

Meeting Date: January 27, 2022

Agenda Item No. 5A

Agenda Item: Upland Game, Turkey and Furbearer
Season Setting 2022 & 2023 (**Action**)

Bureau Chief Approval: JR

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Background:

Upland game bird, upland game animal, and furbearer harvest seasons and bag and possession limits are established for a two-year period and are presented to the Commission for approval in January of even-numbered years. The purpose of this agenda item is to set the seasons and bag and possession limits for the taking of Game Birds (IDAPA 13.01.09), Game Animals (IDAPA 13.01.07), and Furbearing Animals (IDAPA 13.01.16), and for Falconry (IDAPA 13.01.14) for the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

Staff will present final recommendations for the 2022 and 2023 Upland Game, Turkey, Furbearer, and falconry 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.

Public Involvement Process:

A press release announcing proposed changes to seasons and bag limits was distributed to media outlets statewide, posted to Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) social media accounts, and proposals were posted on the IDFG website. Open houses were held in each region to provide the public with opportunities to comment on proposed changes. Input on proposals was accepted via the IDFG website November 22 – December 10.

Justification:

Commission action is required to establish seasons and bag and possession limits for harvest of upland game birds, upland game animals, and furbearers, and for falconry for the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

Staff Recommendation:

Final recommendations will be presented at the Commission meeting.

Suggested Motion: Commission adopt staff recommendations for 2022 and 2023 Upland Game, Turkey, Furbearer, and Falconry seasons.