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Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board  
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Dear Board Co-chairs:

Idaho Code 22-5306 requires the transfer of \$300,000 each year from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's (IDFG) fish and game fund to the fish and game subaccount administered by the Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board (WDCB). The WDCB was created to administer funding so the level of wolf depredation control service in Idaho functionally remained unchanged following federal Endangered Species Act delisting and associated loss of federal funding for USDA Wildlife Services wolf depredation control activities.

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 22-5306 maintains our control by authorizing the Commission to direct the WDCB's use of IDFG funds and requiring the Board to comply with our direction for funding wolf depredation control activities.

The Commission concurs that the transfer of funds to the WDCB 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 FY26:

- Use of up to \$500,000 from the fish and game subaccount, based on the following
  - \$400,000 for wolf management and control for ungulate protection in areas with predation management plans, in areas where ungulate management objectives are otherwise not being achieved, or in areas where wolf depredation on livestock and other domestic animals occurs on a chronic basis.
  - \$100,000 for management/control actions conducted by IDFG or IDFG contractors or through cooperative agreement or grant between IDFG and the Foundation for Wildlife Management or similar nonprofit entity for reimbursement of hunter/trapper expenses incurred during the process of legal wolf harvest in certain game management units as specified by IDFG in such cooperative agreement or grant to support the above wolf management objectives.

Sincerely,

Dave Bobbitt  
Chairman

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