlife should be protected for the future generations also it should be a law no hunting but once every five years to a minimum of one animal per hunter to. Support wildlife survival for all people and wildlife . Americas wildlife is dieing off due to mining , hunters , oil drilling. And starving due to loss of habitat . Wolves and bears and elk and moose , bob cats and mt lions play a roll in managing wildlife from numbers and disease.

**35. angelina ricketts** (*zip code: wr4 9jj*)

**36. Sue Barry** (*zip code: PD4 6EB*)

**37. Angela Huff** (*zip code: 30517*)

**38. LOEUIL Regine** (*zip code: 4180* )

**39. cindy mayer** (*zip code: 48439*)

**40. Anita Tsutsunen** (*zip code: 02780*)

**41. Flo maclellan** (*zip code: LL15 2dn*)

**42. Anne Prior** (*zip code: 13402*)

**43. Annette Hanson** (*zip code: 83712*)

**44. Ann Gott** (*zip code: 33455*)

**45. Anne Grice** (*zip code: 3197*)

**46. Anne Farley** (*zip code: 43065*)



**47. Ann Houston** (*zip code: 95123*)

Protect all wild life

**48. Kimberly Mayer** (*zip code: 48446*)

**49. Tracy Crummitt** (*zip code: 90033*)

**50. Ariel Gonzalez** (*zip code: 83634*)

**51. Karen Armitage** (*zip code: S8 8FL*)

**52. andrea mantegna** (*zip code: 34740*)

**53. A. T.** (*zip code: 37000*)

**54. Eileen Sutley** (*zip code: 32712*)

Stop this

**55. audrey collins** (*zip code: dublin 15*)

**56. audrey mawere** (*zip code: 19805*)

**57. Aura Mix** (*zip code: 83353*)

**58. Rita Guidi** (*zip code: 85390*)

**59. Barb Beronski** (*zip code: 60618*)

**60. Barbara Miles** (*zip code: 30084*)

**61. Babette Lewis** (*zip code: 33460*)

Grizzlies have been a part of this planet and the landscape for centuries before anyone ever thought about killing animals for posterity. So leave them be, they belong in the wild, you don't!

**62. Linda Cherniack** (*zip code: 83864*)

**63. Sandra Siebert** (*zip code: 2132*)

**64. Barbara Bancroft** (*zip code: 83705*)

Governor Otter, DO NOT allow this bill to become law!

**65. Barbara Pochop** (*zip code: 98310*)

**66. Barbara Verheyen** (*zip code: 8210*)

**67. Barbara Vitanza** (*zip code: 11582*)

Please save and protect our wildlife

**68. Barbara Sundholm** (*zip code: 33703*)

Some ignorant legislators won't be happy until the last tree is cut down, the last stream is polluted, and the last animal is shot dead. They must be stopped before our country is destroyed!!!

**69. Eishu Verma** (*zip code: 134102*)

**70. Brandi DiStephano** (*zip code: 08620*)

**71. Mandy Chisholm** (*zip code: RG21 4DX*)

**72. Sally MacLachlan** (*zip code: 05032*)

Please Governor Otter veto SB 1027.

**73. Rebecca Huffman-Dunford** (*zip code: 25309*)

**74. Lynn Beck** (*zip code: 47932*)

**75. Rebecca Flaming-Martin** (*zip code: 97214*)

What is wrong with the human race? Animals like wolves and bears are part of the natural ecosystem and deserve to be left alone not killed in family units sleeping in their dens! Stop attacking the environment!

**76. An anonymous signer** (*zip code: 90025*)

Let's all try to evolve.

**77. An anonymous signer** (*zip code: 41080*)

**78. Valentina Bernardi** (*zip code: Tw74qp*)

**79. Beverly Hammond** (*zip code: 28714*)

**80. Brooke Friswold** (*zip code: 96701*)

**81. Birgitte Anker** (*zip code: 8400*)

Please protect all wildlife NOW and forever or else it is soon gone and we depend on wildlife to exist on earth in spirit and in life !

**82. Harry Hill** (*zip code: po32 6hb*)

**83. Bijin Chihiro** (*zip code: 4010*)

**84. Barbara Jennings** (*zip code: 32835-6146*)

Please do not allow the hunting of grizzlies and wolves. They are essential to our ecosystem and are NOT trophies to be hung on a wall!!

**85. Rob Engvikson** (*zip code: TF2 9FZ*)

**86. Eva Garet** (*zip code: 67140*)

**87. Barbara Moritsch** (*zip code: 83616*)

**88. Bodhi Kohler** (*zip code: 73774*)

**89. Jes Benson** (*zip code: 83706*)

Jessica Benson

**90. Claire Vinet** (*zip code: 92614*)

What is the matter with you???!!!

**91. Bonnie Hoover** (*zip code: 30533*)

Protect not kill

**92. Sikander Jaad** (*zip code: CB8 8UX*)

**93. Gill Walters** (*zip code: TF10 7GH*)

**94. Lisa Jonas** (*zip code: 10030*)

**95. Brigitte Stocker** (*zip code: 1080*)

No bear hunt!

**96. Joanwildlife must be potected Ellis** (*zip code: 95828*)

Wildlife must be protected

**97. BRENDA PHILLIPS** (*zip code: 5251*)

DONT KILL THESE BEAUTIFUL BEARS, they cause no harm, unless you try to harm them first, they will protect themselves, we need these exquisite animals. they are part of the ecology. they teach us many things.

**98. sandy brennan** (*zip code: 83127*)

**99. Brigitte Bard** (*zip code: 90403*)

**100. Brooke Novosel** (*zip code: 83704*)

**101. Devin Brown** (*zip code: 83702*)

**102. Sandy Brown** (*zip code: 23836*)

**103. Brenda Sportsman** (*zip code: 63303*)

**104. Bennae Stanfield** (*zip code: 83646*)

Trophy Hunting? In 2017? Shame!

**105. Merton Parsons** (*zip code: 78242*)

This needs to be done.

**106. Monica Odgers** (*zip code: 53027*)

Humans are called to be compassionate caregivers, protectors and stewards of the planet and its beings. Helping not harming. To create an environment where all beings are treated with respect and compassion. Never to die needlessly or cruelly. These vulnerable, innocent beings have the right to live "cruelty-free" in peace.

"We must remember in our dealings with animals that they are a SACRED TRUST to us. They cannot speak for themselves." Harriet Beecher Stowe.

**107. faith burnfield** (*zip code: 45331*)

**108. Denise Chadwell** (*zip code: 85719*)

**109. Brenda Scutts** (*zip code: ME37JN*)

Why are these people so intent on killing all the wildlife..

**110. Lucy Diepstraten** (*zip code: 3072 w j*)

**111. Celeste Watt** (*zip code: 70433*)

**112. Susan MacKenzie** (*zip code: 94803*)

**113. Sara Fogan** (*zip code: 91385*)

**114. Calysta Holland** (*zip code: 83646*)

**115. kristin lecour** (*zip code: 48192*)

**116. Cara Melbye** (*zip code: M4B 3J1*)

**117. Carl Mayford** (*zip code: 21057*)

**118. carol deech** (*zip code: 10532*)

**119. Carolyn Cook** (*zip code: 76073*)

**120. cassie ito** (*zip code: 60091*)

**121. Catalin Catana** (*zip code: 237525*)

**122. Florence Matters dorfer** (*zip code: 12758*)

**123. Catharine Giles** (*zip code: 92663*)

**124. Petra Stadtmueller** (*zip code: 63526*)

**125. sue barker** (*zip code: CM1 7QJ*)

**126. C T** (*zip code: 44202*)

**127. Connie Di Bratto** (*zip code: M2M 1B8*)

**128. Carol Dorn** (*zip code: 15009*)

Please Protect Idaho Grizzly bears, they are very good for ecosystems! Wolves are also good for our ecosystems!! The bill proposed by the IDFG is wrong, it is Inhumane and threatens our ecosystems again! Put a stop to this! Please!!!!

**129. Carol Elander** (*zip code: GL51 6QE*)

**130. Celine Schaller** (*zip code: 38660*)

**131. Cheryl Ferendo** (*zip code: 21703*)

**132. carol chan** (*zip code: 06854*)

**133. leba chantal** (*zip code: 75016*)

**134. Teri Kilgore** (*zip code: 98801*)

**135. Charlene Borba** (*zip code: 83716*)

**136. Debra Hardesty** (*zip code: 83651*)

**137. NINA CHENG** (*zip code: ST17 9RE*)  
STOP CRUELTY

**138. Randall Campo** (*zip code: 95961*)

**139. martin klewe** (*zip code: 80001*)

**140. christina gilmour** (*zip code: K0K2C0*)

**141. Christine Saranchuk** (*zip code: R3R 0R8*)

**142. christine beaudry** (*zip code: 02453*)

Do the right thing and let the bears and wolves live.....and set aside land to be forever wild.....Killing animals sends the wrong message to our children

**143. Christine Maurici** (*zip code: 95363*)

**144. Christy Parsons** (*zip code: 28792*)

**145. Carol Weiner** (*zip code: 93015*)

**146. Chynna Raygoza** (*zip code: 83642*)

**147. Chynna Raygoza** (*zip code: 83642*)

**148. Cindy Lee** (*zip code: 83704*)

**149. jane nims** (*zip code: 03445*)

**150. Cathy Kocienda** (*zip code: 07601*)

**151. Jenny Clark** (*zip code: 98021*)

**152. claudia barra** (*zip code: 3076*)

**153. LINDA GUERRERO** (*zip code: 91605*)

**154. Candace Lowe** (*zip code: 97008*)

please save the Bears we need to protect our wildlife

**155. Cathy Smith** (*zip code: 75087*)

**156. Crystal Jensen** (*zip code: 83709*)

**157. Cinzia Moncini** (*zip code: 51100*)

**158. Cody Elliott** (*zip code: 83617*)

**159. Colette Chance** (*zip code: 32256*)

Wildlife is a treasure to be cherished. It is our responsibility to protect them from those that would do any harm.

**160. Colette Erickson** (*zip code: 81625*)

**161. colleen bonin** (*zip code: 98104*)

**162. Connie Maley** (*zip code: 82414*)

Dont do this!!

**163. consuelo crespo** (*zip code: 2610*)

**164. Shannon Hu** (*zip code: 98029*)

**165. Alicia Dwyer** (*zip code: 92104*)

**166. Blythe Smith** (*zip code: 60467*)

**167. CRAIG LOGAN** (*zip code: CH1 6BG*)

**168. Kim Dorsey** (*zip code: 36575*)

It is long past time to STOP the war on wildlife. Protect what is left not destroy.

**169. Catherine Lewers** (*zip code: 83716*)

**170. Tracey Crow** (*zip code: 91350*)

**171. Sharon Baines** (*zip code: 34108*)

Please protect our wildlife and save them for generations of future Americans!

**172. Loretta Poe** (*zip code: 99166*)

There is no reason for this slaughter. Here in Wa. State we are fighting for the wolves as well. Man needs to lean to live in harmony with nature.

**173. CHRISTY CURTIN** (*zip code: 22192*)

**174. Cynthia Frandsen** (*zip code: 98902*)

**175. Donna Shroyer** (*zip code: 81641*)

**176. Penny Bunnell** (*zip code: 90275*)

**177. Denise LaChance** (*zip code: 90019-3925*)

**178. Jolene Ashcraft** (*zip code: 83335*)

**179. Darlene Dieno** (*zip code: T4P1K6*)

**180. Carole Lyle** (*zip code: 98329*)

**181. David Brod** (*zip code: 83340*)

**182. DAVID HECKMAN** (*zip code: 32025*)

**183. rachel davies** (*zip code: cf48 4rl*)

**184. dawn castonguay** (*zip code: 04221*)  
For the love of all animals

**185. Dawn Hatch** (*zip code: 78266*)

**186. Dena Jensen** (*zip code: 98230*)

**187. Deb Guay** (*zip code: K0K1S0*)  
This is wrong, wolves are essential. Bear's are a part of our eco system.

**188. Katherine Thomas** (*zip code: 83605*)

**189. Dean thompson** (*zip code: RH4 2Qb*)

**190. Dean Shamblen** (*zip code: 68733*)

**191. Debra Chalk** (*zip code: 45218*)

**192. Deborah Burbank** (*zip code: 83642*)

**193. Debbie Looker** (*zip code: 0485*)  
Why!! Let the family's be!! Why do we have to wipe out!! We as humans are over populated!! Cull humans!!

**194. Deborah Claxton** (*zip code: Ub34hb*)  
Why are we going back rather than progressing.....this is just shocking



**195. Deborah Williamson** (*zip code: 40604*)

No hunting of griz! Let them live!

**196. Debra Emery** (*zip code: 32132*)

**197. deidre bainbridge** (*zip code: 83001*)

Please provide the public, concerned about the wildlife in adjoining states and the citizens of Idaho the opportunity to review an updated Grizzly Bear Management plan based upon current science and conditions prior to enacting this kind of legislation. The management plan should preclude the possibility of a Grizzly Bear accessing a landfill within the GYE, which includes, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. Take care of the business necessary for true stewardship of our Natural Resources, not politics first, science first.

**198. Didier Montgolfier** (*zip code: 38150*)

**199. Laura Defeo** (*zip code: 34990*)

**200. Laurence Desmaris** (*zip code: 80108*)

**201. Devin Miller** (*zip code: 87571*)

**202. Donna Stanton** (*zip code: 83687*)

**203. Donna Griffen** (*zip code: 98284*)

**204. Diane Applin** (*zip code: ip326dj*)

**205. Deana Maric** (*zip code: K2G 3S8*)

**206. Diane Gubrud** (*zip code: 61010*)

**207. Kevin Stimson II** (*zip code: 97217*)

**208. liu wai ling** (*zip code: 31084*)

This iconic species is important for ecosystems in which it evolved to function well , Please protect Idaho 's wildlife , thanks

**209. Tracy Thomson** (*zip code: 4514*)

**210. DJ Alund** (*zip code: 12205*)

**211. Jonas Djerf** (*zip code: 164 44*)

**212. Diana Johnson** (*zip code: 23321*)

**213. Darka Kranjec** (*zip code: T3j3y4*)

**214. Diane Whittingham** (*zip code: 83703*)

**215. Deborah Scudder** (*zip code: 11754*)

**216. David Linnane** (*zip code: 03303*)

**217. Diana Mccrellias** (*zip code: 85023*)

We need wildlife please vote to protect all creatures large and small.

**218. Darlene Lemone** (*zip code: 94132*)

Keep the recovery of Yellowstone's bears and wolves going. NO trophy hunting! NO on SB 1027.

**219. Anita Rosrinola** (*zip code: 08108*)

Allow these sentient beings to live...why is every animal on the face of the earth being attacked and for no good reason....can we please bring back compassion and empathy for other living things.....all life matters no matter what form it takes!

