

**Meeting Date: July 23, 2020**

**Agenda Item No. 8**

**Agenda Item: Sage-grouse Season Setting Process**

**Bureau Chief Approval: TB**

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**Background:**

The Commission sets seasons for sage-grouse in August. This presentation will review the sage-grouse season setting process which the Department has followed since 2008 and will provide an update on the current status of Idaho's sage-grouse populations.

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

Idaho Code 36-104(2) grants authority to the Commission to determine when an open season may be declared for the taking of wildlife. IDAPA 13.01.09.300 establishes rules regarding the take of upland game birds.

**Public Involvement Process:**

Public input will be collected on the website July 27 to August 10.

**Justification:**

Informational item.

**Staff Recommendation:**

This agenda item is for information only. No action required. Staff recommendations will be presented in August.