

Meeting Date: July 13-14, 2021

Agenda Item No. 5.L.4.

Agenda Item: Nampa Research Facility Acquisition from
Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation

Approved by: MP

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Background: This is a proposal for exercising the option to acquire fee title for the Nampa Research Facility from the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The Facility consists of approximately 11.5 acres and 8,688 square feet of building and other improvements, including specialized research facilities to support Fisheries Management. The Facility has been the subject of a long-term lease arrangement with the Foundation since 2003, with bonding to support land purchase and facility construction and with an option for Commission purchase of the property.

The estimated remaining lease term cost is \$134,845. After payment of the remaining lease cost, the Department receives fee title for a cost of \$1.

Annual maintenance costs are estimated to be \$32,000, which were paid directly by the Department.

The Department has received and reviewed the title report for the property.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

The Commission has authority under Idaho Code 36-104(b)(7) to acquire the Facility (land and buildings).

Acquisition of the Nampa Research Facility was included in a legislatively approved budget line item to exercise acquisition options on the Facility and multiple regional offices (House Bill 313). (Regional offices are administrative sites, whose acquisition approval occurs through the Idaho Land Board.)

Public Involvement Process:

The public has the opportunity to comment on the Commission agenda item.

Staff Recommendation:

The Department recommends acceptance of title for the Nampa Research Facility from the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Suggested Motion: I move the Commission accept fee title to the Nampa Research Facility from the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation.