

**Meeting Date:** May 19, 2022

**Agenda Item No. 8**

**Agenda Item:** Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation Report

**Bureau Chief Approval:** JF

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**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. IFWF Update:
  - a. In April the following officer election took place: Tad Johnson-Treasurer. The other officers remain in place: Mike Baldner-President, Jim Wrigley-Vice President, Bob Holman-Secretary and Mike Veile-Past President. Dan Deagle retired from the board at the April meeting.
  - b. IFWF was awarded \$289,700 for the Improving Big Game Migration across US-95 in the Panhandle Complex Priority Area (ID). The grant will improve habitat connectivity for big game species in north Idaho's Panhandle Complex Priority Area where a busy two lane highway (US-95) transects the valley, impeding wildlife movement. Project will improve big game passage success rates across US-95 from an average of 162 to at least 500 crossings per year and reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions by repairing and extending 2.8 miles of wildlife funnel fencing along wildlife crossing infrastructure.
  - c. IFWF Competitive grant cycle closed April 30<sup>th</sup>. The IDFG Regional Competitive grant cycle will close May 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. IDFG HQ update: there are few outstanding items to be completed on the building, minor projects. The Foundation is now working with the Department to identify areas of need on the property to utilize the remaining bond funds. One such project will be the covering of the car park area for fleet vehicles.
  - e. IFWF will hold the next quarterly meeting on August 19-20th in Island Park, Idaho.