



IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

March 2026 Commission Meeting

Agenda Item: Presentation of the Shikar-Safari Wildlife Officer of the Year, 2025

Presented by: Justin Williams

Position/Title: Chief, Enforcement

Agenda Item No.: 9
Supervisor Approval: JR

Background:

Wildlife conservation is a primary concern for Shikar-Safari Club International membership. A principal purpose for the club is the protection, enhancement and preservation of wildlife species with particular emphasis on endangered and threatened species. They intend to advance this purpose by encouraging the enforcement of conservation laws and regulations. The club strives to recognize an Idaho officer with exceptional commitment to conservation law enforcement, the protection of wildlife and the implementation of IDFG conservation programs. Recipients receive a pewter plate, lapel pin, certificate, and brass name plate for permanent display along with all previous recipients.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

None.

Public Involvement Process:

None.

Justification:

The Senior Conservation Officer receiving the award was nominated by four department enforcement staff including two peers, his direct supervisor, and another District Conservation Officer. He had a tremendous year in the enforcement realm and mainly concentrated on one large wildlife investigation. This investigation resulted in the seizure of several deer, the issuance of multiple misdemeanor and felony charges, and convictions of wildlife crimes that resulted in thousands of dollars in fines, restitution, license revocations and, in some instances, prison sentences.

He is a field training officer. Field training officers are assigned a three-week phase with a probationary officer. During the three weeks, the FTO guides the new officer in multiple aspects of the conservation officer position.

Staff Recommendation:

The Enforcement Bureau presents the 2025 Shikar-Safari Club International Wildlife Officer of the Year to Sr. Conservation Officer.

Suggested Motion:

None – Informational only.