

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Salmon Regional Office
November 6-7, 2024
Salmon, Idaho**

November 6

MISCELLANEOUS

Public Meeting

Chairman Ron Davies called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. MDT and reviewed the rules of conduct for the hearing and reported that all public comments would be reviewed by the Commission at the Thursday business meeting. Commissioner Dave Bobbitt, Don Ebert, Mike Roach, Jordan Cheirrett, Brody Harshbarger, and Ron Davies were present.

Commissioner Roach was introduced as the new Region 4 Commissioner representing the Magic Valley.

Commissioner Tim Murphy was unable to attend the meeting.

The following individuals provided in person testimony: Travis Bulloch, Tom Curet, and John McRae.

November 7

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Chairman Davies called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. MDT.

Review of Public Comment

Director Fredericks provided a summary of the public comments. There were twelve members of the public in attendance with three people providing testimony.

- One person provided testimony that they would like to see a guaranteed tag for anyone who harvests a wolf in some units. They also expressed their concerns that the Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Committee will be unable to get non-resident participation down to 10%.
- One person provided testimony asking the Department to change several controlled hunts in the Clearwater region that are antlered mule deer only, to be valid for white-tailed deer, as well.
- One person provided testimony asking the Department for a specific measure to combat precluded access due to continuous forest fires in Unit 20.

- Three people provided written testimony. One person regarding CWD in the Panhandle region. One person regarding wolf management. One person regarding several season-setting proposals for big game in the new year.

Consent Calendar

Minutes August 15, 2024
Financial Report

24-73 Commissioner Bobbitt made a motion to accept the consent calendar as presented. Commissioner Harshbarger seconded the motion. Motion carries.

SEASON SETTING AND RULES

Administrative Rules: Adoption of Pending Rules

Deputy Director Amber Worthington, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 86).

24-74 Commissioner Ebert moved that the Commission adopt the pending rules as presented, with the authority for the Department to make non-substantive edits in the proofreading process that do not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of the rules. Commissioner Bobbitt seconded the motion. Motion carries.

MANAGEMENT PLANS

Fisheries Management Plan

Lance Hebdon, Chief, Fisheries, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 87).

24-75 Commissioner Ebert moved that the Commission adopt the Fisheries Management Plan 2025 – 2030. Commissioner Harshbarger seconded the motion. Motion carries.

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Panhandle CWD Management Zone and Deer Harvest Sampling

Tricia Hebdon, Assistant Chief, Wildlife, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 88).

24-76 Commissioner Bobbitt moved that the Commission adopt staff recommendations to create a CWD Management Zone comprised of that portion of Game Management Unit 1 within Boundary County and east of the Selkirk Mountains crest and require the mandatory check of all deer harvested in the GMU 1 CWD Management Zone. Commissioner Cheirrett seconded the motion. Motion carries.

SEASON SETTING AND RULES

Black Bear, Mountain Lion, and Gray Wolf Tag Discount Order

Katie Oelrich, Wildlife Staff Biologist, presented the Black Bear, Mountain Lion, and Gray Wolf Tag Discount Order for Commission consideration (Appendix 57, Exhibit 89).

24-77 Commissioner Harshbarger moved that the Commission adopt discount order 24-47 for nonresident black bear, mountain lion, and gray wolf tags for 2025 and 2026 as presented by staff. Commissioner Bobbitt seconded the motion. Motion carries.

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Refund / Raincheck Report

Jon Oswald, Chief, Administration, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 90).

24-78 Commissioner Cheirrett made the following motion, regarding the raincheck for mountain goat Controlled Hunt No. 6006.

"That the Commission grant the 1 mountain goat tag rain check request for Controlled Hunt 6006 to be used during the 2025 hunting season in Hunt Area 27-2."

Commissioner Roach seconded the motion. Motion carries.

24-79 Commissioner Cheirrett made the following motion, regarding the raincheck for bighorn sheep Controlled Hunt No. 5008.

"I move the Commission deny the 1 bighorn sheep tag rain check request for Controlled Hunt 5008."

