

**Assembly**

ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC RESOURCES & FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE-Room 214

March 19, 1973

Members Present:	Chairman Bremner	Banner
	Vice-Chairman Crawford	Broadbent
	Ford	Jacobsen
	Gojack	Smalley
Members Absent:	Lowman (excused)	
Guests Present:	Roger Teglia	Upland Game Committee
	Sam Paternostro	Interested Citizen
	Jack Dieringer	Fish and Game Department
	Geo. Zappettini	Division of Forestry
	Fred Wright	Fish and Game Department
	Jeff Broadbent	Wooster High School
	Janell Stephenson	Wooster High School

Chairman Bremner called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. He announced he had some business to talk about A.B. 460, which had been "pass as amended" on March 14th. He said that he had a few complaints from Mr. Dini, Mr. Smith, and others about page 2, lines 16-19, which reads:

503.090 It is unlawful to hunt [game animals or game birds] at any time during the year other than during an open season designated by the commission under the provisions of this Title.

He said that this would mean that everyone would need a license for everything; even shooting at cans, or jack rabbits, or lizards. It is not specified in this statement what is unlawful to hunt, so it is assumed that anything that is hunted needs a license.

Dr. Broadbent asked what the objective of this was, and Chairman Bremner explained that these people who complained about this, said that they thought this language was too broad, and too restricted. Dr. Broadbent commented that he thought it was just fine as it was.

Mrs. Gojack mentioned that this type of permit system helps the department keep control of hunters, and keep tabs on them also.

The Chairman went on and said that Mr. Groves had testified on March 9th, that it is the taking of wildlife that requires a license, but really wondered what wildlife meant; rabbits, lizards, deer, every-animal.

Mr. Crawford asked what are the animals that do not have a closed season, and was answered that migratory birds, jack rabbits, and such as these.

Mrs. Ford mentioned that Mr. Groves had mentioned that the commission did say that there are a year-round season on all types of rodents and

all predatory animals, and the Chairman commented that they can also say that there isn't a year-round season on these.

The Chairman then asked someone to speak from the Fish and Game Department and Mr. Fred Wright, acting Director of this Department, came up to speak. Chairman Bremner asked Mr. Wright to give the committee their intentions of A.B. 460, and what they had in mind.

Mr. Wright said that the law right now states that the Fish and Game Department is responsible for wildlife and when this law was enacted in 1969, there was a revision by the Legislation which was an out-growth of Senator Young's interim study committee. The intent of this committee was that Fish and Game would be responsible for all wildlife and that in order to hunt wildlife, it would require a license. Mr. Wright went on and said that there were a number of statutes that are in this bill, referred to open season and game animals and this precluded their ability to administer the intent of the law where it was brought to cover all wildlife. He brought up an example of the trapping of eagles and hawks, which are not considered game animals, and they have been killed and damaged badly. The purpose of this bill is to allow the commission from time to time to establish regulations to it to protect the taking of game animals, and also, protect and manage non-game animals and birds. Mr. Wright said that sometimes it is hard to prove that someone is hunting wildlife, if he only has a gun in his hand, and most the time cannot cite them.

Mr. Jacobsen said that he saw no problems with this and agreed with Mr. Wright's explanation.

Jack Dieringer, from the Fish and Game Department, spoke next. He said that the key to the whole thing is to give the opportunity to the commissioner to regulate the Idaho man in Elko, who go into there and spotlight bobcats and coyotes, and that's how predators have gotten shot up there. Mr. Dieringer said that if this bill goes through, then they will have the right to go in there and tell these out of staters to get out. This bill is not out to get to the man who only shoots at tin cans.

Chairman Bremner asked how many Idaho residents, and Mr. Wright answered that he has no way of telling that and it is primarily people from Utah from the Salt Lake City area. They also come from California to spotlight.

Mr. Sam Paternostro, an interested citizen, wanted to comment. He asked why don't they require non-residents to have a license, instead of people of Nevada.

Mrs. Gojack said that part of the problem is that it is assumed that the Fish and Game Department have evil intent, with these bills, but they should be thought of as taking a positive approach to some of the problems that arise in this area.

The committee finally agreed that the bill would be okay, and to keep it as a "do pass as amended" like it was in the first place.

