AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5220, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized by Sections 36-103, 36-104, 36-401, 36-412, and 36-1508, Idaho Code. This action is consistent with Executive Order 2020-01, Zero-Based Regulation, which directs agencies to review all administrative rules over the five-year period of 2021-2025 (completing review no later than sine die 2026).

MEETING SCHEDULE: A negotiated rulemaking meeting has been scheduled and posted on agency website at https://idfg.idaho.gov/about/rulemaking.

To sign up for attendance via telephone/videoconference, contact Jim Fredericks (phone number and email below) by May 10, 2022.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Those interested in participating in the negotiated rulemaking process must either attend the above-scheduled meeting or identify themselves to the agency via the below phone number, email or mailing address in advance of the above-scheduled meeting. Upon conclusion of negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusions reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary. The summary will be made available on the agency website and to interested persons who contact the agency.

Should a reasonable number of persons respond to this notice, additional negotiated meetings may be scheduled and all scheduled meetings will be posted and made accessible on the agency website at the address listed below. The agency may end informal proceedings if there is insufficient participation. The agency has sole discretion in determining the feasibility of scheduling and conducting informal negotiated rulemaking and may proceed directly to formal rulemaking if proceeding with negotiated rulemaking is deemed infeasible.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principal issues involved:

This rulemaking action is to consider rules regarding mandatory hunter, trapper, wolf trapper, and archery education, and regarding mentored hunting. Agency review indicates renewal of current rules is appropriate, with some editing and reorganization to improve clarity and reduce duplication. Additionally, the agency is contemplating a mandatory mountain goat gender identification training program for holders of mountain goat controlled hunt tags to support harvest preference for male goats for population sustainability.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, requests for special meeting accommodations or accessibility, or to obtain a preliminary draft copy of the rule text (if available), contact Jim Fredericks at (208) 334-3771. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the agency web site at the following web address: https://idfg.idaho.gov/.
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