Commissioner Harshbarger seconded the motion. Motion carries.

24-80 Commissioner Cheirrett made the following motion, regarding the raincheck for bighorn sheep Controlled Hunt No. 5004.

"I move the Commission deny the 1 bighorn sheep tag rain check request for Controlled Hunt 5004."

Commissioner Roach seconded the motion. Motion carries.

LEGISLATION

Legislative Update

Ellary TuckerWilliams, Legislative & Community Engagement Coordinator presented a legislative update (Appendix 57, Exhibit 91).

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Working Group Update

Ellary TuckerWilliams, Legislative & Community Engagement Coordinator presented an update for the Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group, and Hunting and Advanced Technology Working Group (Appendix 57, Exhibit 92).

MANAGEMENT PLANS

Draft Black Bear Management Plan Release for Public Input

Regan Berkley, Regional Wildlife Manager, presented the 2025 – 2030 Idaho Black Bear Management Plan (Appendix 57, Exhibit 93).

SEASON SETTING AND RULES

Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat Status Update and Season Setting Preview

Hollie Miyasaki, Wildlife Staff Biologist, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 94).

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Wildfires, Wildlife, and Hunters

Sean Schroff, and Regan Berkley, Regional Wildlife Biologists, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 95).

Fishing Licenses for Foster Children and Foster Parents Discount Order

Amber Worthington, Deputy Director, presented the Fishing Licenses for Foster Children and Foster Parents Discount Order for Commission consideration (Appendix 57, Exhibit 96).

24-81 Commissioner Bobbitt moved that the Commission adopt discount order 24-55 for resident fishing licenses for the individuals holding fishing certificates or equivalent documentation issued by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, to include: youth aged 18 through 20 years in extended foster care and (1) licensed foster parent per family, for the calendar year 2025, as presented by staff. Commissioner Ebert seconded the motion. Motion carries.

IDFG Strategic Plan Update Kick-Off

Adam Park, Chief, Communications, and Anne Wescott, Strategic Plan Consultant, Boise State University, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 97).

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Quagga Mussel Update

Mike Peterson, Regional Fisheries Manager, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 98).

Governor's Wildlife Partnership Tag Public Survey Results

Rick Ward, State Wildlife Manager, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 99).

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IFWF Update

Hilarie Engle, Foundation Development Coordinator, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 100).

Selection of IFWF Commission Liaison

Hilarie Engle, Foundation Development Coordinator, presented (Appendix 57, Exhibit 101).

24-82 Commissioner Cheirrett moved, and Commissioner Ebert seconded a motion to appoint Commissioner Murphy as the Commission Liaison to the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation. Motion carries.

Appoint Commissioner Representative to WAFWA

24-83 Commissioner Bobbitt moved, and Commissioner Roach seconded a motion to appoint Commissioner Ebert as the Commission representative to WAFWA. Motion carries.

Set the 2025 Commission Calendar

The Commission discussed and agreed upon the following calendar dates for 2025.

- January 28–29, Boise, Idaho
- March 25–26, Boise, Idaho
- May 21–22, Idaho Falls, Idaho
- July 16–17, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- November 19–20, Lewiston, Idaho

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Director's Report

Director Fredericks highlighted items from each Bureau in the Director's Report.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner reports stand as written (Appendix 57, Exhibit 102).

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Planning for Next Meeting

The next meeting is January 28–29, 2025, in Boise, Idaho.

Executive Session I. C. 74-206 (1) (c) (f)

24-84 Commissioner Roach moved, and Commissioner Bobbitt seconded a motion that the Commission enter executive session under Idaho Code 74-206 subsections (1) (c) (f).

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dave Bobbitt, Don Ebert, Mike Roach, Jordan Cheirrett, Brody Harshbarger, and Ron Davies.

The Commission discussed potential property acquisition and litigation matters.

24-85 Commissioner Cheirrett moved, and Commissioner Ebert seconded a motion that the Commission come out of executive session with no action taken. Motion carries.

Adjourn 3:45 p.m.

Ron Davies
Chairman

Jim Fredericks
Secretary