With this, Mr. Roger Teglia, from the Upland Game Committee, wanted

to voice that he thought this was a good bill, because it would stop a lot of the false hunting that people put on when they are caught with guns and say that they are hunting jack rabbits with high powered guns. Mr. Teglia invited the members of the committee at a banquet room of the Ormsby house at 6:30 p.m. as his guests to discuss some fish and game bills and amendments.

Dr. Broadbent had Chairman Bremner read a bill for possible committee introduction. This bill was about the water pollution control law. Mrs. Ford motioned for committee introduction, and Mr. Jacobsen seconded. All members concurred except Mr. Banner.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m., until the next hearing on Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in room 214.

Respectfully submitted,

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### ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC RESOURCES & FISH AND GAME COMMITTEE

#### ACTION ON BILLS SO FAR

<u>BILL</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
<u>A.B. 52</u>	Limits sale of detergents containing phosphates.	No action yet
<u>A.B. 98</u>	Prohibits personal garbage hauling in unincorporated county franchise areas.	Indef. Postponed
<u>A.B. 121</u>	Requires permit to operate a public water supply; requires approval of health authority before constructing or altering a public water supply.	Indef. Postponed
<u>A.B. 131</u>	Requires certain beverage containers to have a refund value and prohibits sale of certain metal beverage containers.	Pass as Amended
<u>A.B. 139</u>	Designates desert Bighorn Sheep as official state animal.	Pass as Amended
<u>A.B. 141</u>	Restricts removal of flora.	Pass as Amended
<u>A.B. 197</u>	Reorganizes structure of state and county fish and game administration.	No action yet
<u>A.B. 268</u>	Regulates operation of snowmobiles.	Pass as Amended
<u>A.B. 419</u>	Provides for instructional courses in firearm safety at request of county residents.	No action yet
<u>A.B. 449</u>	Designates state land use planning agency and requires development of statewide land use planning process and land use program.	No action yet
<u>A.B. 460</u>	Requires license or permit to hunt or trap all wildlife.	Pass as Amended
<u>A.B. 461</u>	Makes certain changes in fish and game licenses, tags, and fees.	Do Pass
<u>A.B. 462</u>	Reduces length of state residency required to obtain fish and game licenses or permits.	Indef. Postponed
<u>A.B. 463</u>	Adjusts fees of hunting and fishing licenses, tags, and permits.	No action yet

<u>BILLS</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>	<u>DISPOSITION</u>
<u>A.B. 464</u>	Increases petty cash fund in the Nevada department of fish and game.	Do Pass
<u>A.B. 465</u>	Establishes fees and permits for taxidermists.	Pass as Amended
<u>A.B. 466</u>	Permits Nevada fish and game department to protect property threatened by any wildlife species.	Do Pass
<u>A.B. 473</u>	Enacts Nevada Water Pollution Control Law.	No action yet
<u>A.B. 477</u>	Provides commission with authority to promulgate engine and exhaust emission standards for motor vehicle pollution control.	No action yet
<u>A.B. 515</u>	Provides for licensing of powerboat operators.	No action yet
<u>A.B. 516</u>	Provides additional regulation and different compensation method for fish and game license agents.	No action yet
<u>A.B. 557</u>	Adds to requirements for control of erosion in timbering operations.	No action yet
<u>A.B. 628</u>	Provides for state commission of environmental protection to evaluate pollution control devices for used motor vehicles and to require installations in counties with population of 100,000 or more.	No action yet
<u>A.B. 629</u>	Sets forth guidelines for slash and debris disposal in furtherance of fire prevention and suppression.	No action yet
<u>A.C.R.17</u>	Authorizes an immediate legislative feasibility study of public ski operation in Lee Canyon.	Pass as Amended
<u>A.J.R. 9</u>	Memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact legislation enabling Nevada park system to acquire jurisdiction over Red Rock Recreation Lands.	Do Pass

H E A R I N G

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC RESOURCES

Date MARCH 16, 1973 Time 8:00 a.m. Room 131

Bill or Resolution  
to be considered

Subject

A.B. 197

Reorganizes structure of state and county fish  
game administration. And--

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Other Game Board re-organization bills.