Who We Are

Idaho Fish and Game is a state executive agency. Our seven-member commission is appointed by the governor. The commission administers the state’s wildlife policy and hires the director.

Fish and Game has about 558 full-time employees that include conservation officers, wildlife and fisheries biologists, conservation educators, engineers, information technology, public relations, customer service and administrative professionals.

Our headquarters is located in Boise with seven regional offices and one subregional office throughout the state. We work with hunters, anglers, landowners and wildlife enthusiasts statewide.

What We Do

We manage, conserve and enhance fish and wildlife resources and provide opportunity for hunting, fishing, trapping and other wildlife-related activities.

Every year, we:

• Enforce fish and game laws in urban, rural and backcountry environments.
• Provide harvest opportunity for more than 70 wildlife species.
• Provide diverse angling opportunities for about 40 species of game fish.
• Operate 10 fish hatcheries that produce trout for stocking in Idaho waters and 10 salmon and steelhead hatcheries.
• Build and maintain more than 350 fishing and boating access sites.
• Manage habitat on 32 wildlife management areas and assist private landowners and public land managers on 83,000 square miles of habitat.
• Certify more than 11,000 new hunters and bowhunters annually
• Provide educational programs for about 200,000 children and adults annually.

How You Help

The Idaho Fish and Game receives no money from State taxes to manage Idaho’s wildlife. Funding relies on the sale of licenses and tags, federal excise taxes on hunting and fishing equipment, and federal and private grants and donations.

You provide our agency’s funding every time you:

• Buy a hunting, fishing or trapping license.
• Buy wildlife license plates.
• Volunteer.
• Check off the Nongame Wildlife Conservation Fund donation box on the Idaho state income tax form.
• Donate to the Idaho Fish & Wildlife Foundation at www.ifwf.org/donate.
Idaho’s 2015 hunting season was one for the record books. The white-tailed deer harvest was the highest ever recorded and mule deer and elk hunters had the best success in a decade.

Deer hunters had a 43 percent success rate in general season hunts and 61 percent success rate in controlled hunts.

Elk hunters had a 22 percent success rate in general season hunts and a 46 percent success rate in controlled hunts.

As Idaho Fish and Game director, I am happy for hunters and proud of our staff. We have worked hard to bring predator and prey populations into better balance, and to improve habitat both for wildlife and for fisheries. These goals are outlined in the Idaho Fish and Game 2015 Strategic Plan, designed to better focus on improving hunting, fishing and trapping.

While we enjoy the benefits of healthy wildlife populations, we also have to be mindful that more animals on the landscape can cause problems for many farmers and ranchers whose crops and livelihoods are threatened by wildlife depredation. That is why Idaho Fish and Game is working hard to mitigate wildlife caused damages to private property. In 2016, the agency spent $450,000 to build 100 stack yards throughout Idaho and another $360,000 to compensate landowners for damages. We have also increased harvest of antlerless animals and are hiring seasonal staff to help prevent wildlife depredation problems.

Because some of Idaho’s most valuable wildlife habitat is located on private land, Idaho Fish and Game is recognizing landowners who conserve habitat by issuing more Landowner Appreciation Program tags. Large landowners are now receiving multiple LAP tags based on their contributions to wildlife conservation.

Resident and nonresident license sales are the strongest they’ve been since before the great recession, but we simply do not have enough resources to continue to proactively deal with various demands—from responding effectively to crop depredations and providing excellent hunting, fishing and trapping opportunities, to keeping various species off the Endangered Species Act list.

That is why Idaho Fish and Game will bring its Price Lock proposal back before lawmakers in 2017. A dozen years have passed since Idaho residents last saw their license fees increase. None of us like to pay higher fees but most of us recognize how important responsive, professional wildlife management is and we need to be able to keep our momentum going and continue to serve the hunters, anglers and trappers and the citizens of Idaho to the best of our ability.

I invite you to learn more about the Price Lock proposal by visiting the Idaho Fish and Game website at: https://idfg.idaho.gov/

Thank you for supporting Idaho Fish and Game and wildlife conservation in Idaho and I wish you great hunting, fishing and trapping in 2017.

Virgil Moore
Director
Idaho Wildlife Policy

“All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall be only captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of this state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping.”

— Idaho Code Section 36-103

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McCall Subregion.................................208-634-8137
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324 S 417 E; Suite #1, Jerome ID 83338
Southeast Region .........................208-232-4703
1345 Barton Rd., Pocatello ID 83204
Upper Snake Region .........................208-525-7290
4279 Commerce Circle, Idaho Falls ID 83401
Salmon Region .........................208-756-2271
99 Highway 93 N., Salmon ID 83467

To Buy a License, Tag or Permit:

- In person, go to any Idaho Fish and Game office or license vendor.
- By credit card, within the United States call 1-800-554-8685. Outside the U.S., use the Internet or mail.
- From your computer or mobile device, go to idfg.idaho.gov. A service fee is added for online and telephone transactions.
- Commercial licenses and tags, duplicate tags, documents that require proof of disability, lifetime licenses, and bear baiting permits may be purchased only at Fish and Game offices.

To report wildlife crimes, call Citizens Against Poaching at 1-800-632-5999.

Emergency information can be relayed to Fish and Game personnel through any Idaho law enforcement agency.

Other Information Numbers

Rules booklets, nonresident license applications: 208-334-3700
U. S. Forest Service:
Southern Idaho ............................................www.fs.usda.gov/r4
Northern Idaho ............................................www.fs.usda.gov/r1
Bureau of Land Management: .........................www.blm.gov/id
Idaho Relay Service (TDD) .........................1-800-377-3529

For more information on laws in this rule book, visit the Idaho Administrative Procedures Act at http://adminrules.idaho.gov.

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Costs associated with this publication are available from IDFG in accordance with Section 60-202, Idaho Code.

Information in this brochure summarizes rules and is an official proclamation of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for the taking of wildlife and/or fish. The official rules are available from the Office of Administrative Rules, Department of Administration, Statehouse Mail, Boise, ID 83720, and may be reviewed in some libraries. Maps are for general reference only.
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WHAT’S NEW

• You can now possess 3-times the daily bag limit while in the field or in transit after the second day of the season
• Minimum bass length is now 14” in the Southeast Region except where noted
• There is no minimum bass length limit in the Upper Snake Region except where noted
• Includes Steelhead and Salmon Rules

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Idaho Falls

Pocatello

Jerome

McCall

Salmon

Nampa

Lewiston

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1. Find the region where you plan to fish

2. Find the regional fishing season dates

3. Find your fish species and bag limit

4. See if the water you want to fish is listed under Special Rule Waters

5. Turn the page for details on Special Rule Waters

Información Importante
Este libro incluye información importante acerca de las leyes de pesca de Idaho. Usted puede ser multado o encarcelado si viola estas leyes. Por favor, encuentra alguien que lea inglés para explicar la información en este libro.
### FREE FISHING DAY!

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
(No license required)

- How-to clinics
- Tackle available
- Questions answered
- Skills development

**Saturday, June 10, 2017 & June 9, 2018**

For more information, contact the Fish and Game office nearest you.

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**PROXY STATEMENT** *(To transport fish taken by another person)*

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