

**Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Quarterly Meeting
November 16-17, 2017
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
Magic Valley Regional Office
Jerome, Idaho**

November 16

Commission Field Trip: Moyle Mink & Tannery

Commissioners Brad Corkill, Dan Blanco, Blake Fischer, Greg Cameron, Lane Clezie, Derick Attebury and Jerry Meyers participated on the tour.

WORKSHOP

Fish and Wildlife Population Monitoring Workshop

Fisheries Population Monitoring

Fisheries Bureau, Jim Fredericks, Chief, Fisheries presented (Appendix 50, Exhibit 50).

Monitoring Wildlife Population

Wildlife Bureau, Jon Rachael and Mark Hurley presented (Appendix 50, Exhibit 51).

MISCELLANEOUS

Executive Session

17-108 Commissioner Attebury moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to hold an executive session under subsections b, c and f of Idaho Code Section 74-206.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Corkill, Blanco, Fischer, Cameron, Clezie, Attebury and Meyers.

17-109 Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to come out of executive session with no action taken. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Public Hearing

Chairman Clezie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with all Commissioners present. Chairman Clezie reviewed the rules of conduct for the hearing and stated that all public comments would be discussed by the Commission at the Friday, November 17 meeting. Department staff is available after the meeting to answer questions. Introduction of Director Moore and Department staff followed.

Commenters were: Alex Klimes, Russ Krause, Steve Gobel, Harry Wilcox, Jack Oyler, Rusty Kramer, Herb Meyr and Brett Dixon.

November 17

MISCELLANEOUS

Opening Comments

Chairman Clezie called the meeting to order with all Commissioners present.

Agenda Changes

Commissioner Blanco requested a discussion on livestreaming of commission meetings.

17-110 Commissioner Blanco moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to add a discussion agenda item regarding livestreaming of commission meetings. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Review of Public Comment

The Commission discussed and reviewed the comments from the public hearing. Director Moore noted that there were eight individuals who testified. There were a number of comments on the Sawtooth B tags and a need for a change, staff will continue to work on a solution to address the problem. Request to allow and expand wolf trapping in Unit 48 with an earlier opener to coincide to early fall coyote trapping. Wildlife staff will consider at the March 2018 meeting. Increase the hunting days in Unit 49 to allow more youth to hunt on the weekends. The fisheries staff will follow up on comments regarding Billingsley Creek and access.

Commissioner Cameron noted a conversation after the meeting with a Sun Valley outfitter who reported that in Units 45, 48 and 49 that only 10 of his clients were successful for deer harvest. Other commissioners noted reports of low deer harvest in their regions.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar

- Minutes July 26-27, August 25, October 2 and October 13, 2017
- Financial Report

17-111 Commissioner Attebury moved and Commissioner Fischer seconded a motion to approve the minutes presented in the consent calendar. All Commissioners voted in favor.

17-112 Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Meyers seconded a motion to approve the financial report listed in the consent calendar in a separate motion. All Commissioners voted in favor.

17-113 Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Cameron seconded a motion to approve the financial report as presented in the consent calendar. All Commissioners voted in favor.

LANDS

Croney Conservation Easement

Don Kemner, Wildlife Habitat Program Manager, reported that the Croney Conservation Easement includes two parcels of land. The 474-acre upland portion supports seasonal use by Sage- and Sharp-tailed Grouse as well as summer and winter range for Elk and Mule Deer. The second, an 80-acre parcel, is located on the valley floor and includes 0.6 miles of the Portneuf River. The easement will protect wildlife habitat, limit development, and will benefit the public by providing a permanent Public Fishing Access location. The Croney uplands stand out from surrounding lands because the sagebrush and bitterbrush stands are intact. The King Creek Grazing Association owns thousands of acres to the north and south of the Croney Property. Those acres are protected from development under an existing conservation easement. The Croney easement would complement the existing protected lands. The Croney conservation easement is currently in pasture. The Property is owned by Cohen Ellis Croney and Faye Ann Berdon.

This Conservation easement is a joint project with the Sagebrush Steppe Land Trust. IDFG will provide \$100,000 for the purchase price of the easement and \$37,000 of stewardship funds; the land trust will hold and monitor the easement.

This property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in January 2017.

17-114 Commissioner Meyers moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to adopt staff recommendation and approve funding of the conservation easement on the 554-acre Croney property for benefit of fishing access and habitat protection. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Market Lake Acquisition

This 342-acre property is located in Jefferson County, 2 miles Northwest of Roberts, Idaho. It is adjacent to Market Lake WMA and includes 2 ponds totaling 26 acres.