**220. Ida Ho** (*zip code: 13141*)

**221. Mike Mager** (*zip code: 27591*)

**222. Donald Ferrell** (*zip code: 55123*)

**223. Don Morrison** (*zip code: 99205*)

Wolves and bears are not the problem, people and cows are. Keep the wild in wilderness.

**224. Donna Agar** (*zip code: de13 9ep*)

**225. Donna War** (*zip code: 07828*)

**226. Dora Demetriadou** (*zip code: 3065*)

**227. Doreen Alexander** (*zip code: 98270*)

**228. Kim Carpenter** (*zip code: 23518*)

**229. Melanie Brown** (*zip code: 83709*)

**230. val brumby** (*zip code: &8229*)

**231. Robert Myers** (*zip code: 92804*)

Please protect wildlife not kill it...thanks

**232. David Sennett** (*zip code: 17408*)

**233. David Shellenberger** (*zip code: 06801*)

Wolves and bears should be protected, not hunted.

**234. Dona LaSchiava** (*zip code: 85741*)

IT'S THEIR WORLD TOO! NO TROPHY HUNTING, PERIOD!

**235. Dustin Fuller** (*zip code: 83712*)

We only get one shot with our planet and the creatures we share it with. And we're blowing it.

**236. Carol Pearsall** (*zip code: 97364*)

**237. Elizabeth Bolt** (*zip code: 78408*)

**238. Leslie Patten** (*zip code: 82414*)

Grizzly bears are important to Idahoans. Protect Idaho's grizzly bears and wolves from trophy hunting and stand against depleting one of Idaho's most important natural resources: its wildlife.

**239. Hector Glez** (*zip code: 68030*)

Animals belong to the world

**240. linda kegans** (*zip code: 92656*)

**241. Edon Copparini** (*zip code: 33763*)

**242. Claire Edwards** (*zip code: Nr30 4lz*)

**243. Marylee Mutch** (*zip code: 83704*)

I can't believe this is even necessary. Obviously wildlife should be protected!!! Your last name is Otter, I mean hello!!!

**244. Eira Battaglia** (*zip code: 2092*)

Please dont allow hunters to kill bears, nigs barbaric

**245. Elinore Krause** (*zip code: 98058*)

Just let them be free.

**246. Elin Johansson** (*zip code: 27330*)

**247. Elise Zoli** (*zip code: 01938*)

**248. Maria Watkins** (*zip code: 98661*)  
Stop killing Americas wildlife! The live here too.

**249. An anonymous signer** (*zip code: BA133RU*)

**250. Monica Ellingsen** (*zip code: 21224*)

**251. Saundra Holloway** (*zip code: 92021*)  
Please protect Idaho's wildlife!

**252. Bruley Marie-Christine** (*zip code: 70000*)

**253. Emily Dadi** (*zip code: 24100*)

**254. Emil Stockton** (*zip code: 89706*)

**255. Emily MJ** (*zip code: MK17 0Pd*)

**256. Emma King** (*zip code: Ex23 9bl*)

**257. Erica Duncan** (*zip code: 83815*)  
Please don't

**258. Erin Olds** (*zip code: 83401*)

**259. Edmond Allik** (*zip code:* )

**260. L.E. Therrien** (*zip code: T6E 2R2*)

**261. Evelyn Hadden** (*zip code: 83714*)

**262. An anonymous signer** (*zip code: 54655*)

**263. Jeff Brierly** (*zip code: 45150*)

**264. Francoise Ponteville** (*zip code: 1331*)

**265. Faith Ong** (*zip code: 089058*)

**266. Elizabeth Cote** (*zip code: 83634*)

**267. Devin Farmer** (*zip code: 97206*)  
Please help protect all endangered species

**268. Fawn Avant** (*zip code: 32034*)

**269. Wendy Dore Sutton** (*zip code: N2 0ED*)

**270. gail earls** (*zip code: 85326*)

Quit making america a slaughter house

**271. Michelle Seaton** (*zip code: 50240*)

Please veto the bill allowing TROPHY hunting of wolves and grizzlies.

**272. Beth Wegner** (*zip code: 61554*)

**273. Suzanne Cosner** (*zip code: 92020*)

Stop killing OUR wildlife!

**274. Michelle Schmitt** (*zip code: 97045*)

**275. marion hardin** (*zip code: 63122*)

**276. Richard Gamache** (*zip code: 12047*)

**277. Mark Pelham** (*zip code: 79703*)

Save the bears and save America's wild places.

**278. gail Stern** (*zip code: 34689*)

**279. Gail Farmer** (*zip code: Wv5 8HS*)

**280. Gail Carroll** (*zip code: 505q1*)

Leave our wildlife alone!

**281. Gail F Johnson** (*zip code: 19422*)

**282. Gail McIntyre** (*zip code: pa16 0nb*)

**283. Judy Sylvester** (*zip code: 41143*)

**284. Susannah Gelbart** (*zip code: 89149*)

We must protect wildlife, while we still can!

**285. Gilli Sleight** (*zip code: EH40 3EA*)

**286. ginette ricard** (*zip code: H1H-3Y9*)

**287. Virginia Jacques** (*zip code: NR17 2HQ*)

**288. Paula Mignano** (*zip code: Ng37hj*)

**289. Gian Luca Panighetti** (*zip code: 28845*)

**290. Gladys Gauci** (*zip code: 616*)

**291. Glenn Graham** (*zip code: 94062-1947*)

Protect Endangered Bears. Don't kill them.

**292. Gloria Everett** (*zip code: 1586*)

**293. Glory Walkin** (*zip code: 82601*)

These beautiful animals deserve to be protected. So many species are now extinct due to humans thinking they need to be gotten rid of in the animals natural habitat.

**294. Mary Donato** (*zip code: 83702*)

**295. Gary Grimm** (*zip code: 83705*)

Modern scientific information about Grizzly Bears and Wolves indicate these and other predators are invaluable native wildlife and components of a sustainable ecosystem, not consumer products to be managed like sheep and cows. Trophy hunting of these magnificent animals today is absolutely atrocious. I would say the same for deer, elk and other big game species that are put on the market for hunter/consumers , almost none of whom need to kill animals for survival.

**296. Gary Grimm** (*zip code: 83705*)

Killing these magnificent native animals for trophies is shameful and should be outlawed.

**297. Marlene Foard** (*zip code: 84109*)

**298. Göran Eriksson** (*zip code: 76160*)

**299. Mari Gordon** (*zip code: 1060*)

**300. Debra Blackwood** (*zip code: 83301*)

**301. V V** (*zip code: 71913*)

**302. Gregory Arndt** (*zip code: 83702*)

Why would you want to make it easier to kill?

**303. Gregory J. Green** (*zip code: 49423-6636*)

- 304. Gretchen Huettig** (*zip code: 83706*)
- 305. Hennie Beavis** (*zip code: ph28er*)
- 306. Duncan Salloway** (*zip code: T1V 1W6*)
- 307. Gary Wiggins** (*zip code: 83716*)
- 308. matia nunes** (*zip code: 14*)
- 309. Aline Guzzo** (*zip code: 08628*)  
This is just horrible, it needs to be squashed like a tomato.
- 310. Gro Weum** (*zip code: 1367*)
- 311. Gynette Cathey** (*zip code: 63343*)
- 312. gisela zech** (*zip code: 83706*)
- 313. Hugh Bailey** (*zip code: SW20 9LY*)
- 314. Hannah Marzec** (*zip code: 2021*)
- 315. Elizabeth Allen** (*zip code: 42642*)
- 316. Hazel Curtis** (*zip code: London N51HR*)
- 317. Heidi Briggs** (*zip code: 83642*)
- 318. Helen Poade** (*zip code: M16 8HR*)  
For God's sake grow some humanity and stop this barbarism NOW
- 319. Helen McCredie** (*zip code: cw123jj*)
- 320. Helena Gustafsson** (*zip code: 54433*)
- 321. Helena Kazandjian** (*zip code: 08054*)
- 322. Helen Lutsch** (*zip code: 73112*)
- 323. An anonymous signer** (*zip code: 53716*)

**324. David Henchman** (*zip code: 83646*)

**325. henri Vallier** (*zip code: 13112*)

**326. Herb Moskovitz** (*zip code: 19147*)

**327. Natasha Walker** (*zip code: SN5 3NA*)

**328. Carlo Rigione** (*zip code: Cv4 9bd*)

**329. Hilary Thomas** (*zip code: M4P 1Y7*)

**330. hilde grindbakken** (*zip code: 3110*)

**331. Mary Buchanan** (*zip code: 98661*)

What a sad, sorry world without wildlife. Protect them!

**332. Francisca Brechbuhler** (*zip code: 8032*)

**333. hilka pasma** (*zip code: 9840*)

**334. Mark Bastian** (*zip code: TR12 6RA*)

**335. Gail O'Brien-Perreira** (*zip code: 95648*)

**336. Sterling & Susan Richards** (*zip code: 50208*)

Please, for once do your job the right way, and veto SB 1027

**337. Ronan Carrillo** (*zip code: 97503*)

**338. Janet Holmes** (*zip code: 83702*)

**339. Hayley Schatz** (*zip code: 83709*)

**340. Llyn Humes** (*zip code: NE23 3AY*)

**341. Barbara Kiel** (*zip code: 5575*)

**342. Harriet White** (*zip code: Kt2 1jr*)

**343. Irmgard Gutersohn** (*zip code: 71679*)

Leave the wild animals alone, it's their land!



**344. Ian Banks** (*zip code: Pr32wh*)

**345. Jessica Fesler** (*zip code: 80906*)

**346. Ida Bean** (*zip code: 94002*)

Grizzlies and wolves are important to the economy! I am a regular tourist in your region, coming to view wildlife. Please do NOT allow trophy hunting of these iconic animals

**347. Natalie Chavez** (*zip code: 83714*)

The IDFG management plan for Yellowstone grizzlies needs to be updated to include other management tools, not just trophy hunting. Without an updated plan, Idaho is ready to take on management of these bears.

**348. Angela Wartel** (*zip code: 83501*)

**349. Irina Kazakova** (*zip code: 83616*)

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**350. Garianne Mabe** (*zip code: 22315*)

**351. Janis Millu** (*zip code: 16343*)

**352. Joe Gold** (*zip code: 60608*)

**353. richard fernand** (*zip code: 83706*)

**354. Indivisible Idaho** (*zip code: 83704*)

**355. Jennifer Hemmings** (*zip code: v0l1v0*)

**356. Iris Nigrin** (*zip code: 83646*)

**357. Iris Chynoweth** (*zip code: 95345*)

**358. Bethany Brown** (*zip code: 04049*)

**359. Isabel Carapeto** (*zip code: 1500+442*)

**360. KATHLEEN CARLEY** (*zip code: 11725*)

**361. Linda Tang** (*zip code: 10305*)

**362. Izabela Matej** (*zip code: 84094*)

**363. Julie Feiler** (*zip code: 82604*)

Let this go the way of Michael Flynn. It smells the same

**364. Julia Fira** (*zip code: H8S 1M6*)

**365. Jamie Vega** (*zip code: 83705*)

**366. James Bess** (*zip code: 49930*)

**367. Joanne Maylott** (*zip code: M1 7eg*)

**368. Jackie Enright** (*zip code: 07726*)

**369. Jade Reinke** (*zip code: 83714*)

**370. Jeanette Sinclair** (*zip code: UB8 3XF*)

Please protect these beautiful animals

**371. Jaime Nebeker** (*zip code: 83712*)

**372. Jake Wolfhart** (*zip code: 88316*)

**373. James Stott** (*zip code: Yo433pb*)

**374. Jan Harvell** (*zip code: PO18 9LH*)

**375. Jane Berg** (*zip code: 98070*)

**376. Jane Awbrey** (*zip code: 04614*)

**377. Jane Hipp** (*zip code: 83001*)

Live Grizzlies bring more \$\$ in tourism than dead Grizzlies!! Say NO to trophy hunting of Grizzlies. Plus, the biggest and best bears are the ones need for reproducing a healthy bear population!!

**378. Janelle Church** (*zip code: 83622*)

**379. Janet Cameron** (*zip code: T2y3r2*)

**380. JANET HIPPE** (*zip code: 95404*)

**381. Janet Kaehler** (*zip code: N2a 1e1*)

Please protect the wildlife

**382. Jan Eva** (*zip code: 4164*)

**383. Alice OConnor** (*zip code: 81506*)

**384. Jayne Loope** (*zip code: 62035*)

PLEASE STOP KILLING OUR WILDLIFE! ALL SPECIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE ECOSYSTEM.

**385. Fernando Pamenes** (*zip code: 84121*)

They deserves to be protected!

**386. Jessica Dittmann** (*zip code: 81539*)

**387. Jennifer Kempner** (*zip code: 83404*)

**388. Jon Piggins** (*zip code: 83333*)

**389. Donna Ayotte** (*zip code: 48625*)

**390. Jean Pilling** (*zip code: PR9 9JA*)

As a regular visitor to the United States and Canada I would like to express my concern at the lack of empathy with nature within both countries. I find it unbelievable that so much death and destruction is permitted. Why when both countries are so vast does nature have to take a back seat and forced into conflict to survive against the so called needs of people. You should be doing your best to protect these creatures and their habitat rather than give more and more permits to allow them to be killed. I would be thrilled to see a bear, a moose, bobcat or mountain lion in the vast wilderness of American. However, if the current situation is allowed to continue the likelihood of that happening becomes more and more remote. Please remember that these animals are vital for the ecosystem. They are all relevant to one another and if one becomes extinct everything is then out of balance. Remember - extinction is for ever.

**391. Jeanne Rasmussen** (*zip code: 80125*)

**392. Jenna Levin** (*zip code: 92139*)

**393. Jennifer Simeo** (*zip code: 89502*)

**394. Jennifer Valence** (*zip code: 92040*)

**395. Jenny Cowan** (*zip code: PA6 7ND*)

**396. Jeri Karns** (*zip code: 47303*)

We are said to be smarter. In destroying wildlife that's the most untrue statement I know. Save not slaughter!

**397. Jerry James** (*zip code: 83702*)

- 398. Jesse Murphy** (*zip code: 83705*)
- 399. Jessica Nebeker** (*zip code: 83712*)
- 400. Jewel Sechser** (*zip code: 95405*)
- 401. Jeff Foge** (*zip code: 83704*)
- 402. John Farver** (*zip code: 18603*)
- 403. Judy Merrick** (*zip code: 60532*)
- 404. Jade Hutchison** (*zip code: 83002*)
- 405. Julie Lucas** (*zip code: 49037*)
- 406. jean LEFEBVRE** (*zip code: 92290*)
- 407. Janet Mcdonagh** (*zip code: 24630*)
- 408. JoAnne Southard** (*zip code: 83605*)
- 409. Jorge Velez** (*zip code: 95128*)
- 410. Jo Ardell** (*zip code: 53715*)  
Stop hurting and destroying Bears, Wolves, and Wildlife!
- 411. Joanna Dunne** (*zip code: NG250UL*)
- 412. Joann Wittmier** (*zip code: 98038*)
- 413. Jos Clark** (*zip code: Me13 7eq*)
- 414. Dautremont Josette** (*zip code: 92230*)
- 415. Joanne Thomas** (*zip code: WF9 5JR*)
- 416. John Morris** (*zip code: FY5 4NU*)
- 417. Jokton Schmitt** (*zip code: 98391*)
- 418. Joanne Kaye** (*zip code: M41 5BP*)

Every animal has equal rights with mankind to be here on our Planet. Protect our wildlife !!!!! They are a vital part of our ecological system !!!!

