

Meeting Date: September 15, 2020

Agenda Item No.2.

Agenda Item: Shooting hours for pheasant stocking areas where an Upland Game Bird Permit is required, 2020 **(Action)**

Bureau Chief Approval: TB

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Background:

Upland game bird, upland game animal, and furbearer seasons and bag and possession limits are set on even-numbered years and cover a two-year period. The purpose of this agenda item is to adopt shooting hours for areas where pheasants are stocked and an Upland Game Bird Permit is required to hunt or possess pheasant (IDAPA 13, Title 01, Chapter 09).

Proposed shooting hours for upland game birds on areas where an Upland Game Bird Permit is required are 10:00 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset, except for those areas in the Clearwater Region where shooting hours would be 8:00 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset.

The following is the list of areas, by region, where pheasant stocking has been approved for 2020:

Panhandle

- Boundary-Smith Creek WMA
- Couer d'Alene River WMA – Strobel and Lane Marsh parcels

Clearwater Region

- Palouse Youth-only area – Access Yes!
- Peterson Loop area – Access Yes!
- Genesee area – Access Yes!
- Craig Mountain WMA – Redbird Parcel

Southwest Region

- CJ Strike WMA
- Fort Boise WMA
- Montour WMA
- Payette WMA
- Roswell Marsh Wildlife Habitat Area, north of Highway 18

Magic Valley Region

- Bureau of Reclamation Tract F27 – Rupert
- Bureau of Reclamation Tract F28 – Acequia
- Niagara Springs WMA

Southeast Region

- Portneuf WMA
- Sterling WMA

Upper Snake Region

- Bureau of Land Management Lewisville Knolls parcel
- Cartier Slough WMA
- Market Lake WMA
- Mud lake WMA

Salmon Region

- Kirtley Creek area – Access Yes!
- Pahsimeroi River Wildlife Habitat Area

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

IDAPA 13.01.09.500 authorizes the Commission to designate alternative shooting hours by proclamation in locations requiring possession of an Upland Game Bird Permit.

Public Involvement Process:

No public involvement has occurred to date.

Justification:

Seasons are designed to manage Idaho's upland game, turkey, and furbearer resources for hunting and trapping opportunity while considering biological and sociological implications.

Staff Recommendation:

Suggested Motion: Commission adopt staff recommendations for shooting hours on areas where pheasants are stocked and an Upland Game Bird Permit is required to hunt or possess pheasant during fall 2020 seasons.