This acquisition in the historic lake bed will add the ability to continue management for waterfowl and waterbirds. Most importantly, the acquisition will improve the ability to use water levels on Market Lake WMA to manage habitat for waterfowl and water birds. Waterfowl and upland hunting is a big attraction in the area and this would add an additional 342 huntable acres. The addition of these acres and changes in management will also promote upland game such as pheasant and gray partridge. With the removal of the Russian olives and return to management of the property as a wet meadow, wildlife benefits should be significant. Ducks, shore and wading birds, upland birds and songbirds will all benefit.

A survey conducted in 2012 on Market Lake WMA found over 16,000 visitors and 78% of visitors are non-consumptive users. Wildlife viewing was the number one activity on the WMA and this could be expected to spill over to this property.

The property is currently in pasture and has no building or improvements.

This property was previously presented to the Commission during Executive Session in January 2016.

The acquisition cost is \$266,000 and is being funded by North American Wetland Conservation Act Grant (NAWCA).

17-115 Commissioner Attebury moved and Commissioner Fischer seconded a motion to adopt staff recommendation to proceed with the acquisition of the 342-acre Market Lake property. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Lambert Acquisition

The project involves the fee-title purchase of a 38.80-acre island located on the North Fork of the Coeur d'Alene River about five miles upstream of Enaville, Shoshone County, Idaho. The project will protect coldwater upwellings that occur in this reach of the river (identified by LiDAR survey) and provide seasonally important thermal refuge for fish (documented from telemetry research). The project protects mainstem river and side channel habitats for Westslope Cutthroat Trout and provides fishing access. The project will also protect an important cottonwood gallery and scrub-shrub wetlands. The island is appraised at \$85,000.00.

Acquisition would be fully-funded by Avista and the title would be held by IDFG. IDFG receives mitigation funding from Avista Corporation for impacts associated with Post Falls Dam. An emphasis of this program is protecting and enhancing habitat for native salmonids. Acquisition of this property is well-aligned with goals of the mitigation program, and this parcel has been identified as a high priority for conservation as part of the program.

The estimated annual operations and maintenance (O&M) costs are expected to be less than \$900.00. IDFG pays a fee in lieu of taxes (FILT) for all fee-title properties. The average FILT for properties acquired in Shoshone County is estimated at approximately \$4.33 per acre, for a total of approximately \$168.06 for the subject property.

This was a proposal presented to the Commission during Executive Session on July 27, 2017.

17-116 Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Meyers seconded a motion to adopt staff recommendations to proceed with completion of the Lambert land acquisition of the Lambert land acquisition for the benefit of fishing access and habitat protection. All Commissioners voted in favor

Season Setting and Rules

Sale of Sawtooth Nonresident Tags

Michael Pearson, Chief, Administration, presented.

Background: Due to very high demand and the resulting sales disruptions for the resident allocation of the Sawtooth Zone capped elk tag for 2015 and 2016, the Commission approved an alternative approach to sell these tags in 2017 on a first-come-first-serve basis. To provide options for an alternative sales procedure, in 2016 the Commission provided guidance to defer the traditional December 1 availability of the 2017 Sawtooth nonresident tags to ensure consistency with the Commission's decision in Spring, 2017 and nonresident sale of Sawtooth tags was deferred to 10 am Mountain Time on May 12th. Ultimately, the Commission decision was that while all other resident capped elk zone tags went on sale at 10 am MT on July 10th, the Sawtooth Zone resident elk tags went on sale on July 12th. One-half of the allocation was sold at vendors only starting at 10 am MT, and the remaining half sold **via internet only** at 1 pm MT. The Commission retains decision space to reconsider the sales of these tags for 2018.

With this sales regime, the Sawtooth Zone allocation of nonresident tags sold out in roughly 8 minutes. The total Sawtooth Zone allocation for nonresidents is 43A tags and 167B tags.

The *resident* Sawtooth Zone allocation is 496A tags, and 1,290B tags; and the 10 AM "Vendor Only" sale sold out in roughly 12 minutes, and the 1 pm "Internet only" sold out in about 15 minutes.

