

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Special Meeting – April 15th, 2025
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Conference Call
Boise, Idaho**

A meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission was held by telephone conference, attended by Commissioners Dave Bobbitt, Don Ebert, Tim Murphy, Mike Roach, Jordan Cheirrett, Brody Harshbarger, and Ron Davies.

IDFG staff present: Director Jim Fredericks, Deputy Director Amber Worthington, Owen Moroney, Deputy Attorney General, Kathleen Trever, Deputy Attorney General, Tara Reichert, Shane Roberts, Rick Ward, Connor Leis, Joey Ishida, Roger Phillips, and Lance Hebdon.

IDFG staff participating via phone: Carson Watkins, JJ Teare, Josh Royse, Craig White, Dan Garren, and Ryan Hilton.

Members of the public in attendance: Dexton Lake – Farm Bureau

Chairman Davies called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. MST.

SEASON SETTING AND RULES

Season Setting: 2024 – 2025 Migratory Game Bird Seasons

Jeff Knetter, Upland Game & Migratory Coordinator, presented the 2025-2026 migratory game bird season recommendations.

25-36 Commissioner Bobbitt moved, and Commissioner Roach seconded a motion to approve the proposed 2025-2026 migratory game seasons as presented in the migratory game bird recommendations. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Snake River Closure

Craig White, Regional Supervisor, Magic Valley Region, presented information around the Department of Agriculture's (ISDA) closure on the Snake River that was due to a second quagga mussel detection, and recommended the closure be lifted in alignment with ISDA amended river closure.

25-37 Commission Roach moved, and Commissioner Harshbarger seconded a motion to lift the hunting, angling, and trapping closure on the Snake River between Pillar Falls and the Twin Falls hydro. Motion carried.

SEASON SETTING AND RULES

GMU 32A Mountain Lion Season

Rick Ward, State Wildlife Manager, presented information to clarify that the 2025-2026 mountain lion hunting seasons in GMU 32A published in the brochure were those intended for the Commission in their adoption of year-round mountain lion seasons without changes to hunting seasons.

25-38 Commissioner Ebert moved, and Commissioner Murphy seconded a motion to reflect in record that the GMU 32A mountain lion seasons for 2025 and 2026 are those presented in the published brochure, with dogs prohibited from July 1 to November 3, from November 10 to November 24, and from April 1 to June 30. Motion carried.

Authorization of Temporary Rule – IDAPA 13.01.08 Rules Governing the Use of Bait for Hunting Big Game Animals, Use of Bait by a Grizzly Bear Section, and Budget Update

Amber Worthington, Deputy Director, presented for adoption, temporary rule language that included when to report witnessing a grizzly bear over a black bear bait site, removal of the bear bait, and prohibition of hunting over that site for the remainder of the current hunting season.

25-39 Commissioner Cheirrett moved, and Commissioner Bobbitt seconded a motion to adopt the temporary rule, with the Governor's finding pursuant to IC 67-5226 that adoption of a temporary rule is appropriate to protect public safety and welfare, and to adopt the temporary rule 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. Motion carried.

Adjourn



Ron Davies
Chairman



Jim Fredericks
Secretary