**419. jon alexander** (*zip code: mk23qb*)

**420. Joy Satchell** (*zip code: 3546*)

**421. Jennifer Pedrali** (*zip code: 83646*)

**422. Judith Sifers** (*zip code: 80446*)

**423. Jackie Thipthorpe** (*zip code: V9J 1N9*)

**424. Judy Rees** (*zip code: 05052*)

**425. Judy Desreuisseau** (*zip code: 01354*)

**426. Maggie Myers** (*zip code: USA*)  
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**427. julie brown** (*zip code: DH3 3AZ*)

**428. julee rosa** (*zip code: 96146*)

**429. Julie Halcomb** (*zip code: 76028*)

**430. julita tarnawska** (*zip code: 03337*)

**431. Julie Martinez** (*zip code: 85040*)

**432. Ginny Manderson** (*zip code: 4412*)

**433. Jane Woerner** (*zip code: 29576*)

**434. Jan-Willem Rekveld** (*zip code: 7425 DA*)

**435. Kate Turner** (*zip code: 83805*)

**436. Kristie Dupey** (*zip code: 99676*)

All wild life deserves to live, just like humans beings. Everyone has feelings. The bears and all wildlife are a big part of the echo system, clean air, clean water, and more.

**437. Karen LaFountain** (*zip code: 83402*)

**438. Karen Lloyd** (*zip code: 59602*)

PROTECT YOUR BEARS AND WOLVES, IDAHO!!! Both species are too valuable for the ecosystem. Science PROVES this to be true. Don't cower to the hunters and ranchers with their selfish ways.

**439. karen caola** (*zip code: 12180*)

Please protect our wonderful bears

**440. Katarina Leva** (*zip code: 10000*)

**441. Kim Thorson** (*zip code: 99205*)

**442. kate Cassidy** (*zip code: SW4 8DD*)

**443. Kathryn Carterman** (*zip code: 98270*)

We must protect our wildlife. Do not give in to those who wish our national treasures gone.

**444. Kendall Thomas** (*zip code: 83605*)

**445. Janice VrMeer** (*zip code: 86336*)

**446. Jill Goessling** (*zip code: 91384*)

**447. Kathy Spaulding** (*zip code: 83442*)

If the government isn't listening to its people, it's time for a new government. Stop waiting for the Trump administration to tell you what to do and act in the good of what the citizens of Idaho want.

**448. Sandra Jackson** (*zip code: 87508*)

**449. kath beach** (*zip code: E8 3RH*)

**450. Kecia Lee** (*zip code: 19355*)

Trophy hunting these creatures is the act of a cowardice.

**451. K P** (*zip code: Sk102rf*)

**452. Kelly Schnebly** (*zip code: 83703*)

**453. R Rowland** (*zip code: 42087*)

**454. Kerry Mahoney** (*zip code: 80222*)

**455. Shana Provost** (*zip code: 7762u*)

**456. Karen Munoz** (*zip code: 55906*)

Protect our most important resource, our wildlife.

**457. Joyce Privett** (*zip code: 47374*)

**458. Mel Wilson** (*zip code: V0j2j0*)

**459. Kristin Nelson** (*zip code: 83709*)

**460. Kathy Ridler** (*zip code: 977018671*)

**461. Kiley Petencin** (*zip code: 83401*)

**462. Kimberly Burklow** (*zip code: 97733*)

**463. Kim Convy** (*zip code: 91320*)

Scientific studies should be your guide here. Stop killing all the wildlife. It's not natural.

**464. Kimberly Morrill** (*zip code: 84404*)

**465. KIMBERLY SCHROEDER** (*zip code: 83709*)

**466. Thomas Kingston** (*zip code: 20001*)

Wildlife need to be saved. They are apart of this earth as much as we are. We are to share this world with all living creatures and they should all be treated with respect and kindness.

**467. Kiran Mand** (*zip code: 2035*)

Stop killing wildlife plss

**468. Kit Low** (*zip code: 92170*)

**469. Kellie Peterson** (*zip code: 86387*)

**470. KAREN MAYFORD** (*zip code: 21057*)

These animals NEED protection! This iconic species is important for ecosystems in which it evolved to function well.

**471. Karen Gravelle** (*zip code: 83815*)

**472. Karen Jennings** (*zip code: 20147*)

**473. An anonymous signer** (*zip code: 00970*)

**474. Kim Duker** (*zip code: 20852*)

**475. Kirstin Synnestvedt** (*zip code: 60025*)

**476. Kurumi Sugita** (*zip code: 38000*)

**477. Keith Powell** (*zip code: SW15 3PJ*)

**478. Kyle Moore** (*zip code: BD17 5PX*)

**479. Kylissa Moore** (*zip code: 83705*)

**480. margeaux ulbrich** (*zip code: 92808*)

**481. Katrina Yurenka** (*zip code: 03452*)  
Protect the bears! do not murder them.

**482. Lenette Plas** (*zip code: 7741SG*)  
Save the bears.

**483. Jessica Kandal** (*zip code: 98277*)

**484. Darlene Abbott** (*zip code: 95829*)  
Please every animal is needed to keep this Earth healthy. Please stop the persecution of our wild. Nature is perfect if left alone.

**485. Diane Lang** (*zip code: 3143*)

**486. Larissa Burgsdorf** (*zip code: Bs3 4nx*)

**487. Larry Sportsman** (*zip code: 63303*)  
Bears bring revenue. 5 million visitors that want to see bears are spending fortunes to do so. No bears equals disappointed visitors. Think carefully!

**488. Genevieve Launay** (*zip code: 75013*)  
I respectfully ask Governor Otter to veto SB 1027. God bless America.

**489. Lauren Friesinger** (*zip code: 78230*)

**490. laurence barnichon** (*zip code: 94260*)

**491. Linda Laz** (*zip code: 83716*)



**492. LINDA BOYCE** (*zip code: CB12NF*)

**493. Lunfsll Carsar** (*zip code: 4552*)

The wild wolves and other wildlife that will be exterminated by this sociopathic bill !!! shows humans contempt for wildlife in the United States. The extermination of wildlife and animals is near.

**494. Kathy Pace** (*zip code: 11963*)

Horific insanity!

Must stop!!

**495. Dominique Leconte** (*zip code: 25870*)

**496. Linda Edwards** (*zip code: 12871*)

**497. Eileen O'Neill** (*zip code: 94030*)

**498. Paige Scott** (*zip code: 76180*)

**499. Lena Kim** (*zip code: M6j1e7*)

**500. Leoncio Provoste** (*zip code: 90048*)

**501. Marc Beauchamp** (*zip code: 61265*)

I will boycott all Idaho potatoes if this craziness doesn't stop!!!

**502. Leslie Lund** (*zip code: 10003-5366*)

Please protect the voiceless.

**503. Lisabeth Miller** (*zip code: 97203*)

**504. Shelley Bryant** (*zip code: 95717*)

**505. Elizabeth McLaren** (*zip code: UB8 3SR*)

This management plan update is long overdue . Please safeguard these beautiful animals.

**506. Lilly Kohler** (*zip code: 72664*)

**507. linda carlson** (*zip code: 14701*)

**508. Linda Bolon** (*zip code: 85395*)

**509. Linda Barnes** (*zip code: Ne62 5dn*)

**510. Linda Simmons** (*zip code: 20169*)

**511. Linds Greenwood** (*zip code: DL1 4NQ*)

Nature does the checks and balances with wildlife .. put your Guns and blood just way!

**512. Linda Basilico** (*zip code: 83501*)

**513. liora rubinstein** (*zip code: 59646*)

**514. Lisa Blundell** (*zip code: 84010*)

**515. Lisa Haut** (*zip code: 06610*)

**516. lisa vana** (*zip code: 44215*)

**517. Melissa Pranke** (*zip code: 32701*)

**518. Karen Cavey** (*zip code: 55317*)

**519. Kate Beswick** (*zip code: 90210*)

**520. Lauren Rawlins** (*zip code: 95501*)

**521. Laura Hawkins, Esq.** (*zip code: 95404*)

The citizens want their government to protect American wild life and not a tiny minority exploit animals for profit or personal amusement. Once an animal is dead there is no bringing it back to its family in the wild. While the killer returns to his family. Your job is to protect wild life for the majority.

**522. Lynn Keyes** (*zip code: 55122*)

**523. Loretta Stadler** (*zip code: 07417*)

Why would you allow these majestic animals to be hunted for trophies??

**524. Lois Burkett** (*zip code: 10012*)

**525. Lauren Williams** (*zip code: L336YG*)

**526. Lori Consaga** (*zip code: 10509*)

**527. Lorie Mikulis** (*zip code: 01826*)

Please save the wildlife that contributes to the beauty of your incredible state.

**528. Lorna Bennett** (*zip code: TN23 7UQ*)

**529. Lorna Jensen** (*zip code: T4s1g4*)

**530. Lorraine Munden** (*zip code: PE15 8JN*)

**531. Louise Bennett** (*zip code: 80134*)

**532. lovely ann daganta** (*zip code: 83100*)  
let's stop cruelty!

**533. Lisa Pisano** (*zip code: 80498*)

**534. Libby Prueher** (*zip code: 80226*)

**535. Lucia Frattallone** (*zip code: 01908*)

**536. Vicki Berry** (*zip code: 97330 9478*)

**537. Della Lurusso** (*zip code: Nn14 6ad*)

**538. Luz Maria Jimenez-Albelo** (*zip code: 00674*)

**539. Lynn Billington** (*zip code: 98225*)

**540. Lynne Tucker** (*zip code: RG7 3RS*)

**541. Lynn Griffith** (*zip code: 98110*)

**542. Lynsey Juel** (*zip code: 83704*)

**543. Margaret Grobbelaar** (*zip code: ZA*)

**544. maggy naescher** (*zip code: 1224 Geneva Switzerland*)  
They deserve to live free--they are essentials for the biodiversity--

**545. Rebecca Woodruff** (*zip code: 95404*)

**546. Patricia Herman** (*zip code: 91384*)  
The killing of our Grizzlies & Wolves By Trophy hunters is incomprehensible to me!! These animals are valuable to the balance of nature and killing them will cause catastrophic consequences to other wildlife and the wilderness

**547. Maggie Simmons** (*zip code: 5016*)

- 548. Martha Ash** (*zip code: 72745*)
- 549. Miranda Bonson** (*zip code: 99166*)
- 550. Mary DiStephano** (*zip code: 08620*)
- 551. Eve Mangold** (*zip code: MK17 0PD*)
- 552. Margaret Fleck** (*zip code: 95065*)
- 553. Manuela Kretzinger** (*zip code: 79415*)
- 554. ayako makishita** (*zip code: 0620931*)
- 555. Becky Horsewood** (*zip code: 83687*)
- 556. Margaret Burns** (*zip code: 53215*)
- 557. Margot Reinertz** (*zip code: 3416*)
- 558. Marianne Boschen** (*zip code: 71667*)
- 559. Maria Smith** (*zip code: 47905*)
- 560. Mariasmth Smith** (*zip code: 47905*)  
Please save them
- 561. Maria Palmer** (*zip code: 28078*)  
Protect the magnificent bears!
- 562. MRia Walsh** (*zip code: 090909*)
- 563. Marion Bennett** (*zip code: 6035*)
- 564. MARIO RIMOLDI** (*zip code: 10516-1503*)
- 565. Mari Smith** (*zip code: 1724*)
- 566. mark bockhorst** (*zip code: 98507*)  
No trophy hunting!!! Gov Otter, please protect our wildlife
- 567. Marlee Allen** (*zip code: 73109*)

**568. GAUFRETEAU Martine** (*zip code: 17310*)

**569. martine etcheberry** (*zip code: 67800*)

**570. Martine MARIN** (*zip code: 91470*)

**571. Mary Briggs** (*zip code: 60188*)

**572. Nancy Quiroz** (*zip code: 83202*)

**573. Matthew Brady** (*zip code: 19805*)

**574. Maureen Hughes** (*zip code: OX160BU*)

**575. Lauren Butcher** (*zip code: 96727*)

**576. Sherry McCullough** (*zip code: 48183*)

**577. Mike Chance** (*zip code: 45342*)

**578. Matthew Cloner** (*zip code: 98115*)

I support any and all efforts to protect grizzly bears and wolves in the State of Idaho.

**579. Lisa McQuarrie** (*zip code: T3H OK4*)

**580. Carroll Sweet** (*zip code: 83433*)

**581. Meena Pillai** (*zip code: 6035*)

**582. Megan Gardner** (*zip code: 3777*)

Leave the animals alone!! Humans are not the only species on the planet!!

**583. Megan Gardner** (*zip code: 3777*)

Stop killing all the animals for goodness sakes! They have a right to live you know.

**584. Megan Hill** (*zip code: 83714*)

**585. Melinda Gebler** (*zip code: 1020*)

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**586. Melinda Hirsch** (*zip code: 98005*)

**587. Johnnie Coffman** (*zip code: 65037*)

**588. Michael Folks** (*zip code: 30308*)

**589. Maureen Patrone** (*zip code: 02021*)

**590. massimo gifoli** (*zip code: 10029*)

**591. Michael Tay** (*zip code: Sw17 8ty*)

**592. Michal Casberg** (*zip code: 83843*)

**593. Michele Chartier** (*zip code: 49307*)

**594. Michele Foge** (*zip code: 83704*)

**595. Michele Leah Welty** (*zip code: 36081*)

Bears and wolves MUST be protected! Do not cowardly allow them to be hunted for your personal gains.