Preparations are under way to configure the license system for the 2018 hunting season, and the department's traditional practice is to offer all nonresident items, including over-the-counter tags, on December 1st, which includes capped elk zone tags such as the Sawtooth Zone. To provide the Commission decision space for consideration of the sales process for resident and nonresident Sawtooth Tags, staff proposes postponement of the sale of the Sawtooth Zone nonresident allocation to a date later than December 1, 2017.

17-117 Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Attebury seconded a motion to accept the staff recommendation that the sale of nonresident Sawtooth Zone capped elk tags be postponed pursuant to Commission decision about sales of resident tags. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Mr. Pearson reported that an email will be sent out to notify nonresidents of the change.

Sandhill Crane and Wild Turkey Tag Discounts

Jeff Knetter, Upland Game & Migratory Bird Coordinator presented the proposals.

Turkey Tags

There are three types of Turkey tags: General tags, Extra tags, and Special Unit tags. A *General tag* is valid for spring and fall general seasons and may also be used during spring or fall controlled hunts in combination with a controlled hunt permit. If the general tag is not used to harvest a Turkey during the spring season, it may be used in the fall season. The *Extra tag* is a

second tag available for use in spring or fall general hunt seasons; it may not be used currently for controlled hunts. A *Special Unit tag* is valid for the fall season in Game Management Units 1, 2, 3, or 5, and also for any designated Turkey depredation hunt in the state.

In 2004, the Commission discounted the price of resident Extra Turkey tags from \$19.75 to \$12.25 (including vendor fee) with the intent to increase hunting opportunity, reduce Turkey populations, and eliminate spring Controlled Hunt Turkey tags. The price of the nonresident Extra tags was not discounted. The Department sells approximately 1,400 Extra Turkey tags annually. Extra Turkey tags account for about 14% of the overall Turkey harvest. Nearly 75% of the harvest with Extra tags occurs in the Panhandle and Clearwater regions.

In 2008, the Commission discounted the price of Special Unit Turkey tags from \$19.75 to \$5.00 for residents, and from \$80.00 to \$5.00 for nonresidents, with the intent to reduce Turkey populations in Units 1, 2, 3, and 5, and in designated depredation hunts statewide. During fall 2015, hunters harvested nearly 700 Turkeys with Special Unit tags in the Panhandle Region.

Current 2017 season prices for resident and nonresident General, Extra, and Special Unit Turkey tags (including vendor fee):

| | Non-discounted statutory tag price | General Tag | Extra Tag (discounted) | Special Unit Tag (discounted) |
|-------------|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Resident | \$19.75 | \$19.75 | \$12.25 | \$5.00 |
| Nonresident | \$80.00 | \$80.00 | \$80.00 | \$5.00 |

Sandhill Crane Tags

Sandhill Crane tags have been available for sale over-the-counter, first-come, first-served since 2009, when they were converted from the Controlled Hunt application process. The Commission discounted Sandhill Crane tags from \$19.75 to \$15.00 for residents, and from \$67.50 to \$15.00 for nonresidents (including vendor fee), with the intent to increase hunting opportunity. Idaho receives an annual harvest allocation for Sandhill Cranes that is directed by the Pacific Flyway Council Rocky Mountain Population Crane Plan. As a result, the number of Crane tags available varies annually. Over the past 5 years, nonresidents have purchased approximately 19% of available tags.

Current 2017 season prices for resident and nonresident Sandhill Crane tags (including vendor fee):

| | Non-discounted statutory tag price | Sandhill Crane Tag (discounted) |
|-------------|---|--|
| Resident | \$19.75 | \$15.00 |
| Nonresident | \$67.50 | \$15.00 |

17-118 Commissioner Blanco moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to retain the current pricing including vendor fee for turkey tags for 2018 resident hunters who are priced locked, which will be \$19.75 for a resident general tag, \$12.25 for an extra tag, and \$5.00 for a special unit discounted tag. 2018 prices for residents not in Price Lock will be \$22.75 for general

turkey tags, \$12.25 for extra tags, and \$5.00 for special unit discounted tags. Nonresident turkey tag prices will be \$80.00 for nonresident general tags, \$80.00 for nonresident extra tags, and \$5.00 for special unit discounted tags. Motion carries 5 ayes, 2 nays.

17-119 Commissioner Fischer moved and Commissioner Meyers seconded a motion to not discount resident or nonresident sandhill crane tags. All Commissioners voted in favor.

Pending Rules

Deputy Director Kiefer provided a briefing on the public comments received and a copy of the Idaho Code process (Appendix 50, Exhibit 52). James Stoll, Deputy Attorney General reviewed the proposed rule dockets.

