



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

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Agenda Item: *Wildlife Diversity Program and Funding Overview*

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Supervisor Approval: SR

Background:

The core responsibilities of the Department's Wildlife Diversity Program are to implement Idaho's State Wildlife Action Plan, which includes actions designed to conserve 269 nongame and game species of greatest conservation/information need, and implement those elements of the Department's Strategic Plan that relate to public trust nongame wildlife. The Program operates on an annual budget of approximately \$2M and receives limited funding from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. Revenue comes primarily from the sale of Idaho's specialty wildlife vehicle license plates (bluebird, elk, trout), and voluntary state income tax checkoffs. Income from these sources is then used as match to leverage federal funds, primarily through the State & Tribal Wildlife Grants and Cooperative Endangered Species Fund Traditional Section 6 programs. This presentation will provide an overview of Wildlife Diversity Program function, core responsibilities, and a brief accounting of revenue and expenditures.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Title 36-103 (a) states all wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho to be the property of the state that shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. Title 36-103 (b) authorizes the Commission to administer this Policy.

Public Involvement Process:

None. Presentation for Commission information only.

Justification:

This presentation is to inform the Commission on the Wildlife Diversity Program functions and funding streams so they may incorporate that information into their policy decisions and responses to public inquiries.

Staff Recommendation:

N/A. Presentation for Commission information only.