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## IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

### Distribution of Spawmed-Out and Excess Carcasses At Anadromous Fish Hatcheries POLICY NO.: F-1.0

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#### POLICY STATEMENT

Actions that result in the movement of anadromous fish or eggs must comply with appropriated state and federal policy. Accordingly, relevant permits must be secured prior to the distribution of any eggs or fish. All requests to move eggs or fish must be approved by the Fisheries Bureau Chief. Where it applies, actions that result in the movement of eggs or fish must also be consistent with language contained in current Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans (HGMP). **NO FISH EGGS OR FISH CARCASSES WILL BE SOLD FROM IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME ANADROMOUS FISH HATCHERIES.**

- A. Eggs collected from returning anadromous fish will be allocated in the following priority order:
  - 1. To meet hatchery production goals for the run supplying the eggs.
  - 2. To supply eggs for other Idaho programs.
  - 3. To supply eggs for other programs within the Columbia River Basin.
  - 4. To supply eggs for other programs outside the Columbia River Basin.
- B. Adult fish in excess of scheduled brood stock needs will be distributed in the following priority order:
  - 1. Released in specified waters while sport or Indian tribal fisheries are open.
  - 2. Released for natural spawning in specified waters consistent with planning documents.
  - 3. Distributed to Idaho Indian tribes for subsistence purposes.
  - 4. Distributed to other Indian tribes and non-profit charitable food distribution organizations.
  - 5. Distributed to the general public.
- C. Tribes, non-profit charitable organizations, or members of the general public must make prior arrangements with the Fisheries Bureau Chief or his designated representative prior to receiving fish carcasses and are responsible for preserving fish in a manner suitable for human consumption.
- D. Spawmed-out adults suitable for human consumption will be distributed in the following priority order:
  - 1. Idaho Indian tribes for subsistence purposes.
  - 2. Non-profit charitable organizations.
  - 3. General public.