

Meeting Date: April 11, 2019

Agenda Item No. 1b

Agenda Item: 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 Wolf Hunting Seasons
Unit 50 (excluding Blaine County) and Unit 51

Prepared by: Wildlife Bureau

Action item: Amending 2019-2020/2020-2021 Wolf Hunting Seasons in Unit 50 (excluding Blaine County) and Unit 51

Draft Motion: Move the Commission adopt staff recommendation to amend the 2019-2020 & 2020-2021 Wolf Hunting Seasons for Units 50 and 51.

Description: Amend the 2019 & 2020/2020-2021 wolf seasons for hunting on private land in Units 50 (excluding Blaine County) and 51 to year-round seasons.

Additional Information: The Commission set statewide 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 wolf hunting seasons at its March 13, 2019 meeting. The season-setting framework for hunting on private land year-round was intended to include all of Custer and Lemhi Counties to address depredation concerns. Units 50 and 51 include parts of one/both of these counties. However, because IDFG's administrative boundaries place game management units 50 and 51 in the Upper Snake Region rather than in the Salmon Region, the portions of Custer and Lemhi County were inadvertently omitted from the year-round hunting season for private land.

Staff recommendation: Staff support this amendment to meet the intent of the season-setting framework.