

Meeting Date: January 23, 2020

Agenda Item No. 8

Agenda Item: Moose Management Plan Update

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

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Background:

The Commission approved the release of the draft moose management plan for public comment at the November 14, 2019 Commission meeting. Following the Commission meeting the current draft was posted on the Department website to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment. The comment period was open from December 12, 2019 through January 12, 2020. Agency partners, interested organizations and individuals were notified of the opportunity to comment. After consideration of public input, a final plan will be prepared to present to the Commission for adoption in March, 2020.

Staff will present an update of the public comment process for the draft moose management plan at the meeting.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission administers state wildlife policy through supervision and management of the Department (Idaho Code 36-104). Species Management Plans are the guiding documents to manage wildlife and are a direct reflection of the Department Strategic Plan. The Moose Management Plan will function as the action plan for moose management in Idaho.

Public Involvement Process:

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Justification:

This agenda item is for Commission information on the current status on the revision of our moose management plan.

Staff Recommendation:

This agenda item is an update for Commission information. No formal action is requested at this time.