

Meeting Date: November 16, 2021

Agenda Item No. 6 a.

Agenda Item: Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation Report

Bureau Chief Approval: JF

Prepared by: Hilarie Engle

Background:

Commission has requested updates about the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation activities.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

None

Public Involvement Process:

None

Staff Recommendation:

Present update as follows.

Justification:

Requested by Commission.

1. 2021 IFWF Competitive Grants (\$83,724):
 - a. **IDFG** -Snow Peak WMA Trail Improvements (Region 1)
 - b. **IDFG**- Mink Creek Restoration (Region 5)
 - c. **Friends of the Teton River**-Teton River Headwaters Yellowstone Cutthroat Trout Habitat Restoration (Region 6)
 - d. **First Hunt**-New Hunter Mentoring Program (Region 2)
 - e. **Snake River Quail Forever**-Corners for Wildlife (Region 3)
 - f. **IDFG**- Blackfoot River Restoration (Region 5)
 - g. **IDFG- Taxidermy Mounts to Enhance the Public Spaces** (Region 4)

2021-IDGF Only Grant, \$25,000

Region 1-South Fork Coeur d'Alene River Fishing & Boating Access: The Panhandle Region proposes to install a new fishing and float-boat access on the South fork of the Coeur d'Alene River (SPCDS River) in Shoshone County Idaho. This project is located on state land at Smeltonville Flats along the SFCDA River between the towns of Pinehurst and Kellogg in the Silver Valley and about 35 miles east of the city of Coeur d'Alene. The project site adjoins 379 acres of public land owned and managed by the IDFG, Bureau of Land Management, and Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality that together include 3.8 miles of SFCDA River shoreline.

2. Wildlife Plate sales continued to increase in FY21; total plate sales increased from 64,434 to 81,523 from FY20 to FY21. In dollars, from \$1,050,025 to \$1,362,745 from FY20 to FY21, resulting in \$1,271,566 for the non-game program.

Tom Scott Agency continues to do an outstanding job with the marketing of the wildlife plates. In 2019-2020 they created a campaign for areas in the state not reached through “Connected TV”, or streaming services. This has allowed for a broader reach throughout Idaho. The wildlife plates are continuing to sponsor Outdoor Idaho on IPTV.

3. IFWF Next Meeting:
December 4th: Southwest Region Office (Nampa)
4. IDFG Headquarters:
 - a. Staff move in starts on November 29th and should be complete by December 30th.
 - b. The project is on time and on budget.
 - c. We will schedule an open house in Spring 2022.
 - d. Time Lapse Video

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Agenda Item No. 6 b.

Agenda Item: Selection of Fish and Game
Commission Liaison to Idaho Fish & Wildlife
Foundation

Bureau Chief Approval: JF

Prepared by: Hilarie Engle

Background: The Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation's (IFWF) Board of Directors has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Commission. A term of the MOU is that the Commission will designate a Commissioner who may attend IFWF board meetings as the liaison between IFWF and the Commission. The Commission designates a liaison annually. The 2021 Liaison was Commissioner Cameron.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues: The Commission has the policy authority to define their relationship with the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation and to designate a liaison.

Public Involvement Process: Action of the Commission is a public process.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the following motion to designate a Commission liaison for 2021:

I move that Commissioner XXXX serves as the 2022 Commission Liaison to the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

Justification: A Commission liaison is important for the implementation of the MOU and relationship with the IFWF.