Public Input Review

Subsequent to Commission adoption of rules in August as "Proposed Rules", the rules were published in the October Administrative Bulletin, which provided opportunity for public input about the Proposed Rules to the Department from October 4 through 25.

Only five responses from four individuals were received as a result of publication of seven proposed rule dockets. Opposing comments are summarized as follows and are also attached:

Two individuals did not support rescinding the rule that requires pre-payment of the moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat tag fee at the time of application because they thought it would affect draw odds. Staff addressed this perception at the August Commission meeting.

One individual did not support: 1) including all of controlled hunt Area 11 for the Bighorn Sheep auction and lottery tags, 2) creating outfitter allocation in unlimited controlled hunts when a nonresident big game tag limitation is established, 3) reclassifying red squirrel, 4) revising the description of mandatory class for an archery hunt to match existing practices, and 5) deletion of telephone report for wolf harvest. Little rationale was offered except regarding reclassification of red squirrel, citing animal cruelty depictions on Snapchat.

Other comments in the five responses either supported the proposed rules or were outside the scope of the proposed rules.

Rules Governing Licensing

1) Docket No. 13-0104-1701, Proposed Rule: Revise provisions for Special Needs and Disabled Veteran Special Big Game Hunt Tags. Revision to put certain limitations on use of the special big game hunt tags, create an application and draw process when eligible applications exceed the number of tags, and to designate one disabled veterans special big game tag to the Idaho Division of Veterans Services to sponsor a resident applicant.

2) Docket No. 13-0104-1702, Temporary and Proposed Rule: Bighorn sheep Auction and Lottery Tag Restrictions related to Unit 11. Revision to include all of Controlled Hunt Area 11

for the bighorn sheep auction and lottery tags to be consistent with the general controlled hunt tag for this hunt.

3) Docket 13-0104-1703, Proposed Rule: Outfitter allocation flexibility for an unlimited controlled hunt. Revision of outfitter allocation rules to allow Commission flexibility to create an outfitter allocation of big game tags for an unlimited controlled hunt when a nonresident big game tag limitation is established.

Rules Governing Classification and Protection of Wildlife

4) Docket No. 13-0106-1701, Proposed Rule: Reclassification of Red Squirrel. Revision to reclassify Red Squirrel as an upland game animal.

Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals in the State of Idaho

5) Docket No. 13-0108-1704, Proposed Rule: Limit nonresidents in unlimited controlled hunts. Revision to allow Commission flexibility to proportionally limit the number of non-outfitted, nonresident big game tags allocated in an unlimited controlled hunt.

6) Docket No. 13-0108-1705, Proposed Rule: Revise tag pre-payment for certain species. Revision to rescind requirement that a hunter must pay the tag fee at the time of application for a moose, bighorn sheep, or mountain goat controlled hunt and to create a purchase deadline for first draw tags and a second draw process for unclaimed and leftover tags.

7) Docket No. 13-0108-1706, Proposed Rule: Multiple Revisions to reflect current process implementation and to remove unnecessary procedure. Revisions to delete reference to Supertag drawing for hunters that comply with Mandatory Report requirements, streamline mandatory hunter orientation process for controlled archery-only hunts, remove duplicate language regarding mandatory reports and update to reflect current reporting procedure, and to delete the mandatory requirement that successful wolf hunters must report wolf harvest with a telephone report.

17-120 Commissioner Blanco moved and Commissioner Brad Corkill seconded a motion to reject Rule Docket #6 Proposed Rule to revise tag pre-payment for certain species. All Commissioners voted in favor.

17-121 Commissioner Meyers moved and Commissioner Corkill seconded a motion to adopt as pending rules Dockets 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. All Commissioners voted in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS

Appointment Commission Representative to WAFWA

17-122 Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Meyers seconded a motion to appoint Derick Attebury as the Commission representative at WAFWA. All Commissioners voted in favor.

FISCAL

Revision to FY 19 Budget Request

Michael Pearson, Chief, Administration, introduced Katrine Franks, Governor's Office and Amber Christofferson, DFM.

Katrine Franks, Office of the Governor, reported to the Commission that Governor has reviewed the FY19 budget request and he will not grant spending authority for credit cards this year.

Mr. Pearson reported that during the July Commission meeting, the preliminary figures were presented for the FY19 budget request which was due to the Governor's Office by September 1. On August 25th, the Commission voted to approve the FY19 budget request which had minimal changes from July.

Since approval by the Commission and submission to the Governor, the department has become aware of budget items that needed to be added to this request (Appendix 50, Exhibit 53). This presentation updated the Commission on those specific items which were added to the FY19 revised budget request that was submitted to the Governor's Office by the October 31st deadline.

LEGISLATION

Legislative Update

Sharon Kiefer, Deputy Director provided an update. The Fish and Game sponsored proposal to expand recreational liability protections to parties who fund, maintain, improve, or hold conservation easement on lands made available for public recreational use without any direct charge is approved by the Governor's office. Currently, recreational liability protections are only afforded to a landowner, leased public land, or land subject to a conservation easement when there is no charge to the public.

The Commission will start the weekly legislative conference calls on Friday, January 26 at 8:00 MST.

FY18 Commission Challenge Grant Process Guidance

The Commission has expressed desire to use license funds to partner with their regional sportsman for various projects of mutual interest to further hunting, fishing, and trapping opportunities and benefit sportsmen. To support this endeavor, the Commission approved a FY18 budget enhancement of \$100,000, termed the Commission Challenge Grant, which was approved by the 2017 Legislature.

At the August Commission meeting, staff provided information about a previous Fish and Game Watershed Initiative challenge grant framework, which was administered through a competitive application process as an administrative example of elements to consider. The Commission had a brief discussion about various ways to administer Commission Challenge Grant funds and gave guidance to staff to provide a draft proposal.

Ms. Kiefer referenced a draft proposal in the commission agenda book for Commission consideration and for discussion. Commission direction is to proceed.

REPORTS

Update on Raincheck-Refund for 2017

The Commission has provided the Director delegation of authority for rainchecks and refunds in the interest of efficiency and customer service due to the frequency and fact specific nature of these requests.

The delegation *excludes* rainchecks or refunds for antlered Moose, Bighorn Sheep, or Mountain Goat tags except under certain condition, including the affiliated license; any controlled hunt tags awarded via auction or lottery, including Superhunt; and any controlled hunt tags for big game hunts that have drawing odds less than 5% as calculated by the total number of tags divided by the total number of first choice applicants.

Michael Pearson, Chief, Administration, provided the update for requests received during 2017 that fall within the Commission's delegated authority to the Director (Appendix 50, Exhibit 54).

Update about Nonresident Deer and Elk Tag Sales

In July 2017 the Commission voted to forego a discount on *second* nonresident elk and deer tags due to strong sales throughout the calendar year. At the time of this writing, nonresident elk tags have almost completely sold out and there were about 900 nonresident deer tags left with all tags selling at full price.

Michael Pearson provided the latest sales figures and trends for both nonresident deer and elk tags (Appendix 50, Exhibit 55).

2017 Upland Game Bird & Furbearer Briefing; Upland Game Management Plan

Jeff Knetter provided the report.

Upland game bird, upland game animal, and furbearer season dates, bag, and possession limits are set on even-numbered years and cover a two-year period. The purpose of this agenda item is to brief the Commission on upland game and furbearer status, the timeline for season-setting, and discuss preliminary proposals. The Commission will set Idaho's upland game bird, upland game animal, and furbearer seasons during the January 2018 Commission meeting.

Staff will also provide a timeline and overview for revision of the Department's upland game management plan. The Department last revised and implemented its upland game management plan in 1991. Goals of this revision are expected to focus on maintaining or increasing current populations, largely through habitat enhancement.

An Upland Game opinion survey will be initiated during spring 2018. Results of this survey will be used to identify key issues and guide direction of the revision. A draft Plan will be introduced.

to the Commission during summer 2018, and a completed draft Plan will be submitted to Commission members for review in the fall. Staff anticipates requesting feedback from the Commission on the draft Plan at their November 2018 meeting. Edits will be incorporated into the Plan and a 30-day public comment period will be held. Staff will request Commission review and action to approve the final Plan during their January 2019 meeting.

Informational Item on New iWILDS System

Michael Pearson, Chief, Administration reported that the current contract for the department's licensing system was awarded in 2006 and expires on February 28, 2018. In preparation, the department issued an RFP for a new license system vendor, and JMT of Maryland was awarded the contract in April of 2017. Since that time, both JMT and department licensing staff have been working together to develop and configure the new system in time for a March 2018 go-live.

