

Meeting Date: November 17, 2017

Agenda Item: Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation Report and Selection of Fish and Game Commission Liaison to Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation

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Bureau Chief Approval: _____

Background: Commission has requested updates about the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation activities. In addition, the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation's (IFWF) Board of Directors has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Fish and Game and the Fish and Game Commission. A term of the MOU is that the Commission will designate a Commissioner who may attend IFWF board meetings as the liaison between IFWF and the Commission. The Commission designates a liaison annually. The current Liaison is Chairman Brad Corkill. Commissioners may serve consecutive years as liaison.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues: The Commission has the policy authority to define their relationship with the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation and to designate a liaison.

Public Involvement Process: Action of the Commission is a public process.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends a motion to designate a Commission liaison for 2018.

Justification: A Commission liaison is important for implementation of the MOU and relationship with the IFWF. Update about IFWF activities is routinely requested by the Commission.

UPDATE

1. The Foundation Board of Directors completed the purchase of the land for the Region 3 building September 29th. The Foundation Region 3 Ad Hoc committee is working through the process of hiring an architect and contractor for the project.
2. The 2017 Wildlife License Plate total revenue for FY 17 is \$918,915, with \$856,574 being directed to IFG non-game program. FY 16 revenue was \$877,890, with \$818,587 being directed to IFG non-game program.
3. The Foundation Grants and Distribution Committee approved the 2017 Competitive Grant Slate in the amount of \$50,000:
 - a. IDFG Watchable Wildlife Program-Wildlife Viewing Blind at Market Lake WMA (Reg.6)
 - b. IDFG K9 Team-Hot Dog Heat Alert System (All)
 - c. IDFG Selkirk Grizzly Bear Education Project (Region 1)
 - d. Idaho Dept. of Lands-Sinker Creek Redband Trout OHV Mitigation Project
 - e. Teton Regional Land Trust-Teton Creek Corridor Restoration & Enhancement Project
 - f. Snowdon Wildlife Sanctuary-Fence Panels for Bear Cub Enclosure
 - g. Idaho Chapter of American Fisheries Society-Anadromous Committee-The Stream of Dreams
 - h. Ponderosa State Park-Be the Bear Trail
 - i. Trout Unlimited Panhandle Chapter-Trout and About Festival
 - j. Trout Unlimited Reed Gillespie Chapter-Cascade-Strand Trail Habitat Enhancement
4. The next meeting of the Foundation's Board of Directors will be held in Boise, December 2nd-Holiday Inn Express (2610 E. Freeway Drive, Meridian, Idaho).