

**Meeting Date:** November 16, 2023

**Agenda Item No. 6a**

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

**Bureau Chief Approval:** AW

**Prepared by:** Hilarie Engle

**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. 2023 IFWF Competitive Grants (\$71,501):**

- **Friends of the Teton River:** Piquet Ranch Riparian Restoration  
\$10,000
- **Henry's Fork Foundation:** Harriman Ranch Riparian Fencing  
\$3,000
- **American Bear Foundation:** 2023 Bear Spray Giveaway  
\$3,500
- **Idaho Wildlife Federation:** Warm Springs Creek/ Boise River  
Enhancement  
\$5,000
- **IDFG, Clearwater Region:** Take Me Fishing Trailer Replacement  
\$8,500
- **Sagebrush Steppe Regional Land Trust:** Enhancing & Maintaining  
Mule Deer Winter Range  
\$10,000
- **Trout Unlimited:** Phase 3, Red Ives Creek Wood Placement  
\$5,445
- **Boise State University:** Exploring DNA Metabarcoding, Columbian Sharp-  
Tailed Grouse  
\$10,000
- **IDFG:** Wildlife Viewing Guides  
\$10,000
- **The Nature Conservancy:** Conserving the Heart of Salmon Country  
\$6,056

**IDFG Only Grants- \$25,000**

Salmon Region: New Kids Fishing Pond Development

**2. Wildlife License Plate Sales**

The Wildlife Plates continued to have growth in 2021, a 30% increase over 2020.

New Sales 2021-2022

Bluebird-	4,741, 8.6% decrease from 2021
Elk-	7,733, .48% decrease from 2021
Trout-	4,778, 2.77% increase from 2021

Renewals 2021-2022

Bluebird-	17,163, 11.69%% increase over 2021
Elk-	27,602, 10.67% increase over 2021
Trout-	14,410, 15.53% increase over 2021

Total New Plate Sales-	17,252 (2022) vs. 17606 (2021)
Total Renewals-	59,175 (2022) vs. 52,779 (2021)

Bluebird- Non-game program:	\$1,472,091
Elk-Dept of Ag:	\$ 35,940
Trout-Parks & Rec:	\$ 25,117

Total Plate Sales:	\$1,579,090
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**3. IFWF Next Meeting:**  
December 1<sup>st</sup>- Online

**Meeting Date:** November 16,2023

**Agenda Item No. 6b**

**Agenda Item:** Selection of Fish and Game Commission Liaison to Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation

**Bureau Chief Approval:** AW

**Prepared by:** Hilarie Engle

**Background:** The Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation's (IFWF) Board of Directors has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Commission. A term of the MOU is that the Commission will designate a Commissioner who may attend IFWF board meetings as the liaison between IFWF and the Commission. The Commission designates a liaison annually. The 2023 Liaison was Commissioner Cameron.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:** The Commission has the policy authority to define its relationship with the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation and to designate a liaison.

**Public Involvement Process:** Action of the Commission is a public process.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends the following motion to designate a Commission liaison for 2024:

*I move that Commissioner XXXX serves as the 2024 Commission Liaison to the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation.*

**Justification:** A Commission liaison is important for the implementation of the MOU and relationship with the IFWF.