



## IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

### **May 2025 Commission Meeting**

**Agenda Item:** *Marty Tract Restoration Work on Mud Lake WMA*

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**Bureau Chief Approval:** SR

### **Background:**

Wetlands across the U.S. now cover only half of their historical footprint. Protecting and conserving these critical habitats for waterfowl, waterbirds, and other wildlife species remains a high priority for IDFG.

In 2012, in collaboration with Pheasants Forever, IDFG acquired the Marty Tract of Mud Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA) with the goal of protecting and improving wetland and upland habitat between Mud Lake WMA and Camas National Wildlife Refuge. With the land now under protection, developing an effective restoration strategy became a top priority for IDFG. To date, IDFG has collaborated with numerous partners to implement restoration strategies and projects on the Marty Tract. These efforts have aimed to create high-quality wetland habitat at Mud Lake WMA to benefit priority wildlife species and hunters alike. The Marty Tract project is one of the largest wetland restoration efforts undertaken by the Upper Snake Habitat staff.

### **Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:**

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission administers state wildlife policy through the Department including land acquisition and management for the purposes of game, bird, fish, or fur-bearing animal restoration, propagation, or protection; and for public hunting, fishing, or trapping areas to provide places where the public may fish, hunt, or trap (Idaho Code 36-104 (b) 7 (A&B)).

### **Public Involvement Process:**

Public can comment on this agenda item at the Commission public meeting.

### **Justification:**

Information will aid Commissioners as they respond to requests, recommendations, or other input from the public.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

N/A. This agenda item is for Commission information only.

### **Suggested Motion:**

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