

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting
September 16, 2009
Director's Office
600 South Walnut
Boise, Idaho**

Present in the Director's Office: Acting Director Jim Unsworth, Dallas Burkhalter, Deputy Attorney General; Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General; Mary Boyer, Executive Assistant; Mike Keckler, Communications Chief; Jeff Gould, Chief of Wildlife; Bonnie Butler, Governor's Office; several media and public.

A special meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wayne Wright with Commissioners Randy Budge, Fred Trevey, and Tony McDermott participating. Commissioners Robert Barowsky, Cameron Wheeler and Gary Power were excused.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairman Wright called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting is to approve the release of (10) special wolf tags.

09-98 Commissioner Trevey moved and Commissioner McDermott seconded a MOTION TO APPROVE THE RELEASE OF (10) SPECIAL WOLF TAGS FOR AUCTION OR LOTTERY FOR 2009. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Jeff Gould, Chief of Wildlife, briefed the Commission on how the (10) tags would be distributed (Appendix 42, Exhibit 80). Mr. Gould reported that the Director solicited proposals from eight organizations that had previously expressed an interest in making special tags available through an auction or lottery process. Six proposals met the minimum requirements and were further considered by a committee appointed by Director Groen. The qualifying nonprofit organizations must sign a contract with the Department to accept this opportunity. Following each auction or lottery, individual gray wolf tags shall be awarded to the highest eligible bidder or lottery winner. The proceeds from the special wolf tags are placed in the Department general license fund and used to offset the cost associated with wolf management including population monitoring, law enforcement, public education, enhanced deer/elk/moose monitoring, and research. Collectively, these organizations estimated their proposals could yield up to \$65,000 in gross revenue through the sale of (10) special wolf tags. No more than 5% of the auction or lottery tag proceeds may be retained by the nonprofit organizations.

Mr. Gould provided the list of organizations that were awarded the special wolf tags (Appendix 42, Exhibit 81).

- Congressional Sportsmen Foundation
- Safari Club International, Treasure Valley Chapter
- Mule Deer Foundation

- Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council
- Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
- Idaho Sportsmen for Fish and wildlife

Adjournment

09-99 Commissioner McDermott moved and Commissioner Trevey seconded a motion TO ADJOURN. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Wayne Wright
Chairman

Cal Groen
Secretary