**596. Michelle Schmidt** (*zip code: 32225*)

**597. Michelle Myers** (*zip code: 83204*)

**598. Michelle Rawsthorne** (*zip code: BB101UJ*)

**599. michael barboza** (*zip code: 01930*)

**600. Mila Hewston** (*zip code: 98604*)

**601. Milagros Boada** (*zip code: 33139*)

**602. Milana Nestic** (*zip code: 21000*)

**603. Mieke Miller** (*zip code: 91361*)

**604. Millie Boardman** (*zip code: 83712*)

**605. Tami Miller** (*zip code: 23666*)

**606. Megan Daniels** (*zip code: 97520*)

**607. Bev Ryan** (*zip code: 4570*)

- 608. sue zeybekoglu** (*zip code: 70197*)
- 609. Rhonda Miracle** (*zip code: 83709*)
- 610. Miranda Porter** (*zip code: 44878*)
- 611. Mireille Dumont** (*zip code: 3971PM*)
- 612. cheri bush** (*zip code: 81418*)  
our wildlife is one of our most precious gifts please leave them alone
- 613. Line Ringgaard** (*zip code: 7400*)
- 614. Valarae Robertson** (*zip code: 83401*)
- 615. Mitzi Frank** (*zip code: 44274*)
- 616. Marie-José CHOBERT** (*zip code: 45800*)
- 617. Michelle Jackson** (*zip code: 6164*)
- 618. Lathy Khamis** (*zip code: 47374*)
- 619. An anonymous signer** (*zip code: 97702*)
- 620. Mary Chambers** (*zip code: 98070*)
- 621. Emily Goetsch** (*zip code: 83605*)
- 622. Margaret Glenn** (*zip code: 83712*)  
Protect our Lands and Animals!!
- 623. Michael Brooke** (*zip code: 85250*)
- 624. Moana Walters** (*zip code: 3204*)  
Leave thing alone.
- 625. Stacy Carson** (*zip code: 60515*)
- 626. Molly Wyss** (*zip code: 83709*)  
Molly Wyss
- 627. Mona Smedsrud** (*zip code: 2436*)

**628. Sally Madigan** (*zip code: 95722*)

**629. jo moore** (*zip code: 80403*)

**630. Ana Castro** (*zip code: 93550*)

Please stop butchering wildlife!!

**631. Mary Jaglois Orr** (*zip code: 83815*)

Protect and serve Idaho

**632. sonja rönnblom** (*zip code: 64650 björnlunda*)

**633. Michelle Moyles** (*zip code: 60630*)

**634. Melody Roberts** (*zip code: 29061*)

**635. Judy Lenoir** (*zip code: 32578*)

**636. Melanie Schwabe** (*zip code: 20185*)

**637. Julie Jones** (*zip code: SA132YD*)

**638. Lisa Morgan** (*zip code: SA13 2YD*)

**639. Elinor Taylor** (*zip code: 11355*)

Any Politician who votes against the ban.....and any hunter who murders these innocent beings....deserves to receive their due justice...KARMA \_\_

**640. Michelle Stolk** (*zip code: T5T 0E5*)

**641. Muriel Thompson** (*zip code: 95482*)

**642. Sheila Williams** (*zip code: 64069*)

**643. Michael Murphy** (*zip code: 83705*)

**644. Roger Kyle** (*zip code: 80116*)

Whatever happened to we humans being good, quality stewards as The Lord intended Governor Otter?

**645. Claudia Wagel** (*zip code: 37029*)

**646. Nancy Sprowls** (*zip code: 44094*)



Please protect our wildlife..

**647. Nicholas Holmer** (*zip code: 83404*)

**648. Susan Schweizer** (*zip code: 21136-4712*)

**649. Nanci Nydegger** (*zip code: 83646*)

**650. Nancy Bushman** (*zip code: 83848*)

**651. Nan Newall** (*zip code: NON 1C0*)

**652. Roger Dobson** (*zip code: 91384*)

**653. JoAnn Hill** (*zip code: 99217*)

**654. Jon Natvik\*** (*zip code: 2743*)

I stand for wolves!!

**655. Juliet Ganpat** (*zip code: 11419*)

**656. Nathan Bishop** (*zip code: 83705*)

don't mess w/ God or the Grizzly!

**657. Ines Nedelcovic** (*zip code: 11374*)

**658. Mary Donadio** (*zip code: 27284*)

**659. Agnés Hélie** (*zip code: 33530*)

**660. Nena Woelk** (*zip code: 0000*)

**661. Ngy Huynh** (*zip code: m5b2m8*)

**662. Bridget Mills** (*zip code: 4069*)

We need to protect ALL wildlife from human predators. We are but custodians for our children & future generations. Protect them all.

**663. Nicholas Vicente** (*zip code: 83835*)

I support hunting if the animal is going to be eaten. Trophy hunting serves no point beyond satisfying an ego.

**664. Nicky Able** (*zip code: TN91XG*)

**665. Noemie Dal** (*zip code: 55122*)

**666. Nora Sullivan** (*zip code: 95112*)

**667. Nuria Rivera** (*zip code: 11001*)

**668. Tracy Christenson-Nutt** (*zip code: 50315*)

Humans ARE NOT the only, or even the best, apex predator our environment requires to keep a healthy balance!

**669. Nymph Kellerman** (*zip code: 0182*)

**670. Nat Cara** (*zip code: 33009*)

**671. Ginger Clayton** (*zip code: 92626*)

**672. Deb Stanley** (*zip code: 83702*)

Not all wild life needs to be valued only by the cost of a hunting permit and a sighting down a gun barrel...or treed, harassed by dogs, then shot. These are wonderful wild lives, necessary to maintain natural cycles in wild areas, not trophies. Culling 'trophy' wild life weakens the gene pool for future generations. Watch them. Photograph them. Understand them. Appreciate them. In 100 years, strong and healthy populations of wild life will be some of the natural resources that bring visitors and income to Idaho and the Yellowstone areas. Think to the future, not just to dollars in the coffers tomorrow.

**673. Lynn Okita** (*zip code: 98327*)

**674. Kris Kennedy** (*zip code: 98663*)

Stop killing bears and wolves!

**675. Olga BrainardSmith** (*zip code: 2090*)

**676. Arlene Cirocco** (*zip code: 08757*)

We must protect our wildlife in this entire country. What is wrong with humans?...Do they not realize that without all wildlife, we cannot exist??....Fish and wildlife people, wise up and do your job of PROTECTING wildlife, not SLAUGHTERING IT.

**677. Chad Kripp** (*zip code: 60504*)

**678. fay douglas** (*zip code: T3E 5A8*)

Wildlife know no international, state or provincial boundaries and need support/protection regardless of where you live.

**679. Valentina Orellana** (*zip code: 28210*)

**680. Keith Hall** (*zip code: S25 2XX*)

**681. Millamaria Vaittinen** (*zip code: 29120*)

**682. Paula Ilona** (*zip code: 01350*)

**683. Pamela Lee** (*zip code: 28053*)

We are only the keepers of the Planet, NOT the owners; every single living being has as much right to be here as we, the "intelligent" life, have.

**684. Pamela Clark** (*zip code: 97527*)

**685. Pamela Miller** (*zip code: 76476*)

**686. Paula Sammons** (*zip code: 97212*)

**687. Patricia Marshall** (*zip code: wr11 2xa*)

**688. Jesse Deraiche** (*zip code: j0p 1b0*)

**689. Patti Harter** (*zip code: 98823-1748*)

We've already destroyed 70% of all vertebrate species on earth. Isn't it time to stop?

**690. Patty Capener** (*zip code: 83703-3722*)

**691. Paula Hardwick** (*zip code: OI2 7an*)

**692. Paul Mannings** (*zip code: Cf237dl*)

**693. Pauline Buxton** (*zip code: GL56 0HA*)

We shouldn't have to petition to stop this atrocity it should be written in stone that they are nurtured and looked after and never shot or killed, look after your precious bears!!!!

**694. Theresa Paradis** (*zip code: 83422*)

**695. Elise Buffie** (*zip code: R3L 2K1*)

**696. Patricia Gehring** (*zip code: 82801*)

**697. Penny Anstey** (*zip code: 6573*)

**698. Janie Penn** (*zip code: 02481*)

**699. Juliana Strattman** (*zip code: 0125*)

**700. Petri Uusi-Mäkelä** (*zip code: 33500*)

**701. Phillip Nelson** (*zip code: 83709*)

**702. Phyllis Steele** (*zip code: 57756*)

**703. LISA Pickle** (*zip code: 23139*)

**704. philip child** (*zip code: 19z1b6*)

**705. Pirjo Talvitie** (*zip code: 34331 Swe*)

**706. Katy Thompson** (*zip code: V7R2K7*)

**707. Pam McIntosh** (*zip code: 73072*)

Wolves and Grizzlies are vitally important keystone species that bring a very broad and diverse audience who know this, respect them and want to see them in their natural environment. They don't want to see them killed by a very small, select group which is what trophy hunters are. Please think of the future.

**708. Paula Powers** (*zip code: 33435*)

**709. liudmila platon** (*zip code: 1297*)

**710. Lea MacLeod** (*zip code: 62269*)

**711. Patrick Finnegan** (*zip code: 83530*)

I am not in favor of SB 1027. Management plans for grizzly bears and wolves should be updated before any type of hunting or legal 'take' regulations are established.

**712. Patricia Greig** (*zip code: 60172*)

**713. Kristin Montgomery** (*zip code: 83704*)

**714. Paul Pintilie** (*zip code: 535600*)

**715. Kristin Combs** (*zip code: 83455*)

Trophy hunting of grizzly bears is completely amoral and unnecessary. These bears are under many threats to their food sources and their population is still in a precarious place. The native tribes have not been consulted on this action. They consider the bears a sacred relative and leader. I'm absolutely ashamed to call myself a resident of a state that would consider killing these magnificent animals that people travel here from all over the world to see. I hope the leaders of this state will do

the right thing and protect, not kill, grizzly bears.

**716. Paige Nicholas** (*zip code: 55807*)

I was born and raised in Idaho. Protect. Do not extinct.

**717. alice devereaux** (*zip code: 29527*)

Please don't let these animals go extinct! God bless you!

**718. Connie Burris** (*zip code: 62702*)

**719. KIMBERLEE NORTON** (*zip code: 32725*)

Stop the NRA and Safari International and the killing will stop! They are behind all these insane bills!

**720. Rosalind Dunn** (*zip code: DL131AB*)

**721. Rachel Poteat** (*zip code: 93109*)

**722. Rachel Ferraiuolo** (*zip code: 22314*)

**723. Rachel Moore** (*zip code: BT23 8WN*)

Don't wait until it too late once they are gone they are gone. Protect for future generations.

**724. Janis Raffa** (*zip code: 94110*)

**725. Lynn Wolf** (*zip code: 91350*)

**726. Jody Artale** (*zip code: 30341*)

**727. RITA EDWARDS** (*zip code: 95662*)

**728. Rebekka Andersen** (*zip code: 3520*)

Aside from the fact, that it would be cruel and just wrong. We need them. We need nature to stay sane.

**729. Lora Jacobsen** (*zip code: 83706*)

Idaho is a sportsmen's state, but the methods of harvesting allowed by SB 1027 are in NO way sporting. PLEASE VETO!

**730. Vera Kebsch-Müller** (*zip code: 71034*)

**731. Kotti Pillar** (*zip code: 91103*)

**732. Richard Buck** (*zip code: 91950*)

**733. Richard Norsworthy** (*zip code: 75146*)

Grizzlies are the main reason we visit these areas. Why would you want to kill more of them? Their numbers are not that great. They can now be killed if they are a problem. Any other killing will be strictly trophy hunting!

**734. Carolyn McGeorge wheeler** (*zip code: 90603*)

**735. Richard Esparza** (*zip code: 76308*)

Please protect these animals. They have a right to exist.

**736. Paul Riggan** (*zip code: 37315*)

**737. Rikarda Daane** (*zip code: 3351cz*)

**738. Rin D'Attilio** (*zip code: 02771-5764*)

Governor Otter should veto SB 1027. PROTECT THE BEARS AND WOLVES FROM EXTINCTION. The environment needs them!

**739. Rita Burton** (*zip code: TN61TE*)

**740. Jacki Massimino** (*zip code: 83634*)

**741. Rose Marie Lampo** (*zip code: 70433*)

Do NOT delist animals from the Endangered Species list!

**742. Rose M** (*zip code: 98642*)

**743. Robin Martin** (*zip code: AB39 2UE*)

**744. Bob Walters** (*zip code: 85706*)

**745. Robert Frasier** (*zip code: 03225*)

**746. Rochelle Fraser** (*zip code: 84010*)

The beautiful animals are not trophies!! They are amazing and deserve to live in peace. Please protect them!!

**747. Alisha James** (*zip code: 92071*)

**748. Rolf Grimsrud** (*zip code: 0565*)

**749. rosine ROMITI** (*zip code: 20225*)

**750. Rose Doheny** (*zip code: N200tg*)

**751. Rosena Donnelly** (*zip code: 60614*)

**752. Carol Rosetti** (*zip code: 95449*)

**753. roy hunt** (*zip code: 12578*)

**754. Richard Radtke** (*zip code: 34731*)

**755. Robert Sargent** (*zip code: 03079-2498*)

**756. Patricia Williams** (*zip code: 14701*)

**757. Michelle Rybak** (*zip code: 60142*)

**758. Sherri Powell** (*zip code: 97470*)

**759. Karen Corley** (*zip code: IP5 2GP*)

**760. Bart Hoppenbrouwers** (*zip code: D15*)

**761. Samuela Bernetti** (*zip code: 63900*)

**762. Sandra Bos** (*zip code: 3311AA*)

Please, save this beautiful animals

**763. Sandra Bak** (*zip code: Cm12 9ex*)

**764. Sandra Vander Pol** (*zip code: 85719*)

I'm penning this letter and signing this petition, urging you to help the wolves and bears of the United States to stay on the endangered species list. As an example for other states across the country. Some states have taken them off of the endangered list in recent yrs. even though there is overwhelming evidence that they are not increasing in population but in FACT are decreasing in numbers!

Even with the scientific communities urging the states to keep them on the list, the individual states have taken it upon themselves, to use the dishonest and erroneous reports from ranchers and self gratifying trophy hunters with money, to take them off of the lists.

Considering that endangered wildlife advocates have undeniable proof combined with ecological and scientific proof that they are, FAST, disappearing from this earth! The trophy hunters pay big money to fly over in choppers with employees from the forestry services, with the sole purpose of killing as many animals as they can, under the guise of culling animals that are supposed to have attacked dozens of cows in one night of bloody terror.

While IN TRUTH, wolves & bears do NOT kill in this manor and in FACT do NOT kill for sport nor do they leave dead whole animals. They kill only to eat and feed their young. If you have any doubt that advocates aren't speaking truth then you need to simply see the photos taken by these killers, that are posted on Face book, smirking over their kills, only to brag and to dig at us who give a damn

about two things. Extinction and the Eco system, two things that can't survive without the other. Once I believed these people could be reasoned with. Unfortunately, I was wrong. I was told that the more I post against trophy killers, the more he would kill. 2 animals per one post. Wow! This man needed to be observed in a psych ward, so I thought, until others swore the same vendetta. Now I ask you, is this the type of people who need to be stopped or not? If you think they should be allowed to murder the last of a species just to get a sick climax of drawing blood, then you need mental help as well, you can't take the bribe with you when your time comes to leave this earth. It's up there under the title of Things!

The wolves & bears are almost extinct like the dodo bird and soon to be the elephant, giraffe & many species in the world.

Secondly, are you aware, that the wolf out of most of the creatures in the woods, forests, mountains, plains and deserts are one of the MOST IMPORTANT species, whose presence, has a most PROFOUND AFFECT THUS EFFECT, on our entire ecological system?

