

Legislative Proposal

Fee  
Increase  
\$

**Step 1** Fish and Game is asking the Legislature to increase most resident licenses, tags and fees between \$1 and \$6 starting in 2018.

**Step 2** The Fish and Game Commission will create a *Price Lock*, meaning Idahoans who consistently buy hunting, fishing and trapping licenses will not pay increased fees.

Idaho Fish & Game

# PRICE LOCK

**What are the advantages?** An exemption from the fee increase so long as you maintain a valid annual license.

**Who is eligible?** Idahoans with a valid 2017 license. This includes annual hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, sportsman packages and valid three-year licenses.

**How long will it last?** The Fish and Game Price Lock would remain in effect for at least five years.

**Why?** Roughly 30% of total license buyers purchase every year. Over 60% of license buyers purchase intermittently. If just 10% of those intermittent buyers purchased a license every year, Fish and Game revenue would increase \$1 Million annually and Fish and Game could keep license prices low.

**How would more Fish and Game revenue benefit sportsmen?** Provide more access to hunting and fishing opportunities, raise and stock more fish, improve and enhance shooting range opportunities and conduct more surveys to improve monitoring of big game populations.

**Why does Fish and Game need more revenue?** Since the last resident fee increase in 2005, the agency's operational costs have increased over 22% due to inflation. Idaho Fish and Game doesn't receive any general tax revenue.

When you buy your license, tags, and permits, you're investing in Idaho's fish and wildlife – making sure it is there the next time you go afield.



Hunting and fishing generates more than \$1 billion a year to Idaho's economy

## BUY A LICENSE EVERY YEAR!

For more information: [fishandgame.idaho.gov](http://fishandgame.idaho.gov)



- Idahoans love to hunt and fish.
- In the last couple of years, 1 in 2 adults fished and 1 in 3 hunted.

**But, not everybody  
hunts and fishes every year.**

**If more Idahoans purchased their licenses each year whether they use it or not, Fish and Game could keep license fees low.**



$$\times \$12 = \$36$$



$$\times \$10 = \$60$$

That's why we're trying something new...

## *If Price Lock is approved, Fish and Game will...*

- Modernize hatcheries and increase production
- Conduct more population surveys; radio collar more deer and elk
- Spend more to improve and maintain public shooting ranges
- Improve website and communication with sportsmen
- Open more land to hunting, fishing and trapping
- Increase fish & wildlife predation management and control of noxious weeds

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**PRICE  
LOCK**

*Buying a license every year is an investment  
in Idaho's Fish and Wildlife!*

