

IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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02.01.07 Rules Governing Hemp

Minutes of July 28, 2026

Meeting was held via Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Dr. Scott Leibsle, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Director Chanel Tewalt, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Casey Monn, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Greg Blahato, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Jared Stuart, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Sydney Kennedy, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Luke Driscoll, Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Triston Sponseller, Idaho Hemp Processing and Idaho Premium Hay Farms

Braden Jensen, Idaho Farm Bureau

Lloyd Knight, Office of Governor Little

Darren Damon, Division of Financial Management

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Scott Leibsle at 9:00am. Dr. Leibsle introduced the meeting as the first rule making meeting for 02.01.07.

Director Tewalt introduces background of 2018 Farm Bill and Idaho HB 772 and 879.

Clarifying that HB 772 and 879 do not change what hemp products are legal in Idaho.

States the agency is planning on holding a formal hearing after finalizing the rule to provide opportunity for input.

Dr. Leibsle reviewed where to find rulemaking meetings and information on townhall.idaho.gov and agri.idaho.gov/laws-rules/rulemaking. Public comments can also be submitted to scott.leibsle@isda.idaho.gov.

Review of Current Rule and Proposed Changes

Casey Monn presented changes to IDAPA 02.01.07. <https://agri.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/020107-Hemp-Strawman-7.24.2026.pdf>

Section 301 FEES - Director Tewalt prefaces FEE section. Several different retailer fees were discussed during legislative session, but no exact fees were determined. With the initial draft, ISDA is proposing the fee updates based on staff bandwidth, sampling, and aligning retailer and producer fees appropriately.

Braden Jensen asked question about retailers with multiple locations (\$1,000 each).

Casey clarified each location would be required to have its individual license.

Director Tewalt states that ISDA is looking for feedback on proposed fees and that the rule draft is a starting point.

Casey notes that it was an objective effort to review fees, taking into consideration the different types of inspections conducted.

Triston Sponseller suggests producer fees be bundled into one package so that producers can better plan for costs of production. Single fee for processing costs and travel would simplify costs for producers. Concern with pivots and gaps in fields, creating separate lots.

Director Tewalt notes fees have not been reviewed since the creation of the rule.

Public Comment

No additional public comment.

Additional Review and Next Steps

Dr. Leibsle states next meeting will be on August 11th.

Public comment can be submitted during meeting or written comment to scott.leibsle@isda.idaho.gov.

Adjournment: Dr. Leibsle adjourned meeting at 9:43am.