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Agenda Item: Attachment A: 2025 – 2027 Spearfishing Seasons & Rules Public Outreach Summary

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2025 – 2027 Spearfishing Seasons and Limits Proposals Public Outreach Summary:

The Department held a 14-day comment period on the proposed spearfishing seasons.

Public outreach efforts included:

- Social media posts on multiple platforms
- Press releases announcing public comment periods and how to participate
- Online forms to describe each Region's proposals and collect angler preference

Results

Our outreach efforts and total comments included:

- 1 press release announcing public comment is open with instructions to participate
- 8 social media posts (Instagram and Facebook), reaching 29,952 people
- 7 website forms to collect input; 1 form for proposals within an IDFG Region
- 1 feature in the Hook and Bullet podcast (episode 62)
- 1,509 website form responses received indicating yes/no preference for the proposals
 - 482 additional written comments included with yes/no preferences
- 1 in-person meeting (with SE Idaho Bass Anglers Conservation Coordinator)
- No comments provided via email