Please check it out for yourself. When people who like to kill, and yes they do get a sick rush out of taking the life of an innocent animal, endangered or not, are allowed to kill off an entire species, then this is nothing less than a comparison of the sick minds who came out of Hitler's mentality. To glean and purge the earth of an entire species or race of animal or human.

So I'm urging you to do your job as a representative of WE THE PEOPLE WHO PAY YOU and afford you the life style that you have. We politely ask you to do your job that you were elected or paid to do. Simply represent our views to congress, those of whom we also pay to do their job according to WE THE PEOPLE'S wishes, and not to the small special interest groups. Like the trophy hunter who wants to spill more blood. Oh, also remember anyone who is elected or paid can be fired as well by We the People. As a citizen of We the People.... Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sandra L. Vander Pol

**765. Sandra Marchon** (*zip code: 1112*)

**766. Sandy Norris** (*zip code: 30125*)

**767. Sarah Mcgraw** (*zip code: 47951*)

**768. Sarah Tyrer** (*zip code: WC1 3BP*)

Your wild life is all our deep heritage.

**769. Sara Shatto** (*zip code: 97392*)

Not necessary! The bears have a right to live.

**770. pia asp** (*zip code: 24161*)

**771. Kelly Schueman** (*zip code: 60423*)

**772. Scott Hawk** (*zip code: 83301*)

**773. Stephen Johnson** (*zip code: 92117*)

**774. Becky Beazer** (*zip code: 84057*)



PLEASE PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE.

**775. Laurie Brauss** (*zip code: 98118*)

**776. Shannon McCalla** (*zip code: 83670*)

**777. Sylvie Gruau** (*zip code: 94190*)

**778. sharon boyes** (*zip code: p7c2n8*)

**779. michelle turner** (*zip code: sn6 6pl*)

**780. Shelli Lipton** (*zip code: 12498*)

**781. sherry mauney** (*zip code: 21502*)

**782. Sheryl Schowengerdt** (*zip code: 83313*)  
We have to protect these endangered animals!

**783. Sheryl Hill** (*zip code: 83420*)

**784. Shirley Bignell** (*zip code: 30907*)

**785. Shirley Daniel** (*zip code: Bh23 4qn*)

**786. Sid Jasmin** (*zip code: h4g3a2*)

**787. Mary Flowers** (*zip code: 73110*)

**788. Patricia Foster** (*zip code: 48823*)  
Will humans be happy when they have slaughtered every sentient being on four legs? We need these beautiful sentient beings on this planet!

**789. Simon Validzic** (*zip code: 10020*)  
Bears and wolves (and other native animals, plants and ecosystems) have an intrinsic value and are no less important than humans. Croatia is a relatively good European example of humans co-existing with bears, wolves, deer, native forests and natural ecosystems.

**790. Barbara Simpson** (*zip code: .*)  
Sentient beings!

**791. SINDELAROVA ZUZANA** (*zip code: 25765*)

**792. Sheryl Musgrove** (*zip code: 10603*)

**793. Susan Rusin** (*zip code: 14830*)

These animals need a place to live too! Please stop killing them.

**794. Sherry Yarnell** (*zip code: 89445*)

There simply are not enough of these magnificent beings around to be making these kind of decisions.

**795. Sandy Zelasko** (*zip code: 92082*)

**796. Deanna Riggan** (*zip code: 28715*)

**797. Tony Menechella** (*zip code: 40601*)

**798. Csrol Butler** (*zip code: 11385 6910*)

I CARE!!!!

**799. Sophie Zhang** (*zip code: L4E4M1*)

**800. Gillian Poole** (*zip code: CF45 3LP*)

**801. Debbie Boone** (*zip code: 28304*)

**802. Chris Nunnally** (*zip code: 36206*)

**803. Stephanie Hendrix** (*zip code: 83355*)

**804. Sheila Redman** (*zip code: 97217*)

**805. Sarah Keller** (*zip code: 83713*)

**806. Stephen Silver** (*zip code: BH1 1HT*)

**807. Stacey Nelson** (*zip code: 83709-3469*)

**808. Barbara Walklate** (*zip code: St104sw*)

**809. Stan Kidwell** (*zip code: 83704*)

**810. Natalie Lorimer** (*zip code: Bh22 9px*)

**811. Lorraine Breidenstein** (*zip code: 65738*)

**812. Stephen DAttilio** (*zip code: 02771*)

Protect the wolves from needless kills

**813. Stephen Hatton** (*zip code: Tr114js*)

**814. Steph Horner** (*zip code: 55316*)

**815. Géraldina Markli alonso** (*zip code: 33457*)

**816. Sue McMullen** (*zip code: YO310UW*)

Bears need protection & the US is fortunate to have them.

**817. Sue Cross** (*zip code: Me4 6er*)

**818. Susan Little** (*zip code: 83221*)

Government let our animals be free and quit killing them off.

**819. Deanna Summerly** (*zip code: 92119*)

**820. Kat Brekken** (*zip code: 82190*)

Years of protections have allowed the Grizzly to start to recover. As the 2nd slowest species to reproduce in the world, any changes to the protective status for the bears, at a time when scientists call it the 6th Major Extinction on the Earth, would be detrimental, if not catastrophic to the species survival. Future generations depend on wise decisions today.

**821. Sunrise Ayers** (*zip code: 83709*)

**822. Susan Lefler** (*zip code: 78737*)

**823. Susan Fairweather** (*zip code: PL25 3EN*)

**824. Susan Smith** (*zip code: RG45 7DJ*)

Gods animals, we are their caretakers!

They make this world beautiful, the ugly ones are those ready to destroy them!

If you do, explain that to your maker, you leave nothing for future generations, so selfish, have no thought for anything but ME!!

**825. Sue Grainger** (*zip code: MK13 0ET*)

**826. Sue Macdonald** (*zip code: EH12 8YJ*)

**827. Svein Erik Hansen** (*zip code: 3018*)

**828. Jenny Fortsch** (*zip code: 86301*)

**829. Carolee Lapeyre** (*zip code: 97405*)

**830. Tama Abbey** (*zip code: 4210q*)

**831. Tanya Lee** (*zip code: )*

**832. Nancy Erstad** (*zip code: 98370*)

**833. Tammie Lossing** (*zip code: 33064*)

**834. Christine Ciempola** (*zip code: 29624*)

**835. Inger Lise Haughem** (*zip code: 3280*)

**836. Tanveer Ahmed** (*zip code: 5310*)

**837. Family MacRae** (*zip code: M9M 1X7*)

We cannot continue to destroy our rich natural history for the sick pleasures and bloodstained profits of a few - our precious wildlife including bears, wolves & big cats and essential ecosystems all need to be protected, for all our futures!

**838. francesch patricia** (*zip code: 83270*)

**839. Tara Fankhanel** (*zip code: 83333*)

**840. Tara Crow** (*zip code: 0626*)

**841. Tammy Guess** (*zip code: 43138*)

**842. Tamara Sorenson** (*zip code: 85268*)

**843. Elisabeth Schorr** (*zip code: 3600*)

**844. Teresa Bradford** (*zip code: 22042*)

**845. Kathy Johnson** (*zip code: 55071*)

**846. Teresa Jason** (*zip code: 11520*)

I feel strongly about protecting these animals!!!

**847. Terry Spirer** (*zip code: 19808*)

**848. Deb Frank** (*zip code: 63012*)

**849. Tessa Hayward** (*zip code: Ox17 3ph*)

**850. Carolyn Green** (*zip code: 3106*)

**851. Sallie Robbins-Druian** (*zip code: 92264*)

**852. Lisa Stuart** (*zip code: 39584*)

**853. Lorna Shepardson** (*zip code: 98226*)

**854. theresa sanders** (*zip code: 30725*)

**855. Susan Farr** (*zip code: WR8 9JF*)

I was in Idaho on holiday last September - I didn't visit to see DEAD wildlife, I came to see thriving bears, wolves, coyotes in their natural habitat, protected by the laws of the state and country they live in.

**856. Lisa Ebert** (*zip code: 48329*)

These animals are crucial to our ecosystem. Trophy hunting sends the wrong message--these are endangered species.

**857. Mary More** (*zip code: 75013*)

**858. Tiffany Schults** (*zip code: 97367*)

**859. Brook Miller** (*zip code: 48197*)

**860. Ian Courts** (*zip code: 80439-250*)

**861. Timea Vida** (*zip code: 7627*)

**862. Tim Kenney** (*zip code: 83815*)

We need to respect our wildlife! Without "respect " and our wildlife we are no longer humane!

**863. Darla Tilley** (*zip code: 96007*)

**864. Thomas St. Laurent** (*zip code: 43014*)

**865. Tina Slivon** (*zip code: 81507*)

**866. Tiana Glenn** (*zip code: 83617*)

No one hunts bears or wolves for food, and endangered/protected species shouldn't be killed so someone can throw a hide on the wall. These animals play an important part in the balance of the eco- system.

**867. Tod Dingman** (*zip code: 90045*)

**868. John Mutch** (*zip code: 83704*)

**869. Tomas Browne** (*zip code: 0626*)

**870. Tom Harper** (*zip code: 98362*)

**871. Toni Trevino** (*zip code: 64310*)

**872. Toni Hicks** (*zip code: 83712*)

We're destroying their habitat. The very least WE can do is protect them

**873. Debra Thaisen** (*zip code: 97202*)

**874. patricia Stunkel** (*zip code: 47725*)

**875. anthony wyne-roberts** (*zip code: 33312*)

**876. Deborah Bortot** (*zip code: 92335*)

**877. Manon St-Laurent** (*zip code: j5z4m5*)

**878. BOB SCIACCA** (*zip code: 83607*)

Save our wildlife!!!

**879. Roger Dobson** (*zip code: 91384*)

**880. Martha Gatewood Henrico** (*zip code: USA*)

**881. Valerie Bear** (*zip code: 68752*)

**882. Valorie Traughber** (*zip code: 83204*)

**883. Rubrecht Vanessa** (*zip code: 54480*)

**884. Kaylyn Van Ostran** (*zip code: 83301*)

Please keep our ecosystems healthy by keeping the grizzly bears in a land that keeps them safe. We as a people need to keep the state of the our lands so they are here for the many generations to come.

**885. vera schonberg** (*zip code: 7201*)

**886. Veronica Broderick** (*zip code: 83333*)

**887. Vicki Benedetto** (*zip code: 08879*)

**888. vicki minahan** (*zip code: 3781*)

**889. Vicky Jonrs** (*zip code: Cf838qb*)

**890. Vicky Miller** (*zip code: 98026*)

**891. vikki Jones** (*zip code: LU2 8UA*)

**892. Viktoria Krcelic** (*zip code: 10000*)

**893. Cinzia Amiconi** (*zip code: 85331*)

**894. Kevin Kallenbach** (*zip code: 53224*)

**895. Vaughn Zeller** (*zip code: 47150*)

**896. Valerie Sisson** (*zip code: 49508*)  
we need bears! Stop killing wildlife

**897. Rebecca Voskuil** (*zip code: 75070*)  
Human's MUST protect animals & the environment. #notmypresident!!

**898. Wendy Harris** (*zip code: 98230*)  
Biodiversity is the our biggest protection against the threat of human extinction. That means we need the bears far more than they need us. Can we please stop treating the earth like a human personal play thing and respect healthy ecosystem functions that keeps all things alive?

**899. Ellen Wait** (*zip code: 83835*)

**900. Joan Meeker** (*zip code: 19505*)  
Our ecosystem depends on these animals. And all others.

**901. Sharon Langhammer** (*zip code: 63052*)  
Save the Bears. Wildlife should be left alone

**902. Wendy Beyda** (*zip code: 07746*)  
Please protect the wildlife in Idaho!!!

**903. William Keeting** (*zip code: 33139*)

**904. BILL KEETING** (*zip code: 33139*)

**905. Wendy Bates** (*zip code: 83622*)

**906. wendy hill** (*zip code: 5523*)

**907. Wendy King** (*zip code: S18 8QL*)

**908. brenda allen** (*zip code: N5Z2R8*)

**909. T Abashian** (*zip code: 27701*)

**910. willem kom** (*zip code: 9602vd*)

**911. Nancy Rice** (*zip code: 83706*)

Please step in to veto this bill.

**912. william crosby** (*zip code: 06053*)

**913. Barbara Johnson** (*zip code: 14543*)

**914. Neil Stevenson** (*zip code: ST61SA*)

**915. marjorie hagerich** (*zip code: 15958*)

**916. Frans Badenhorst** (*zip code: 1724*)

**917. Liz Denton** (*zip code: T1S 1E5*)

**918. Wendy Feinstein** (*zip code: 10040*)

**919. Kelly Sweeney** (*zip code: 95232*)

Wildlife VIEWING tourism brings in more money than hunting ever will. Animals are worth vastly more ALIVE than dead. NO TROPHY HUNTING! I will boycott any state that chooses to allow this barbarism. Time for humans to take the high road and let the other animals alone.

**920. juanita hawkins** (*zip code: 28779*)

**921. Susan Vadencourt** (*zip code: 47374*)

We cannot lose anymore of our wildlife. It really is their world too.

