

Meeting Date: January 23, 2020

Agenda Item No. 5D

Agenda Item: Scott fishing access fee title acquisition

Approved by: TB

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Background:

To improve fishing access on the South Fork of the Clearwater River, IDFG proposed to acquire the Scott property in 2015. The Scott property, as originally proposed, was a 9 acre parcel 12 miles upstream of Kooskia, Idaho that included 3,600 feet of river frontage that is directly adjacent to Idaho highway 14. The property currently receives thousands of hours of angler effort during salmon and steelhead seasons and its acquisition would protect and provide for this continuing fishing and fishing access in a popular area.

Reviewed by the Commission in Executive session in January, 2016; IDFG had moved ahead to acquire the property in fee title until it was determined that there was an encroachment on the property that needed to be resolved before the Commission would acquire fee title ownership.

The encroachment was resolved in 2019 and the Department has signed a purchase and sale agreement with the landowner Allan Scott. The appraised value and sale price of the property is \$25,000. Purchase of the property from Mr. Scott has been provided through extension of a settlement agreement resolved in Idaho County District Court Case No. CV 2016-44897. And it has been determined that ownership of the property by the Commission will not require either IDFG or the Commission to provide for or maintain the private bridge that crosses the South Fork of the Clearwater River at the upriver boundary of the property.

This property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in January 2016.

Capital improvement cost estimated at \$700. Annual maintenance cost is minimal.

There are no FILT costs/ year as the property is less than 10 acres.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

Land acquisition in accordance with Commission land acquisition policy.

Public Involvement Process:

Idaho County commissioners have been notified.

Staff Recommendation:

The Lands Committee recommends purchase of the Scott property.

Suggested Motion: Approve fee title acquisition of the 9 acre Scott fishing access property.