

**Meeting Date:** May 11, 2023

**Agenda Item No. 7**

**Agenda Item:** Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation Report

**Bureau Chief Approval: AW**

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**Background:**

Commission has requested updates about the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation activities.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:**

None

**Public Involvement Process:**

None

**Staff Recommendation:**

Present update as follows.

**Justification:**

Requested by Commission.

1. IFWF Update:

- a. In April the following officer election took place: Jim Wrigley, President, Robert Holman, Vice-President, Julie Mueller, Secretary. Treasurer remains in place: Tad Johnson.
- b. In 2022, IFWF received \$93,000 from a Magic Valley estate. The funds were designated to be used for public access. IFWF worked with Department staff to put out an RFP to regions for project funding.
  - i. Region 1-Chatfield Acquisition-CDA River Fishing and Boating Access project. \$55,000
  - ii. Region 7-Middle Lemhi River Project \$38,000
- c. IFWF Competitive grant cycle closed April 30<sup>th</sup>. The IDFG Regional Competitive grant cycle closes May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- d. IFWF will hold the next quarterly meeting on August 10-11th in Salmon, Idaho.

2. Wildlife License Plate Update

The wildlife license plates continue to see growth year after year, especially with renewals. Total sales from 2020 – 2022 increased 22, 244 plates sold. New bluebird and elk plates have decreased slightly in the past two years.

The Foundation is currently looking into updating the artwork for the wildlife plates. The Bluebird was first introduced in 1993, the Elk in 1998 and the Cutthroat Trout in 2003.