

Meeting Date: Nov 19, 2015

Agenda Item No. 12

Agenda Item: Salmon and Steelhead Permit Set Aside **Bureau Chief Approval:** _____
Account

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Background:

The steelhead and anadromous salmon permit set-aside account was established in 1990 to fund activities associated with sport fishing for salmon and steelhead. This set-aside account is funded with a portion (currently four dollars) of the sales of each salmon and steelhead permit. The account annually funds a portion of the tasks associated with conducting anadromous salmon and steelhead fisheries (e.g. toilet placement and maintenance, harvest surveys, access site maintenance, lease agreements for angler access, etc.). In years when the fund balance is adequately high other special projects may be supported by the account. These special projects include purchasing small river-side parcels specifically for salmon and steelhead fishing access, development of new access sites, replacement or installation of boat ramps. Costs of these special projects typically exceed \$100,000 and cannot be sustained on an annual basis.

This agenda item will provide an overview of the history of the account and how the monies are spent.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Per Idaho Code 36-111 (1)(a): *Four dollars (\$4.00) of each steelhead trout or anadromous salmon permit sold, except that class 7 permits shall be exempt from this provision. Moneys from this source shall be used for the acquisition, development and maintenance of parking areas, access sites, boat ramps and sanitation facilities in salmon and steelhead fishing areas, for management of and research on steelhead trout and anadromous salmon problems, and for technical assistance with litigation concerning steelhead and anadromous salmon originating in Idaho.*

As of September 30, 2015, this set aside account had a fund balance of \$240,722.

Public Involvement Process:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

N/A.

Suggested Motion:

N/A