



## IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

**January 2026 Commission Meeting**

**Agenda Item:** *Upland and Furbearer Season Setting*

**(Action)**

**Presented by:** *Jeff Knetter and Cory Mosby*

**Position/Title:** *Upland Game & Migratory Game Bird Coordinator, and Natural Resource Program Coordinator*

**Agenda Item No.:** *5B*

**Supervisor Approval:** *SR*

### **Background:**

Upland game and furbearer seasons and bag and possession limits are set on even-numbered years and cover a two-year period. Staff presented preliminary proposed changes at the November 2025 Commission meeting and subsequently took proposals out for public input. Staff will present final recommendations for the 2026 and 2027 Upland Game, Turkey, and Furbearer seasons at the Commission meeting.

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

Idaho Statute 36-104 authorizes the Commission to establish by proclamation seasons and bag limits for the taking of wildlife consistent with state policy. Administrative rules governing the take of game birds, game animals, furbearing animals, and falconry exist in IDAPA 13.01, Chapters 09, 07, 16, and 14, respectively.

### **Public Involvement Process:**

A press release announcing proposed changes to seasons and bag limits was distributed to media outlets statewide, posted to IDFG social media accounts, and proposals were posted on the IDFG website. Additionally, two separate emails were sent to approximately 21,000 hunting newsletter subscribers to encourage further stakeholder engagement. Open houses were held in each region to provide the public with opportunities to comment on proposed seasons. Input on proposals was accepted via the IDFG website November 24–December 7.

### **Justification:**

Harvest seasons are designed to manage Idaho's wildlife resources for hunting and trapping opportunity while considering biological and sociological implications. Commission action is needed to set the 2026 and 2027 seasons for these species.

### **Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommendation the Commission adopt the 2026 and 2027 Upland Game, Turkey, and Furbearer seasons that will be presented at the meeting.

### **Suggested Motion:**

I move the Commission adopt staff recommendations for 2026 and 2027 Upland Game, Turkey, and Furbearer seasons as presented.