



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

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Agenda Item: Lake Pend Oreille Rainbow Trout Management and Angler Science Program

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Supervisor Approval: CW/LH

Background:

This item will provide an overview of ongoing management related to the trophy Gerrard Rainbow Trout fishery in Lake Pend Oreille. The management of Rainbow Trout in this system includes substantial coordination with anglers through a program that utilizes citizen science to collect data and drive management. This unique citizen science program represents collaboration with users and a novel approach to sampling for a pelagic predator in a large lake system.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

2025–2030 Fisheries Management Plan

Public Involvement Process:

This presentation is information only for the Commission.

Justification:

The purpose of this item is to update the IDFG Commission on fisheries research in Lake Pend Oreille.

Staff Recommendation:

N/A

Suggested Motion:

N/A