02.01.07 Rules Governing Hemp, Public Hearing

Minutes of October 20, 2026, Meeting

Meeting was live streamed via Teams

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McKenzee Del Vecchio, Ag Investigator, Sr.

Dr. Scott Leibsle, Rules Review Coordinator

Jared Stuart, Deputy Director

Elizabeth Fisher, Public Information Specialist

Others Present:

Anthony Martinelli, The Marijuana Herald

Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau

Issac, Retail Manager, Citizen

Recording Link:

Recap: Hemp Administrative Hearing Tuesday, October 20 | Meeting | Microsoft Teams

Call to Order:

Scott Leibsle called meeting to order at 10AM MT.

Introductions:

Dr. Scott Leibsle opened the public hearing for the negotiated rulemaking process for IDAPA 02.01.07, Rules Governing Hemp. Dr. Leibsle explained that the hearing provided stakeholders

another opportunity to review proposed rule changes and submit comments and suggestions for the official rulemaking record.

Casey Monn recorded attendance and lead the rule review.

Rulemaking Summary:

Director Chanel Tewalt discussed the legislative changes that prompted the rulemaking, including House Bill 772 and House Bill 879.

Review of Current Rule and Proposed Changes:

Casey Monn and department staff reviewed proposed amendments to IDAPA 02.01.07 Rules Governing Hemp.

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Public Comments:

Braden Jensen expresses his support for the proposed rules reflecting in House Bills 772 and 879. He stated that House Bill 772 provided more clarity regarding negligent violations and protections for producers making a good-faith effort to comply with the law. He also stated that House Bill 879 sets rules for hemp products meant to be eaten or inhaled and helps separate legal industrial hemp from prohibited THC products.

No additional public comments were provided during the hearing.

Additional Review and Further Steps:

Casey Monn reviewed how stakeholders can find rulemaking materials on agri.idaho.gov by navigating to the ISDA Rules section.

Public comments for negotiated rulemaking can be submitted to scott.leibsle@isda.idaho.gov

Adjournment:

Casey Monn adjourned the meeting at 10:38AM MT.