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Idaho State Animal Damage Control Board
2118 W. Airport Way
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Dear Chairman:

Pursuant to Idaho Statute 36-112, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) will transfer \$100,000 by August 1, 2026, to the Idaho State Animal Damage Control Board (ADCB) for prevention and control of damage caused by predatory animals and other vertebrate pests to agriculture production in Idaho.

To maintain eligibility for Idaho's receipt of federal excise tax funds for wildlife conservation, fish management and restoration, and public shooting ranges (such as the Pittman-Robertson Act excise tax on firearms, ammunition, and hunting equipment), the Fish and Game Commission must maintain control of IDFG license funds and use them only for protection, propagation, preservation, and investigation of wildlife. Idaho Code 36-1801 and 36-1802 assent to these federal restrictions on license fund use and Idaho Code 36-112 maintains our control by authorizing the Commission to direct ADCB's use of IDFG funds and requiring the ADCB to comply with our direction.

The Commission concurs the transfer of funds to the ADCB is consistent with state wildlife policy. Furthermore, IDFG Director Fredericks has affirmed that the approved use of funds in the fish and game subaccount for FY27 is consistent with the conservation and management needs of Idaho's wildlife.

In compliance with the above-referenced laws, the Commission provides the following direction for FY27 for fish and game account funds transferred to the ADCB account:

- 1) \$50,000.00 to support responsibilities of USDA APHIS Wildlife Services for general predatory wildlife control as described in the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between IDFG and ADCB; and
- 2) \$25,000 for IDFG-directed depredation control of black bears and mountain lions for protection of ungulates, livestock, or other domestic animals. Included within this \$25,000 is authorization to charge up to 6% for administrative purposes; and
- 3) \$25,000 for IDFG-directed piscivorous bird management activities to reduce impacts to other resources. Included within this \$25,000 is authorization to charge up to 6% for administrative purposes.

Sincerely,

Dave Bobbitt
Chairman

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