

Meeting Date: August 20, 2020

Agenda Item No. 3. C.

Agenda Item: Pheasant Stocking Areas where an Upland Game Bird Permit is required 2020 **(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 (IDAPA 13, Title 01, Chapter 09).

Staff will present final recommendations for the list of areas where pheasant stocking will be expanded in 2020.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Idaho Statute 36-104 authorizes the Commission to establish by proclamation seasons and bag limits for the taking 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:

Final recommendations will be presented at the Commission meeting.

Suggested Motion: Commission adopt staff recommendations for the list of areas where pheasants are stocked and an Upland Game Bird Permit is required to hunt or possess pheasant during fall 2020 seasons.