

Meeting Date: July 14, 2021

Agenda Item No. 5F

Agenda Item: Upland Game Bird Permit – Additional Areas & Shooting Hours for 2021 seasons. **(Action)** **Bureau Chief Approval:** TB

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Background:

Upland game bird, upland game animal, and furbearer seasons and bag and possession limits are set on even-numbered years and cover a two-year period. The purpose of this agenda item is to adopt changes to the list of areas where pheasants are stocked and an Upland Game Bird Permit is required to hunt or possess pheasant (IDAPA 13, Title 01, Chapter 09).

In addition to the sites approved by the Commission in August 2020, the following is the list of areas, by region, where pheasant stocking is proposed to be expanded in 2021:

Southeast Region

- Zollinger – Access Yes!

Salmon Region

- Pratt Creek area – Access Yes!

Proposed shooting hours for upland game birds on areas where an Upland Game Bird Permit is required are 10:00 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset, except for those areas in the Clearwater Region where shooting hours would be 8:00 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Idaho Statute 36-104 authorizes the Commission to establish, by proclamation, seasons and bag limits for the take of wildlife consistent with state policy.

Public Involvement Process:

No public involvement has occurred to date.

Justification:

Seasons are designed to manage Idaho's upland game, turkey, and furbearer resources for hunting and trapping opportunity while considering biological and sociological implications.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends adding 2 sites to the list of areas where pheasants are stocked and an Upland Game Bird Permit is required, and to approve shooting hours for upland game birds on areas where an Upland Game Bird Permit is required.

Action Requested:

Adopt staff recommendations for areas where pheasants are stocked and an Upland Game Bird Permit is required to hunt or possess pheasant during fall 2021 seasons.

Suggested Motion: Commission adopt staff recommendations for the list of areas and associated shooting hours, for areas where pheasants are stocked and an Upland Game Bird Permit is required to hunt or possess pheasant during fall 2021 seasons.