**922. Mary Wylie** (*zip code: 63011-4155*)



**923. Michelle Newton** (*zip code: 83442*)

**924. Pam Yons** (*zip code: 34668*)

**925. Anthony Herrera** (*zip code: 83651*)

**926. yvonne olsen** (*zip code: 2300*)

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**927. Richard Lomas** (*zip code: 83706*)

**928. Zdravko Kirilov** (*zip code: 2400*)

**929. Zena Schtyk** (*zip code: B97 5NJ*)

**930. bos claudine** (*zip code: 39800*)

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 P.M.**  
**Room EW40**  
**Monday, February 27, 2017**

SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
<a href="#">S 1063</a>	Irrigation Assessment	Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association
	Timber Protective Association History - Past, Present & Future	Len Young, Chief Fire Warden, Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protective Association

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Monday, February 27, 2017
- TIME:** 1:30 P.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representative(s) Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Moyle, Vander Woude, Rubel
- GUESTS:** Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association; Bill Haagenson, Idaho Department of Lands; Roger Batt and Argia Phillips, Treasure Valley Water Users Association; Dan Steenson, Nampa and Meridian Irrigation District; Brent Olmstead, University of Idaho-College of Agricultural and Life Sciences; Len Young, C-PTPA; Jane Wittmeyer, Wittmeyer Associates
- Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
- S 1063:** **Norm Semanko**, Executive Director, Idaho Water Users Association, stated this legislation ensures State lands entitled to water rights and drainage benefits apportioned by irrigation districts are subject to irrigation district assessments to pay for the costs of constructing, operating, and maintaining district water delivery and drainage systems. Mr. Semanko explained at one time it was assumed that State lands couldn't receive irrigation benefits, but in 1924, the Idaho Supreme Court decided that State lands located within irrigation districts were entitled to water rights and drainage benefits, so the State began paying, and has continued to pay, its share of irrigation assessments to the appropriate irrigation districts. It was recently discovered this statute was never corrected to reflect that court decision so this amendment now removes the State exemption from assessments language. Without the State paying its share of the irrigation assessments, the financial burden would shift to the private landowners.
- Roger Batt**, representing Treasure Valley Water Users Association, stated they are **in support** of this legislation.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Raybould** made a motion to send **S 1063** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.
- Len Young**, Chief Fire Warden, Clearwater-Potlatch Timber Protective Association, introduced himself and provided an informational presentation on Idaho's Timber Protective Associations. The Association was established in 1927 and was formed for the purpose of furnishing, operating, and maintaining a protective system for the detection, prevention, and suppression of forest or range fires in Idaho. The Association is managed by a Board of Directors elected annually from the membership. They maintain a fleet of equipment including fire suppression trucks, heavy equipment, a boat, and an airplane and regularly provide training to the Association personnel. The State is divided into 14 Forest Protective Districts. The Timber Protective Associations currently provide wildland fire protection in two of those Forest Protective Districts which includes private, state, federal, and a small portion of non-assessed (range and farm) lands. In the last 15 years, the Clearwater-Potlatch and Southern Idaho Timber Protective Associations managed 1,356 fires totalling 7,625 acres burned. Although the average number of acres

burned per year in that 15-year period was 544 acres, it was noted that 62% of the total burned acres occurred in 2015, a very high fire year.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:04pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
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AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment**  
**Room EW40**  
**Wednesday, March 01, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 211</a>	Invasive Species Nonresident Sticker Fee	Rep. Erpelding
<a href="#">HCR 20</a>	Endowment Land Use, Idaho Department of Lands Report	Rep. Erpelding
<a href="#">S 1064</a>	Irrigation, Exclusion Petition Fees	Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association
<a href="#">S 1099</a>	Department of Lands, Division Heads	Rep. Gibbs
	Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts - Annual Update	Steve Becker, Treasurer, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts

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**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

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- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Braden Jensen and Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Steven Becker and Kit Tollotson, IASCD; Andy Waldera, Pioneer Irrigation District; Tom Schultz, Idaho Department of Lands; Michael Gibson, Trout Unlimited; Rialin Flores, CVI; Norm Semanko, Idaho Water Users Association; Mitch Coats, Idaho Food Producers; Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League
- Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 and February 23, 2017 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- H 211:** **Rep. Erpelding**, District 19, stated this legislation amends **67-7008A**, Idaho Code, increasing the annual invasive species sticker fee for nonresidents from \$22.00 to \$30.00. He stated as Idaho becomes more popular for tourists, it is critical to ensure that efforts are maintained and even increased in protecting the state from invasive species. This was a recommendation from the Invasive Species Working Group. This legislation would increase proceeds into the General Fund by approximately \$70,000 - \$80,000 per year. If passed, the fee increase would go into effect January 2018 rather than the summer of 2017 due to the State Park's production schedule of the sticker system they utilize.
- In response to questions and concerns about waiting until 2018 to implement the new sticker fee, and the threat of invasives being introduced into Idaho waters from infested waters in neighboring states, **Rep. Erpelding** explained the boat stickers won't stop the spread of invasive species. The new sticker fee will generate additional revenue to enhance the boat inspection station program by increasing the hours of operation of the stations from dawn until dark and hopefully adding additional inspection stations. The goal is to have inspection stations operating 24 hours a day during boating season, but this bill won't generate the funding to cover those hours at this time. The boat inspection stations are the first line of defense to inspect and detect any invasive species and remove them before allowing boats to be transported into the state.
- In response to questions about the amended fiscal note, **Rep. Erpelding** explained although the increased sticker fee will generate approximately \$100,000 annually, there are overhead costs associated with managing the program, as a result, the fiscal note was amended to reflect that approximately \$70,000 - \$80,000 would be available to enhance the boat inspection stations.
- Chairman Gibbs** requested the record reflect no one came forward to testify on **H 211**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to send **H 211** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Erpelding** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**HCR 20:** **Rep. Erpelding**, District 19, stated this Concurrent Resolution would provide for an annual report and maps produced by the Idaho Department of Lands detailing the managed uses and locations of State Endowment Lands. The public would be able to find, within this one resource, locations of these lands, what activities are occurring on certain parcels, and whether or not parcels are accessible or inaccessible/landlocked. The public would be required to gain permission from land owners to access landlocked parcels, and cannot assume access will always be granted. Because the Department cannot access some parcels at all due to their locations, they are actively working on land trades and sales in order to upgrade parcels that would be better State Endowment Lands in order to provide for schools.

In response to questions from the committee, **Rep. Erpelding** yielded time to **Tom Schultz**.

**Tom Schultz**, Director, Idaho Department of Lands, stated as the Director, he is required by law to produce an annual report to the Governor and the Land Board on the condition, management, and financial transactions of the Department. This mandated report includes State Endowment Lands, so to answer questions regarding how producing the new report as directed by this legislation wouldn't generate a cost to the Department, Mr. Schultz is confident that all the information requested will already be available from his annual report.

Addressing the next questions regarding access, **Mr. Schultz** explained the Department has not analyzed the status of federal lands in Idaho, so can only say if federal lands are accessible, open to the public, and adjacent to state lands, access to state lands could be gained via federal lands. He further stated the analysis has been completed by the Department regarding access to state lands using county roads and highways, or where there are easements in place with access rights that have been granted by land owners. He reiterated that he has no problem providing this new annual report and believes it will be a benefit to the State.

**Rep. Erpelding** resumed presentation of **HCR 20** to address additional concerns regarding the content of the report and maps. He stated the annual report and maps cannot provide the level of detail for every parcel of land in the state regarding access, but rather will be for informational purposes. He stated it will always be the responsibility of the individual to do the research to determine land ownership and gain permission, when necessary, to access state lands. He believes most hunters, anglers, and recreationists are more interested in access to state lands to hunt, fish, or recreate rather than determining the managed uses of each parcel.

**Michael Gibson**, representing Trout Unlimited, stated they are **in support** of this Resolution. He stated Trout Unlimited understands the difference between federal public lands and State Endowment Lands and the fiduciary obligations, and very much appreciates being able to hunt, fish, and recreate on State Endowment Lands. Having this report and maps as a resource will help promote sportmen/landowner relationships and they understand that permission is necessary in order to cross private lands.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **HCR 20** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Reps. Vander Woude, Boyle, and Miller** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY. Rep. Erpelding** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1064:** **Norm Semanko**, Executive Director, Idaho Water Users Association, stated there are several purposes of this legislation. The first is to clarify the exclusion fee schedule, which will be based on the location and size of the parcel proposed for exclusion. Second, this legislation will clarify exclusion process-related fees are to be paid by the petitioner and are not potentially apportionable costs shared by the irrigation district. This legislation will also extend the available irrigation district investigation/hearing timeline from 90 days to 150 days to allow facility and water availability investigations to occur when weather conditions are more suitable for performing such tasks either close to, or when, water is in the ditch system. And, finally, this legislation will clarify that current and prior year assessments will remain due and owed by the petitioner prior to any exclusion.

**Chairman Gibbs** requested the record reflect that no one came forward to testify on **S 1064**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **S 1064** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. She declared Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest but would be voting on the motion. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Mendive** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1099:** At **Chairman Gibbs'** request, and with support from the Governor's Office, he yielded the podium to **Tom Schultz** to present **S 1099**.

**Tom Schultz**, Director, Idaho Department of Lands, stated this legislation establishes a new division head within the Idaho Department of Lands to handle oil and gas conservation matters currently being handled by program staff in the Lands and Waterways Division. The new division administrator will lead an Oil and Gas Division created by the Director and will serve the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. The individual must possess the qualifications necessary to successfully implement a professional oil and gas conservation program in Idaho. The new Oil and Gas Division will require three new full-time positions totalling \$375,000 annually from the General Fund, as well as a one-time General Fund expense of \$3,900 for start-up personnel costs.

**Chairman Gibbs** stated the Governor's Office, Leadership of both the House and Senate, as well as the Chairmen of the Joint Appropriations Committee are aware and are supportive of this bill. He stated it is a fact that Idaho does not currently have the expertise to manage a developing oil and gas conservation program so this is a critical piece of legislation that needs to pass. As this industry develops and starts producing, it will generate royalties and taxes that should make this program self-sustaining, but in the short-term, it will need an infusion from the General Fund.

In response to questions, **Mr. Schultz** replied that although he cannot provide a timeline of when there would be sufficient funds generated from this industry to become a self-sustaining program, at some point it will happen. He stated if **S 1099** passes, a trailer bill could be drafted with language recommending the General Fund amount to the Department could be reduced by the amount of identified dedicated funds available to support the Oil and Gas Division.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to send **S 1099** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Youngblood** will sponsor the bill on the floor.



**Steve Becker**, Treasurer, Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts, provided an informational presentation on Soil Conservation Districts. Soil and Water Conservation Districts were established in the 1930's as a result of the Dust Bowl to conserve soil and restore ecological balance. There are many powers of Conservation Districts including the ability to acquire property and carry out flood prevention measures. This is accomplished by assisting landowners to prevent erosion and flooding by implementing water conservation measures such as constructing, improving, operating, and maintaining water control structures. They receive funding from the State, through local funding sources, and through grants.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:04pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M.  
Room EW40  
Friday, March 03, 2017

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 230</a>	Fish and Game Fees	Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, March 03, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Vander Woude, Youngblood

**GUESTS:** Michael Gibson, Trout Unlimited; Ed Schriever, Sharon Kiefer, Michael Pearson, and Virgil Moore, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Larry Fry, Dennis Radocha, and Jay Stark, ISA; Brian Brooks, Idaho Wildlife Federation; Grant Simonds, IOGA; Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Amber Christofferson, DFM; Windy Schoby, Greg Schoby, Linda Kay, and Burk Mantel

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 230:** **Virgil Moore**, Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated **H 230** is essentially three bills rolled into one in order to better address the depredation concern and deliver important outcomes for fish and wildlife management and services for hunters, anglers, and trappers. The following are the four themes of **H 230**:

Theme one raises new dedicated revenue via a license endorsement fee required to purchase an annual license. The fee would be \$5.00 for resident adults, \$2.00 for other residents such as juniors and seniors, \$10.00 for nonresident adults, and \$4.00 for other nonresidents. The money would be deposited into a Fish and Game set-aside account to annually transfer \$500,000 into the expendable big game depredation account to pay wildlife damage claims. The next allocation of \$500,000 is for pronghorn antelope, deer, and elk depredation prevention on private lands and control of predators affecting these species. The new \$500,000 for claims enhances the existing funds essentially tripling the financial commitment of sportsmen's money for wildlife damage compensation claims.

This bill also increases funds from pronghorn antelope, deer, and elk tags from \$1.50 to \$3.50 per tag, into the Fish and Game set-aside account for the winter feeding program, as well as for pronghorn antelope, deer, and elk depredation prevention on private lands and control of predators affecting these species. There is also a complimentary change for the set-aside account from the Sportsman's Pak.

Additionally, the threshold of the expendable big game depredation account balance, for which transfer provisions for any unexpended and unencumbered balances applies, is increased from \$750,000 to \$2.5 million. When that threshold is reached, the unused balance flows back into the set-aside account specifically for pronghorn antelope, deer, and elk depredation prevention on private lands and control of predators affecting these species, thus, sportsmen's money allocated to address depredation issues remains focused on depredation and is not directed to any other purpose.

Theme two addresses concerns the compensation claim program is too burdensome for landowners. As a result, this bill revises several provisions identified as barriers. Revisions include accepting electronic notification as a form of written follow-up after the verbal notification of wildlife damage to crops has been made. Additionally, notification time has been increased from 10 to 20 days. This also increases the period prior to the initial damage notification, from 10 to 20 days, that the Department is held liable or accountable for wildlife damages.

Theme three addresses hunters and anglers priority for access programs such as easements and access agreements. To address this, the balance after the first \$1 million from license endorsement fees dedicated to wildlife depredation compensation and prevention, will remain in the Fish and Game set-aside account for sportsmen's access programs (excluding purchasing private property). Additionally, funds collected from each fishing license going into the Fish and Game set-aside account will be increased from \$2.00 to \$5.00. This increase continues support for construction, repair, or rehabilitation of fish hatcheries, lakes, and reservoirs, and would add fishing access as an authorized use of these funds.

Theme four addresses new revenue tools for the Department's broader portfolio to include a resident fee increase of approximately 20% with some other fee increases such as nonresident daily fishing licenses and the creation of a new control hunt application fee for moose, sheep, and goats. In addition, the Department would implement a price lock discount, which would provide a discount using the 2016 fees for eligible sportsmen who purchase an annual license in 2017, and every year after for at least five years and until Legislative review is complete. These price locked discounts include all licenses, tags, and permit products, not just the annual license, and the same permit or tag does not need to be purchased each year to retain the discount.

The price lock fee increase would generate an estimated \$3 million in additional revenue to be used to restore inflationary losses in programs and would fund enhancements such as: modernizing hatcheries, increasing fish production, conducting more big game population surveys, improving and maintaining public shooting ranges, and conducting more wildlife enforcement patrols. The price lock fee increase would become effective with the sale of the 2018 Fish and Game licenses on December 1, 2017. All other sections of this bill would become effective May 1, 2017, to accelerate the outcomes from the new license endorsement revenue and the related depredation policy revisions.

In response to questions regarding the process for wildlife damage compensation payments, **Director Moore** stated the Department wanted to add a level of flexibility to the wildlife depredation program to encourage landowners to use hunting as a means of wildlife depredation control. Director Moore yielded the podium to **Deputy Director Schriever** who explained how this bill changes the statute. Deputy Director Schriever stated if a landowner calls the Department to file a complaint of wildlife on his property, the Department would be able to respond to the landowner in an attempt to prevent depredation by hazing the wildlife, issuing a kill permit, or by working on a hunt structure to allow hunters to help the landowner alleviate the problem. With this additional information, and based on the actions taken during the depredation, the landowner would be eligible to file for compensation even if he hadn't provided hunting access in the previous year.

In response to questions regarding "reasonableness of access" to private property, **Director Moore** explained the Department will defer to the private landowner. The Department doesn't have authority to access private property without permission, but will try and work with the landowner to address wildlife depredation. Even so, there are some landowners who do not allow any hunting whatsoever on their property, so therefore would not be eligible to be compensated with wildlife depredation funds. For those landowners who will allow hunter access on their property, "reasonableness of access" to address wildlife depredation is viewed on a case by case basis, meaning in some situations one hunter may be reasonable, and in other situations multiple hunters may be reasonable.

**Rep. Boyle** made the recommendation to hear public testimony at this point in time, then return to committee questions. Without opposition from the committee, **Chairman Gibbs** called for public testimony to begin.

