

**Meeting Date:** November 14, 2019

**Agenda Item No. 13**

**Agenda Item:** Moose Monitoring Update

**Bureau Chief Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Background:**

Staff will provide an update on our moose health surveillance and how we are using samples from hunter harvested moose. Staff will also update the Commission on moose research getting underway this winter. The update will include a description of hunter harvest kits and samples, and an overview of hunter participation based on samples collected through November 1. Staff will brief the Commission on plans for radio-collaring and monitoring moose starting this winter.

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

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission administers state wildlife policy through supervision and management of the Department (Idaho Code 36-104).

**Public Involvement Process:**

We have asked successful moose hunters to provide samples from their harvested moose during the 2019 hunting season to aid us in assessing moose health status.

**Justification:**

This agenda item is for Commission information on monitoring efforts and an update on plans for moose research.

**Staff Recommendation:**

No action is requested at this time. This agenda item is for Commission information.