



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

July 2026 Commission Meeting

Agenda Item: Administrative Rules: Adoption of Proposed Rules – Chronic Wasting Disease Management Restrictions Revision (**Action**)

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Agenda Item No.: 5. B.
Supervisor Approval: JF

Background:

The Commission authorized rulemaking for a proposal originating from staff to consider managing Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) management zones down to the specific Game Management Unit.

The proposal included revising one sections from chapter 13.01.10 – Rules Governing Importation, Possession, Release, Sale, or Salvage of Wildlife.

Following opportunity for negotiated rulemaking, staff prepared proposed rule language for the Commission’s consideration.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Idaho Code 36-104 grants authority to the Commission to promulgate IDAPA rules. Idaho Code 67, Chapter 52 (Idaho Administrative Procedure Act) governs the process for considering, adopting, and implementing IDAPA rules. Specifically, Idaho Code 67-5220 provides for negotiated rulemaking and Idaho Code 67-5221 provides for adoption of proposed rules for additional public notice and comment.

Public Involvement Process:

Notice of Intent to Promulgate Rules via Negotiated Rulemaking was published in the May 2026 Administrative Bulletin which invited the public to attend a scheduled in-person and zoom meeting and give feedback. Individual stakeholders were also invited to the meeting through direct email.

The negotiated rulemaking meeting was held on May 20, 2026 and attended by representatives of the Idaho Farm Bureau, Idaho Wildlife Federation, and Idaho Conservation League. All individuals were given opportunities to comment on the draft language changes and participated.

Justification:

Idaho Code (Idaho Administrative Procedure Act) governs the process for considering, adopting, and implementing IDAPA rules.



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Staff Recommendation:

The Staff recommendation for proposed rule language is presented by chapter on the following page.

Suggested Motion: I move the Commission adopt the proposed rules as presented, with authority for the Department to make non-substantive edits in the proofreading process that do not alter the sense, meaning or effect of the rules.



13.01.10 – RULES GOVERNING IMPORTATION, POSSESSION, RELEASE, SALE, OR SALVAGE OF WILDLIFE

BREAK IN CONTINUITY OF SECTION

150. CWD MANAGEMENT RESTRICTIONS.

01. Designation of CWD Management Zone. The Commission may designate CWD Management Zone(s) where wildlife is subject to increased risk of acquiring CWD based on presence of CWD-infected animals and information on wildlife movement. The Director may designate CWD Management Zone(s) on a temporary basis, for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days and subject to Commission review. (4-6-23)

02. Prohibitions. It is unlawful to: (4-6-23)

a. Import into Idaho the carcass or any part of deer, elk, or moose from another state, Canadian province, or country (other than Canada) with any documented CWD; (4-6-23)

b. Transport the carcass or any part of deer, elk, or moose out of the Game Management Unit of harvest or salvage within a CWD Management Zone; or (4-6-23)

c. Possess the carcass or any part of deer, elk, or moose that: has been imported from another state, Canadian province or country with a documented case of CWD; or transported out of any CWD Management Zone to or across any part of the state that is not a designated CWD Management Zone. (4-6-23)

03. Exceptions. This section does not apply to: (4-6-23)

a. Domestic cervids regulated under Chapter 37, Title 25, Idaho Code; (4-6-23)

b. Meat that is cut and wrapped; (4-6-23)

c. Quarters or deboned meat that does not include brain or spinal tissue; (4-6-23)

d. Edible organs, excluding brains; (4-6-23)

e. Hides without heads; (4-6-23)

f. Upper canine teeth (ivories); (4-6-23)

g. Finished taxidermy; (4-6-23)

h. Dried antlers; (4-6-23)

i. Cleaned and dried skulls or skull caps; (4-6-23)

j. Skull caps that do not include brain or spinal tissue; or (4-6-23)

k. Head or tissue from a CWD Management Zone, provided it is presented to the Department for sampling purposes, with the Department to keep possession for appropriate tissue disposal. (4-6-23)