Mr. Jeff Roberts, vice-president of JMT and the project manager, will be on site to give a brief presentation and demonstration of the new Point-of-Sale (POS) terminal and system.

Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation Report

Hilarie Engle, Foundation Development Coordinator provided the report.

17-122 Commissioner Corkill moved and Commissioner Meyers seconded a motion to appoint Blake Fischer as the Commission liaison for the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation.

Albeni Falls Wildlife Mitigation Agreement with Bonneville Power Administration

Chip Corsi, Regional Supervisor provided an update on Albeni Falls mitigation agreement.

Chronic Wasting Disease Surveillance and Response Plan Update

Toby Boudreau, Assistant Chief, Wildlife, reported that the Department has yet to detect Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Idaho, but we have been conducting surveillance for the disease annually since 1997. Since 1997, we have tested 15,900 samples from mule deer, white-tailed deer, elk and moose. In 2016, Department staff began revising the Chronic Wasting Disease Response Plan which was first written in 2002 and revised in 2010 and 2012.

The response plan revision will be a comprehensive document that includes updated background information on research and management on CWD, prevention, surveillance strategies for both pre and potentially post detection, potential management strategies for post detection and communication strategies.

As part of the response plan, revision staff will be developing recommendations for any new rules to address carcass transport and private winter feeding operations. Intent of any future transport rule proposals to the Commission will be to reduce the chance of CWD-infected materials being transported into or to other areas of the state. A feeding rule proposal to the Commission would specifically address private wildlife feeding in areas if CWD has been

detected. Other rule change concepts might be developed as the new response plan is developed. Mr. Boudreau stated that an update will be provided at the January 2018 Commission meeting. A summary and update on CWD were provided to the Commission (Appendix 50, Exhibit 56).

Transfer of Tags From Adults to Youth by Species

In 2012, House Bill 457 passed the legislature which allowed parents and grandparents to designate a controlled hunt tag or permit to a minor child or grandchild as prescribed by the rules of the Commission. The current statutory requirement that each person must possess a license proper to their residency was not modified by H457. The Commission proceeded to adopt proposed rules to implement H457 that included the designation had to stay within the residency (resident to resident, for example) to be consistent with Idaho Code 36-405 (c)1. The rules took effect in 2013. The rule allows an adult who draws a controlled hunt to transfer that tag to their minor child or grandchild. This applies to all species that have controlled hunts.

Some Commissioners have heard input from constituents suggesting that they should consider limiting the controlled hunt species, particularly designation restricting the once in a life time species (Moose, Mountain Goat, and Bighorn Sheep). Some of the public view the current rule as having an adverse effect on drawing odds for controlled hunt tags. It is difficult to ascertain whether that is necessarily true, but the total number of controlled hunt applications has increased to exceed all time sales over the past few years making the drawing for many hunts lower than a decade ago.

IDAPA 13.01.08 (h) is the rule for the designation of tags from adults to youth. Making changes to this rule requires the Commission to go through the rulemaking process. The current moratorium on rulemaking restricts the Commission ability to make rules during this time period. This moratorium extends until the end of the 2018 legislative session, at that time Commission could begin the rulemaking process to consider a change to the rule.

Commission consensus is for the Department to begin working on the process and bring a proposal back to the Commission for consideration.

MISCELLANEOUS

Set the 2018 Commission Calendar

The Commission discussed and agreed upon the following calendar for 2018:

- January 16-17, Boise
- March 21-22, Boise
- April 13 Conference Call
- May 9-10, McCall
- July 25-26, Idaho Falls
- November 13-14, Coeur d' Alene

Director's Report

Director Moore updated the Commission on Department happenings and the written report stands as written.

Director Moore provided a copy of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Interpretation of Rules Regarding Use of Bait for Take of Gary Wolf (Appendix 50, Exhibit 57) at the request of the Commission to provide guidance to staff from the Director's office.

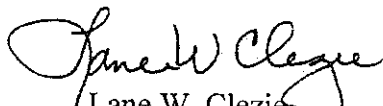
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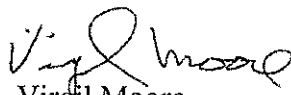
Each commissioner provided a brief report and referenced the written Commissioners report for a full report of each region (Appendix 50, Exhibit 58).

Planning for Next Meeting

The next commission meeting is scheduled for January 16 & 17, 2018 in Boise.

Adjournment


Lane W. Clezie
Chairman


Virgil Moore
Secretary