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 36-104, 36-105, and 36-1101(a), Idaho Code.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Interested persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must respond to this notice by contacting the undersigned either in writing, by email, or by calling the phone number listed below. To participate, responses must be received by April 27, 2022.

Should a reasonable number of persons respond to this notice, a schedule for negotiated meeting(s) 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.

Upon the conclusion of the 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 to interested persons who contact the agency or, if the agency chooses, posted on the agency website.

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 would establish an exception to the current prohibition against using an electronic device attached to, or incorporated in, a scope when taking big game (IDAPA rule 13.01.08.410.01.e). The rulemaking would allow a blind hunter to attach a camera device to a scope to facilitate a sighted person in helping a blind hunter to line up on a target. This rulemaking would establish criteria for the exception and a permitting process.

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 website at the following web address: https://idfg.idaho.gov/.

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