

ISB ANIMAL LAW SECTION MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2016 12:00 Noon MST

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- I. In Attendance:** Heather Cunningham, Sunrise Ayers, April Pope, Zoe Ann Olson, Elizabeth Mathieu, and Carrie House
- II. Call to Order**
- III. Approved November minutes**
- IV. New Officer Elections** – The Section voted to approve the following leadership positions for 2016: Chair – Sunrise Ayers; Vice Chair – Jaren Wieland; Secretary – April Pope; Members at Large – Zoe Ann Olson, Nance Ceccarelli, and Heather Cunningham. Because this is Sunrise’s second year as Chair, the Section will need a new Chairperson next year.
- V. 2016 Budget Proposal** – Review 2015 budget and 2015 actual and discuss proposal for our 2016 budget.
- VI. 2016 Meeting dates** – We will be meeting the second Tuesday of March, May, July, September, and November.
- VII. CLE Presentation** – Wildlife Conservation through the Endangered Species Act by Kathleen Hendricks and Kim Garner of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will provide a background and updates regarding wildlife regulations and policies in Idaho and our region.
- A. Presentation Notes/Highlights:**
1. Section 4: Listing and delisting process. Decision is based on 5 factors: loss of habitat, overutilization, disease or predation, existing regulatory mechanisms, other natural or manmade factors. Overview of recent listing decisions: ground squirrel (not warranted), sage grouse (not warranted), yellow-billed cuckoo (warranted). Critical habitat can be protected but economics is taken into consideration.

2. Section 6: Cooperative Agreements with the States. State has to have authority and expertise to manage the listed species and a Conservation Plan consistent with the purpose of the ESA.
3. Section 7: Consultation. Required when a federal action (permit, etc) “may affect” a listed species or critical habitat.
4. Section 9: Prohibited Acts. Take of a species prohibited unless permitted through section 6 or section 10 or exempted through section 7. Violations may result in civil or criminal penalties.
5. Section 10: Exceptions/Permits. Take may be permitted for scientific purposes, via a Safe Harbor Agreement, or where incidental to otherwise lawful activities.

VIII. Adjourn