

Meeting Date: March 16, 2023

Agenda Item No. 6

Agenda Item: North American Wetlands
Conservation Act (NAWCA): Fall
Flights

Bureau Chief Approval: JR

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Background: Waterfowl band recovery data has demonstrated a strong link between waterfowl produced in the Prairie Pothole Region of Canada and subsequently harvested in the Pacific Flyway. More specifically, Alberta stands out as a primary source of ducks harvested in Idaho.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game has partnered with Ducks Unlimited Canada since 1988 to support conservation programs in Alberta. This partnership is made possible through Fall Flights. This is an Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies program for states to support waterfowl conservation on the breeding grounds of Canada. The Prairie Habitat Joint Venture developed a priority map and productivity model based on waterfowl science to support these conservation program delivery efforts. Program accomplishments achieved with Idaho will be reported. Additionally, information on current and future conservation challenges and opportunities in waterfowl production areas of the Canadian prairie will be presented.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Idaho Code 36-104(2) grants authority to the Commission to determine when an open season may be declared for the taking of wildlife. IDAPA 13.01.09.301 establishes rules regarding the take of migratory game birds.

Public Involvement Process:

N/A

Justification:

This item is provided for Commission information.

Staff Recommendation:

N/A