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**Background:**

In January of 2018, the Commission approved the Department's updated Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Strategy. This strategy revision included updates to new research and management of CWD, prevention, and surveillance for both pre- and potentially post-detection, rule change recommendations, potential management strategies for post-detection and communication strategies.

The response plan revision was written to be adaptive in nature and act as a toolbox for the IDFG and the Commission to implement enhanced, real-time surveillance and better plan for a positive animal detection in either a free-ranging or captive cervids. The adaptive nature of the plan gives IDFG the flexibility to react in the most appropriate manner based on the detection scenario. Over the past two years, a statewide team has been working to not only implement the plans redesigned sampling strategy, that will be able to detect a 1% prevalence with 95% confidence, but enhance CWD outreach and communications with sportsmen and other partners regarding CWD rule changes, CWD information, surveillance strategies, and overall agency response in the event Idaho has a positive CWD detection.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:**

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission has concerns over chronic wasting disease and its potential effect on deer and elk populations in Idaho.

**Public Involvement Process:**

This agenda item is for Commission information.

**Justification:**

The agenda item is to provide an update to the Commission on the Department's adaptive enhanced CWD surveillance activities, as well as outreach efforts with sportsmen, partners and the public throughout Idaho and planning efforts for the future.

**Staff Recommendation:**

None

**Action Requested:**

None