

Meeting Date: January 27, 2022

Agenda Item No. 5C

Agenda Item: Trout Creek Property Donation
(ACTION)

Bureau Chief Approval: JR

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Background:

A 2-acre parcel along the Pack River bordering the Pend Oreille Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Bonner County has been offered for donation to the Department. This addition to the WMA would increase public access and consolidate Department ownership along the east bank of the Pack River.

Staff estimate maintenance costs would be \$84 annually and Fee in Lieu of Tax payments to Bonner County to be \$4 annually.

This property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in July 2019.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has the authority to acquire land (Idaho Code 36-104(b)(7)). Land acquisition is in accordance with Commission land acquisition policy.

Public Involvement Process:

Bonner County commissioners have been notified.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends accepting the donation of the 2-acre property.

Suggested Motion: I move to accept donation of the 2-acre Trout Creek property.