

STATEMENT FOR PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, IDAHO STATE SENATE, BOISE, IDAHO, FEBRUARY 16, 1970, REGARDING SENATE BILL NO. 1509

My name is Keith Bayha, and I am representing the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society. The Wildlife Society is a professionally oriented, international organization dedicated to the sound management and preservation of the wildlife resources of the world. Its primary scientific discipline is ecology.

The interests of the Society embrace all facets of human endeavor which potentially affect populations of wild animals and their natural environments. The Society recognizes that man shares equally with other organisms a total dependency upon the environment. It is the Society's firm belief that wildlife, in its myriad forms, is basic to the sustenance of a human culture which provides quality living and variety of experience.

Senate Bill No. 1509 recognizes the State's responsibility for controlling pollution of our environment. It provides a framework under which the State can properly discharge that responsibility, something not possible under the existing situation.

It is the policy of The Wildlife Society to encourage the search for ways of controlling environmental pollution and reclaiming our degraded resources; and to encourage the adoption of programs which seek to remove, reduce, minimize, and prevent environmental pollution of all kinds.

Therefore, The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society supports the intent and substance of Senate Bill No 1509. Attached to this statement is a draft of the bill with penned comments for suggested revisions for the Committee's consideration. We urge passage of this bill during this session. ####

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