Those speaking in support of **H 230** were **Michael Gibson**, representing Trout Unlimited; **Larry Fry**, representing Idaho Sportsman Alliance; **Brian Brooks**, representing Idaho Wildlife Federation, **Grant Simonds**, representing Idaho Outfitters and Guides Association/Government Affairs; **Dennis Tanikuni**, representing Idaho Farm Bureau; and **Burk Mantel**, representing himself.

**Chairman Gibbs** requested the record reflect no one else came forward to testify on **H 230**.

In response to questions regarding landowner's frustration with the depredation claim process, **Deputy Director Schriever** explained that if an agreement could not be reached regarding the percentage of crop loss, a third-party arbitrator can be brought in to help with the decision.

In response to questions regarding the price lock language which states "for at least five years and until a Legislative review is complete," **Director Moore** explained the Department's intent is to bring this back to the Legislature for a review before the five year period is over in order to continue interactions and discussions between the Department and the Legislature. He also stated this is an experiment to see if they can generate more revenue by stimulating the public to buy licenses more often.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to send **H 230** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** **Rep. Erpelding** made a substitute motion to **HOLD H 230** for time certain, March 7, 2017.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** **Chairman Gibbs** requested a roll call vote on the substitute motion for **H 230**. **Substitute motion failed by a vote of 5 AYE and 9 NAY, 4 absent/excused.** **Voting in favor** of the substitute motion: **Reps. Gestrin, Shepherd, Miller, Giddings, and Erpelding.** **Voting in opposition** to the substitute motion: **Reps. Gibbs, Moyle, Raybould, Wood, Boyle, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Kauffman, and Blanksma.** **Reps. Vander Woude, Youngblood, Rubel, and Jordan were excused/absent.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** **Chairman Gibbs** requested a roll call vote on the original motion for **H 230**. **Original motion carried by a vote of 9 AYE and 5 NAY, 4 absent/excused.** **Voting in favor** of the original motion: **Reps. Gibbs, Gestrin, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Burtenshaw, Kauffman, Blanksma, and Erpelding.** **Voting in opposition** to the original motion: **Reps. Moyle, Boyle, Miller, Mendive, and Giddings.** **Reps. Vander Woude, Youngblood, Rubel, and Jordan were excused/absent.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
1:30 P.M. or Upon Adjournment  
Room EW40  
Tuesday, March 07, 2017

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">S 1084</a>	Irrigation District, Increasing Filing Fee	Kelli Brassfield, Idaho Association of Counties

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 07, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30 PM or Upon Adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representative(s) Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan

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

**GUESTS:** Mitch Coats, Food Producers of Idaho  
**Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 1:55pm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Jordan** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1084:** **Kelli Brassfield**, representing Idaho Association of Counties, stated this bill amends **43-711**, Idaho Code, which directs irrigation district treasurers to file annually an irrigation district delinquency list with the County Recorder. At the time of filing, they are entitled to a \$2.00 filing fee. This statute hasn't been updated since 1925, therefore, with the increased costs of producing and processing these reports, this bill updates the filing fee from \$2.00 to \$25.00 to better reflect the current cost of doing business. The Idaho Water Users Association and the Food Producers of Idaho support this increase.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to send **S 1084** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Miller** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment  
 Room EW40  
 Thursday, March 09, 2017

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>SCR 114</u></a>	Approval of Interim Committee, Natural Resource Issues	Rep. Raybould
<a href="#"><u>S 1098</u></a>	Oil and Gas Statements to Tax Commission	Rep. Gibbs and Senator Bair
	Upper Blackfoot Confluence Presentation	Keith Allred, Upper Blackfoot Confluence; Trent Clark, Monsanto; Justin Hayes, Idaho Conservation League

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Thursday, March 09, 2017
- TIME:** 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representative(s) Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Moyle, Shepherd, Boyle, Vander Woude, Erpelding
- GUESTS:** Joanie Fauci, self; Eric Wilson, Idaho Department of Lands  
**Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 1:31pm.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Jordan** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- SCR 114:** **Rep. Raybould**, District 34, stated this legislation authorizes the Legislative Council to appoint a 2-year committee to undertake studies of natural resource issues, particularly water resources of the state. The committee is made up of five members from the House and five members from the Senate. Ad hoc members can be added to the committee but cannot vote.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to send **SCR 114** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Raybould** will sponsor the bill on the floor.  
**Chairman Gibbs** passed the gavel to **Vice Chairman Gestrin** for the remainder of the meeting.
- S 1098:** **Rep. Gibbs**, District 32, stated this is simple legislation to get information needed in a more timely manner. This legislation clarifies what information would be included in Tax Commission forms for the submission of oil and gas severance tax. Changes include submitting this form monthly rather than the current quarterly report to the Tax Commission. The new form would include the name, description and location of every well, and every field in which the wells are located. Additionally, the Tax Commission would be authorized to conduct audits at least every three years.  
In response to questions, **Rep. Gibbs** yielded the podium to **Eric Wilson**.  
**Eric Wilson**, Resource Protection Assistant to the Bureau Chief, Idaho Department of Lands, in responding to a series of questions from the committee, stated there is currently a requirement for each well to be metered individually; tax information within the reports to the Tax Commission is considered confidential; and as for how taxes are paid, he stated it's based on production and is a gross tax of 2.5% of the gross value of materials sold, before deductions. Additionally, Mr. Wilson clarified it is standard practice for the point of sale to be upstream at the gathering facility, but the final volumes are measured at the endpoint after the gas has been refined. Finally, Mr. Wilson stated the reporting frequency of monthly rather than quarterly is standard practice in other states because the more often the measurements, the more accurate the reporting, which results in more accurate payments.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to send **S 1098** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Giddings** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Keith Allred**, Upper Blackfoot Confluence, introduced himself and provided an informational presentation on the Upper Blackfoot Confluence partnership. He stated this conservation partnership is built on a common interest from conservation groups, local stakeholders, mining companies, and state and federal agencies to improve water quality and the fishery in the Upper Blackfoot River and its tributaries. He provided examples of several of the ongoing projects including restoring fish passages, restoring fish habitat, restoring stream function, improving irrigation efficiency, improving on-ranch operations, and improving recreation access.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:34pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30pm or Upon Adjournment**  
**Room EW40**  
**Monday, March 13, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#"><u>S 1111</u></a>	Stockwater Rights, Ownership, Transfer	Senator Harris and Rep. Boyle
<a href="#"><u>S 1101</u></a>	Water, Stock Watering Claims	Senator Brackett and Rep. Boyle
	Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Recharge Update	Brian Patton, Idaho Water Resource Board

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 13, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** Paul Nettleton, Joyce Livestock Co.; Tim Lowry, LV Ranching Co.; Russ Hendricks, Idaho Farm Bureau; Lynn Tominaga, IGWA; Brandy Kay, IWGA; Mitch Coats, Idaho Food Producers; Tyler Murgoitio, IWUA; Brian Patton and Gary Spackman, IDWR; Wyatt Prescott, ICA

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

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**S 1111:** **Senator Harris**, District 32, stated this bill will put into statute the findings of the Idaho Supreme Court in the case of *Joyce Livestock Company v. United States of America*, **144 Idaho 1, 156 P.3d 502 (2007)**. In this case, the court held that agencies of the federal government cannot hold stockwater rights unless they put the water to beneficial use by watering livestock owned by the agency.

**Paul Nettleton**, representing Joyce Livestock Company, stated this is the oldest family-owned ranch in Idaho, grazing livestock on federal lands for over 150 years. Mr. Nettleton stated they began filing irrigation and stockwater claims on federal lands over 25 years ago, as recommended by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Although BLM recommended to Joyce Livestock Company to file those water claims, BLM ended up filing on those same claims. The State Water Resource Board recommended in favor of the federal government on the claims even though this decision was in direct conflict with western water rights, which clearly states water must be put to beneficial use by watering livestock. Because of that decision, Joyce Livestock Company took the state and federal government to court. After many years and many dollars, they won their case. The Idaho Supreme Court held by a unanimous decision that water rights go to the party with a beneficial use, not to the party who controls the land; and because the federal government doesn't own livestock, all BLM claims that were filed were denied. This decision, known as the Joyce Decision, is widely known and widely used across the West. Mr. Nettleton is **in support** of this bill and stated it's time for the Legislature to codify this court decision.

**Tim Lowery**, representing LV Ranch Company, stated they are **in support** of this bill. He stated it is important to codify this decision into statute to avoid any further attempt from the federal government to take away their water rights. Stockwater rights belong to the stockmen who put the water to beneficial use.

In addition to **Mr. Nettleton** and **Mr. Lowery**, those speaking **in support** of **S 1111** were **Russ Hendricks**, representing Idaho Farm Bureau; **Brandy Kay**, representing Idaho Wool Growers Association; and **Wyatt Prescott**, representing Idaho Cattle Association.

**Speaker Scott Bedke**, District 27, stated he is **in support** of this bill as well as **S 1101**. Speaker Bedke expressed his appreciation to the Nettleton and Lowry families for seeing this issue through to the end. Although he personally didn't follow through with his stockwater claims as these families did at that time, he did end up with senior water rights on his allotments, and looked forward to the day when the state would correct the wrong that was done. Speaker Bedke recognized, due to a technicality, that the two families carried the cost of this court case without the ability for reimbursement through the Equal Access for Justice Act. He stated it was this stockwater rights issue that motivated him to leave the comfort of his ranch and get active politically and believes this issue needs to be settled for good.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **S 1111** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**S 1101:** **Senator Brackett**, District 23, stated this legislation is a companion to **S 1111** that codifies the Idaho Supreme Court decision, known as the Joyce Decision. In the Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA), small stockwater and domestic water right holders were not required to file claims in the adjudication, but could defer the filing until a later time. Claims filed in the SRBA for these uses are referred to as "deferrable claims." Many of the stockwater uses that the Joyce Decision addressed qualify as deferrable claims. Because these deferrable claims are now considered late claims, the claimant must pay a filing fee of \$25.00 per claim; publish notice of the claim; and pay the estimated cost of investigation, assistance with, and recommendation of the claim by the Idaho Department of Water Resources. This legislation will cap the deferrable claims fees to no more than \$100.00 (the filing fee for four claims), and to exempt the stockmen from any costs of publication, investigation fees, assistance, and recommendation. There shall be no other fees or costs imposed for such claims.

In response to a question about the Fiscal Note regarding the two positions identified to be hired, **Senator Brackett** stated these positions will end once the entire 13,000+ deferrable claims backlog has been processed.

Speaking **in support** of **S 1101**, were **Tim Lowry**, representing LV Ranching Company; **Russ Hendricks**, representing Idaho Farm Bureau; and **Brandy Kay**, representing Idaho Wool Growers Association.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **S 1101** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**Brian Patton**, Idaho Water Resources Board, introduced himself and provided an update on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer Recharge Program. The Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer is approximately 10,000 square miles and is a world class aquifer. The water from this aquifer fueled much of Idaho's economic growth in the second half of the 20th century and currently, almost one-third of the economic output is from this region of Idaho. For approximately 100 years, water has been stored, primarily by building and operating irrigation systems in this region. These irrigation canals all have some level of leakage and because of that unintentional leakage, created this supercharged aquifer. Beginning in 1952, the water level started going down from the decline of spring flows, with an average annual loss of 215,000 acre feet. As a result of the ongoing decline several actions occurred. The Swan Falls Agreement was developed in the mid-1980's, which made the state responsible for maintaining minimum flows of 3,900 cfs during the irrigation season and 5,600 cfs during the non-irrigation season, measured below Swan Falls Dam. From 2013 through 2016 minimum flow requirements were barely met, and in 2015 flows dropped below the minimum for the first time ever. In 2016, the Surface Water Coalition Settlement came before the Legislature, which established a ground water use reduction of

240,000 acre feet annually and a state-sponsored managed recharge program of 250,000 acre feet annually. These efforts and more were put into place to stop the drop and rebuild the aquifer. Mr. Patton stated they need to get better at capturing water and are working on building that capacity with conveyance facilities, i.e. canals. Finally, in 2017, plans are in place to fill empty space in reservoirs with the surplus water anticipated from this winter's snowpack melt.

In response to a question regarding the chance of harming the aquifer from nitrogen and phosphorus as a result of rapid runoff, **Mr. Patton** stated that some natural filtration occurs through the unlined canal system. Additionally, they've established water quality monitoring systems around the recharge sites, they monitor the inflow water, and take water quality samples. These monitoring practices are conducted frequently during the recharge season.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30pm or Upon Adjournment**  
**Room EW40**  
**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">S 1118</a>	Fish and Game Landowner Kill Permit Issuance	Senator Siddoway
<a href="#">HJM 5</a>	Wildlife, Wilderness Access	Rep. Troy

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW40

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representative(s) Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Moyle, Boyle, Rubel

**GUESTS:** Dennis Tanikuni, Idaho Farm Bureau; Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League; Sharon Kiefer, Idaho Department of Fish and Game; Tyler Murgoitio, Idaho Water Users Association

**Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 1:32pm.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Chairman Gibbs** announced the sponsor of **HJM 5** requested the bill not be heard and be held by the committee. It will remain in the committee office for the remainder of this Legislative Session.

**Chairman Gibbs** announced he is aware of one, maybe two more bills to come before the committee, and advised he will do a Call of the Chair for any more meetings for the remainder of the Legislative Session.

**S 1118:** **Senator Siddoway**, District 35, stated this bill permits the Director of the Department of Fish and Game, or his designee, to issue a kill permit authorizing a landowner to keep an animal for personal use. This bill also allows, under those same provisions, for a subsequent kill permit to be issued authorizing a second animal to be kept for use by the landowner if the depredation problem persists.

In response to questions, **Senator Siddoway** stated there isn't a timeframe for when kill permits are issued, but rather it's dependant on the time of year associated with a particular species. Once a complaint is received by the Department, they have 72 hours to investigate the damages reported and how many animals are involved on the landowner's property. Based on that investigation, kill permits are issued identifying the appropriate number of animals authorized to be taken.

**Dennis Tanikuni**, representing Idaho Farm Bureau, stated they are **in support** of this bill as it is consistent with their polices, specifically policy number 84. He stated wildlife may not live on Bureau members' property, but they do eat there. He stated this is a fair way to deal with this depredation issue by providing some benefit to the landowner.

**Sharon Kiefer**, representing Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stated the Fish and Game Commission is **in support** of this bill because it provides additional direction under the Director's authority to allow possession of wildlife taken through a controlled action such as a depredation permit. She stated it does not create any conflict with other statutes, the Director's duties, or other legislation already considered.

