

**Meeting Date:** November 15, 2022

**Agenda Item No.** 5. A.

**Agenda Item:** State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) for  
Commission Adoption (Action)

**Bureau Chief Approval:** JR

**Prepared by:** Rita Dixon, State Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator

**Background:**

Staff have completed a comprehensive review and revision of the 2015 Idaho State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP), including an up-to-date public review process. We presented an earlier draft of the newly revised SWAP to the commission during its July 2022 meeting prior to release of the draft for a 30-day public comment period, held in August 2022.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:**

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission administers state wildlife policy through the Department (Idaho Code 36-104). Wildlife management plans, including species management plans and the State Wildlife Action Plan, guide conservation and management of wildlife and are a direct reflection of the Department Strategic Plan. The SWAP will function as the action plan for at-risk species management in Idaho.

**Public Involvement Process:**

IDFG staff held a 30-day public comment period on the initial draft Idaho State Wildlife Action Plan revision during August 2022. We announced the availability of the plan via news release and through targeted stakeholder emails. In addition to offering an opportunity to review and comment on the plan, we also provided an opportunity for key stakeholders to arrange to meet with staff. Staff have reviewed the responses and made appropriate revisions to the plan. A summary of comments and associated revisions to the plan will be presented.

**Justification:**

As a condition for receiving funding through the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program, Congress required that all US states, territories, and the District of Columbia commit to reviewing and, if necessary, revising their State Wildlife Action Plans at least every 10 years or less.

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff seeks commission approval of the 2022 Idaho State Wildlife Action Plan and permission to submit final draft plan to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for Regional Review Team review.

**Sample Motion:**

I move we approve the 2022 Idaho State Wildlife Action Plan and authorize the Department to submit the final draft plan to the US Fish and Wildlife Service for Regional Review Team review.