

BEFORE THE IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF RESIDENT and)	
NONRESIDENT FEE)	
DISCOUNTS FOR WILD TURKEY)	ORDER 17-XX
SPECIAL UNIT TAGS)	

On November 17, 2017, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission reviewed the status of resident and nonresident discounted turkey tags for use in Units 1, 2, 3, and 5 during fall general seasons, and in designated depredation hunts. These are referred to as Special Unit Tags. The Commission received the recommendation of the Wildlife Bureau Chief that continuing a discount for Special Unit turkey tags for use in the aforementioned units and hunts facilitates this hunting opportunity as an effective tool for managers to use in areas where turkey populations have exceeded social tolerance.

Further, the Commission reviewed the status of discounted resident Extra turkey tags, which is the second tag available for spring general hunt seasons that may be also used during the fall general seasons. The Commission received information from the Wildlife Bureau Chief that the discount for Extra Tags was not effective in meeting management goals for units where turkey populations were exceeding social tolerance, and a discount for resident Extra turkey tags was not necessary to encourage resident participation in turkey hunting.

Therefore, under the authority of Idaho Code Section 36-415, based on a finding of biological and public need to encourage participation in the hunting of wild turkeys in certain units and in depredation hunts statewide, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission hereby ORDERS the discount of resident and nonresident tag fees for wild turkey, applicable only for Special Unit Tags, to \$5.00, inclusive of vendor issuance fee, with tag use limited to the following locations and times:

- Units 1, 2, 3, and 5 during fall general seasons, and in any designated depredation hunt during the calendar year.

This Order shall be effective for tags sold for calendar years 2018 and 2019, commencing with 2018 tag sales on December 1, 2017 and in effect through December 31, 2019.

Virgil Moore
Secretary of the Commission