In response to questions, **Ms. Kiefer** stated that because kill permits are a control method used to address depredation, hunt tags are not required as the kill permit authorizes the landowner to harvest animals outside of a hunting season. She stated the landowner is still required to immediately field dress all animals taken so the Department can pick up the meat, except for the animal(s) the landowner is authorized to keep, to be processed and donated per established guidance.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Wood** made a motion to send **S 1118** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Miller** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
Room EW40  
Friday, March 17, 2017

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SUBJECT	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
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No meeting scheduled.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Gibbs

Vice Chairman Gestrin

Rep Moyle

Rep Raybould

Rep Shepherd

Rep Wood

Rep Boyle

Rep Vander Woude

Rep Miller

Rep Burtenshaw

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Friday, March 17, 2017

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Wood, Youngblood, Giddings, Rubel, Jordan

**GUESTS:** Garrick Baxtor and Matt Weaver, Idaho Department of Water Resources; Jonathan Oppenheimer, Idaho Conservation League

**Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

**H 292:** **Matt Weaver**, Deputy Director, Idaho Department of Water Resources, stated this legislation amends **42-202A**, Idaho Code, creating three exceptions to the mandatory permit requirement for temporary uses of water exceeding the 5 acre foot limit. He stated the first exception would authorize the Director to allow the diversion of water to prevent flood damage. The second exception would authorize the Director to allow the use of unanticipated high flows for the purpose of ground water recharge, and the third exception would allow the Director to authorize the use of water for remediation in response to state or federal health and safety requirements. Mr. Weaver stated these uses shall not constitute a water right and shall be for less than one year in duration.

In response to questions, **Mr. Weaver** stated in years like this where there is a surplus of water, using a canal to divert water to avoid flooding is considered an emergency use and would not be considered a use of the canal owner's water rights. Additionally, this legislation would allow a landowner or an entity, who normally doesn't have water rights, the ability to apply for temporary rights to use surplus water to recharge or for remediation purposes.

**Chairman Gibbs** requested the record reflect that no one came forward to testify on **H 292**.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Moyle** made a motion to send **H 292** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Burtenshaw** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:19am.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
1:30pm or Upon Adjournment  
Room EW42  
Monday, March 20, 2017

PLEASE NOTE ROOM NUMBER

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">H 301</a>	Relating to Oil and Gas	Rep. Boyle

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, March 20, 2017

**TIME:** 1:30pm or Upon Adjournment

**PLACE:** Room EW42

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan (Ringo)

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheets will be retained with the minutes in the committee secretary's office until the end of the session. Following the end of the session, the sign-in sheets will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

**Chairman Gibbs** explained how today's meeting will be conducted. Each person signed up to testify will be given 5 minutes. He stated he hoped to get through the hearing today with a vote, but if not, the hearing would resume the next day, Tuesday, March 21, 2017, during the committee's regularly scheduled meeting time.

**H 301:** **Rep. Boyle**, District 9, stated this bill, the Landowner Bill of Rights, amends **Title 47, Chapter 3** relating to oil and gas. It protects private property owners, State Endowment Lands, and taxpayers by updating Idaho law in accordance with other Rocky Mountain states by improving processes, transparency, and reporting of oil and gas development.

**Rep. Boyle** yielded the podium to **Tom Schultz** to present **H 301** to the committee.

**Tom Schultz**, Director, Idaho Department of Lands, stated he is speaking today as an informational witness. Additionally, the Commission he works for is not taking a position on this bill. Mr. Schultz walked the committee through the 42-page bill addressing changes, additions, and deletions. A few of the key discussions are as follows.

In response to questions regarding royalty payments, **Mr. Schultz** stated the key language in this bill is on page 33 in **Section 24, 47-331**. This section states deductions will not be made for the marketing, transporting, and processing costs of oil, gas, or natural gas to the royalty owner, but rather the production company will bear all those costs. He further stated royalties are not fixed; there are a variety of ways leases are established and they are all negotiated based on how the prices and payments will be made.

In response to questions regarding the use of surface and mineral rights, **Mr. Schultz** stated it's common law throughout the country that the mineral owner has more rights than the surface owner. He stated that means the right to explore comes from the mineral owner, even if there's a different surface owner who doesn't agree. This bill attempts to balance the rights of the surface owner and the mineral owner with a voluntary surface use agreement, which identifies actions like which roads may be used and any timing restrictions such as if a field with crops needs to be removed. Without this voluntary agreement, it doesn't negate the mineral rights owner's ability to execute the lease, but with the agreement a \$6,000 bond will be provided to protect the surface owner against unreasonable loss of crops, unreasonable loss of existing improvements on the land, and unreasonable permanent damages to surface lands.

In response to questions regarding how severance taxes are apportioned, **Mr. Schultz** stated a 2.5% tax on the gross income received by a producer of oil and gas will be collected. He stated this bill changes how the money collected would be distributed. Sixty percent (60%) will still go into the Oil and Gas Conservation Fund. The remaining 40% would be distributed as follows: 44% of that 40% would go to the county from which the oil and gas was produced to mitigate the impacts associated with oil and gas production, development, and transportation within that county; 28% would be paid to the cities within the county from which the oil and gas was produced; and 28% would go to the public school income fund.

**Kate Haas**, representing Alta Mesa, pointed out several areas in **H 301** where Alta Mesa had concerns. She stated there is language that is unclear, areas of the bill that contradict one another, and language that appears to be missing. Some of these concerns include the confidential well status language, the application process; and within the drilling locations section, confusion is created with the new language where drilling units and spacing units are used interchangeably. Alta Mesa also has concerns with the integration section. She stated Idaho would have a higher threshold than any other sister state and that this higher threshold is usually for when operators are working with other operators, not for when an operator is working with a landowner. This would set Idaho apart from the industry standard and would make integration much harder incentivizing people not to lease. Ms. Haas pointed out in the metering systems section, there is confusion because all products should be metered, not just gas, and there is language that moves Idaho away from the industry standard regarding reporting requirements. Additionally, Alta Mesa has concerns with the penalty provision, the public data section, the interested persons section, and the royalties section. Ms. Haas stated this bill as currently written has too many contradictions and has too many issues to be palatable, so therefore Alta Mesa is **in opposition** to this bill.

**Chairman Gibbs** called a recess of the committee at 4:01pm.

**Chairman Gibbs** reconvened the meeting at 4:15pm.

Those speaking **in support** of **H 301** were **Jim Classen**, representing self; **Harry Soolen**, representing self; **Larry Craig**, representing self; **JG Schwarz**, representing self; **CJ McDonald**, representing Lone Tree Petroleum; **Mike Roe**, representing self; **Shelly Brock**, representing self; **Ken Winkleman**, representing self; **Julia Page**, representing IORC; **Victoria Casetta**, representing CAIA; **David Morvsees**, representing self; **Lee Turner**, representing self; **Maria Le**, representing self; **Jane Rohling**, representing self.

In summary, those speaking **in support** of **H 301** believe it will benefit and protect the financial interests and the medical health of Idaho landowners when under contract with companies to produce oil and gas products. It provides both transparency and accountability from both industry and public officials crucial to protecting the rights of Idahoans.

Those speaking **in opposition** to **H 301** were **Craig Simmons**, representing H2O Environmental; **Craig McCullough**, representing 4 Rivers Surveying Inc.; **Rob Murdock**, representing self; **Edward Johnson**, representing Alta Mesa; **Wade Moore**, representing Alta Mesa; **Taylor Jensen**, representing Alta Mesa; **Perry Clegg**, representing CPC Mineral LLC; **Patrick Harris**, representing Alta Mesa; **Lyle Anderson**, representing self; **Anna Hatfield**, representing HTI Services LLC; **Irene Shaver**, representing self; **Charles Shaver**, representing self.

In summary, those speaking **in opposition** to **H 301** believe if the state wanted to kill the oil and gas industry then this is the bill to do it; bad process makes bad bills. This is an intrusion into private contract negotiations. They believe the integration increase to 67% is intended to make it more expensive for oil and gas companies to operate in Idaho.

**Chairman Gibbs** called a recess of the committee at 6:08pm.

**Chairman Gibbs** reconvened the meeting at 6:20pm.

After discussion with Leadership during the recess, **Chairman Gibbs** announced due to the time of day and number of people signed up still waiting to testify, **H 301** will be carried over to the meeting of March 21, 2017 at 1:30pm or upon afternoon adjournment.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary



**AMENDED AGENDA #1**  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**1:30pm or Upon Afternoon Adjournment**  
**Room EW40**  
**Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
<a href="#">SJM 102</a>	Sage Grouse, Adopt Protections	Senator Brackett
<a href="#">H 301</a>	Relating to Oil and Gas	Rep. Boyle

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Rep Moyle	Rep Miller	Rep Blanksma
Rep Raybould	Rep Burtenshaw	Rep Erpelding
Rep Shepherd	Rep Mendive	Rep Rubel
Rep Wood	Rep Youngblood	Rep Jordan(Ringo)

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

- DATE:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017
- TIME:** 1:30pm or Upon Afternoon Adjournment
- PLACE:** Room EW40
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan (Ringo)
- ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** None
- GUESTS:** Elizabeth Roberts, self; Miguel Legarreta, Associated Taxpayers of Idaho  
**Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 2:15pm.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2017, March 15, 2017, and March 17, 2017 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**Chairman Gibbs** passed the gavel to **Vice Chairman Gestrin**.
- SJM 102:** **Rep. Gibbs**, District 32, stated **SJM 102** asks Congress for a 10-year moratorium on listing sage grouse, time to implement Idaho's Sage Grouse Conservation Plan, and an amount of time to evaluate its effect. It also asks Congress not to fund or implement federal land use plan amendments for a period of 10 years if they are inconsistent with the State's Sage Grouse Conservation Plan. Additionally, he stated it asks Congress not to make any funds available for use by the Secretaries of Interior or Agriculture to consider, prepare, write, or issue any decision documents through their respective agencies not prescribed by the State's Sage Grouse Conservation Plan and not approved by Idaho's Office of Species Conservation.
- MOTION:** **Rep. Miller** made a motion to send **SJM 102** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Erpelding, Rubel, and Ringo** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Gibbs** will sponsor the bill on the floor.  
**Vice Chairman Gestrin** passed the gavel to **Chairman Gibbs**.  
**Chairman Gibbs** returned **H 301** to the committee for consideration, which was held for time certain from the meeting of Monday, March 20, 2017.
- H 301:** **Chairman Gibbs** began public testimony where the committee left off from the meeting of Monday, March 20, 2017.  
Those speaking **in support** of **H 301** were **Braden Jensen**, representing Idaho Farm Bureau; **Charlene Quada**, representing self; **Rep. Ryan Kerby**, representing District 9.  
In summary, those speaking **in support** of **H 301** believe it will benefit and protect the financial interests and the medical health of Idaho landowners when under contract with companies to produce oil and gas products. It provides both transparency and accountability from both industry and public officials crucial to protecting the rights of Idahoans.  
Those speaking **in opposition** to **H 301** were **Wade Moore III**, representing Alta Mesa; **Richard Brown**, representing Snake River Oil and Gas; **Todd Walker, Mark Crawford, Charles Brannen, Lynn Gentry, and Danny Ellis** all yielded their time to **Michael Christian; Michael Christian**, representing Marcus, Christian, and Hardee.

In summary, those speaking **in opposition** to **H 301** believe if the state wanted to kill the oil and gas industry then this is the bill to do it; bad process makes bad bills. This is an intrusion into private contract negotiations. They believe the integration increase to 67% is intended to make it more expensive for oil and gas companies to operate in Idaho.

**Chairman Gibbs** called a recess of the committee at 3:51pm.

**Chairman Gibbs** reconvened the meeting at 4:05pm.

**Tom Schultz**, Director, Idaho Department of Lands, returned to the podium to clarify several points raised during the hearing process. He stated this is not a consensus bill, but there is a diversity of viewpoints and interests represented. He further stated there are many provisions in this bill that are standard language in other states such as reporting requirements, surface owner protections, and grounds for non-payment. Regarding the confusion about spacing vs. drilling units, metering, public data, payment of royalties and other issues, he did agree the language could be tightened up. Mr. Schultz stated government is incremental in nature and looks at this as a starting point that can be worked on and improved upon through the rule making process, and application through trial and error. He believes the main point or goal is greater transparency and greater information to royalty owners. Ultimately, the Commission's role is to protect and promote public interest and prevent waste, promote the orderly development of resources, and the protection of correlative rights.

**Rep. Boyle**, District 9, stated this has been in the works for a long time. She stated there were major problems that needed to be addressed, and as a result has done months and months of research to prepare this bill with support from others, all the representatives from District 9, the Governor, the Speaker, and Alta Mesa. She stated the proper role of government is the protection of private property and in Idaho, the State Endowment Lands. The consequences of not passing this bill will allow a monopoly to continue and property owners and the endowment will suffer. Additionally, not passing this bill will hamstring the Department of Lands.

**MOTION:**

**Rep. Vander Woude** made a motion to send **H 301** to General Orders.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Rep. Gestrin** made a motion to send **H 301** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**AMENDED SUBSTITUTE MOTION:**

**Rep. Wood** made a motion to **HOLD H 301** in committee.

**MOTION WITHDRAWN:**

**Rep. Gestrin** withdrew his substitute motion to send **H 301** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Chairman Gibbs** called for a roll call vote on the amended substitute motion for **H 301**. **Amended substitute motion failed by a vote of 9 AYE and 9 NAY.**  
**Voting in favor** of the amended substitute motion: **Reps. Raybould, Wood, Miller, Burtenshaw, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, and Gibbs.**  
**Voting in opposition** to the amended substitute motion: **Reps. Gestrin, Moyle, Shepherd, Boyle, Vander Woude, Mendive, Erpelding, Rubel, and Ringo.**

**VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION:**

**Chairman Gibbs** called for a vote on the original motion to send **H 301** to General Orders. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gibbs and Burtenshaw** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY.** **Rep. Boyle** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary

AGENDA  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
1:30pm or Upon Afternoon Adjournment  
Room EW40  
Thursday, March 23, 2017

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>PRESENTER</b>
	Approval of Minutes	

***If you have written testimony, please provide a copy of it along with the name of the person or organization responsible to the committee secretary to ensure accuracy of records.***

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MINUTES  
**HOUSE RESOURCES & CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 23, 2017  
**TIME:** 1:30pm or Upon Afternoon Adjournment  
**PLACE:** Room EW40  
**MEMBERS:** Chairman Gibbs, Vice Chairman Gestrin, Representatives Moyle, Raybould, Shepherd, Wood, Boyle, Vander Woude, Miller, Burtenshaw, Mendive, Youngblood, Kauffman, Giddings, Blanksma, Erpelding, Rubel, Jordan (Ringo)  
**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Reps. Moyle, Shepherd, Boyle, Vander Woude, Youngblood, Rubel, and Jordan (Ringo)  
**GUESTS:** None  
**Chairman Gibbs** called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.  
**MOTION:** **Rep. Kauffman** made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2017 and March 21, 2017 meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**  
**Chairman Gibbs** and the Committee members thanked the Secretary, **Tracey McDonnell**, for her work this session. **Chairman Gibbs** expressed his appreciation to the Committee members for their support of him as Chairman.  
**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:12pm.

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Representative Gibbs  
Chair

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Tracey McDonnell  
Secretary