

Dear Senators BURTENSHAW, Adams, Semmelroth, and  
Representatives MENDIVE, Shepherd, Burns:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the  
Department of Fish and Game:

IDAPA 13.00.00 - Establishing Seasons and Limits for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Idaho -  
Notice of Adoption of Proclamation (Docket No. 13-0000-2400P).

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the  
cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research  
and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative  
Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 05/20/2024. If a meeting is  
called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis  
from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 06/17/2024.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a  
proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement,  
and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has  
been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4854, or send a written request to the address on the  
memorandum attached below.



**Terri Kondeff**  
Director

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Resources & Environment Committee and the House Resources & Conservation Committee

**FROM:** Deputy Division Manager - Katharine Gerrity

**DATE:** May 1, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Department of Fish and Game

IDAPA 13.00.00 - Establishing Seasons and Limits for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Idaho - Notice of Adoption of Proclamation (Docket No. 13-0000-2400P)

#### Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule

The Fish and Game Commission submits notice of Proclamations for calendar year 2024 establishing seasons and limits for hunting, fishing, and trapping in Idaho. According to the commission, current/scheduled proclamations of the commission include:

- **Big Game:** elk, deer (mule and white-tailed), mountain lion, black bear, pronghorn, gray wolf The proclamation adopted by the commission for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 big game hunting seasons includes black bear seasons through July 2025 and gray wolf and mountain lion seasons through June 2025.

- **Grizzly Bear:** At a January 25, 2024 (public hearing January 24, 2024) meeting, the commission adopted a proclamation clarifying how it would use its discretion to open and close seasons, prohibit harvest of adult bears accompanied by young, and otherwise set numeric limits for the take of grizzly bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem should the commission authorize harvest after delisting. Currently there is no open season for grizzly bear and grizzly bears remained a listed species in Idaho.

- **Big Game:** moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat (once-in-a-lifetime big game species) 2023-2024 seasons were set at the commission's quarterly meeting on January 26, 2023 (public hearing January 25, 2023).

- **Migratory Game Birds** The proclamation adopted by the commission for 2023-2024 seasons include waterfowl seasons through March 2024. 2024-2025 season setting is scheduled for commission action on a conference call in April.

- **Upland Game, Furbearer, Falconry, Upland (non-migratory) Game Birds:** turkey, pheasant, grouse (except sage grouse), quail, partridge The proclamation adopted by the commission for 2023-24 includes upland game bird seasons through January 2024, upland game animal and falconry seasons through March 2024, and furbearer seasons through June 2024. 2024-2025 season setting took place at the commission's quarterly meeting on January 25, 2024 (public hearing January 24, 2024). There the commission adopted the 2024-2025

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proclamation for seasons and limits for upland game animals, upland game birds (including turkey), furbearers, and falconry.

- Sage Grouse 2024 season setting is scheduled for commission action on July 23, 2024 (public hearing July 22, 2024).

- Fishing (except for spring/summer chinook salmon) The proclamation adopted for 2022-2024 seasons includes fishing seasons (except for spring/summer chinook salmon) through December 31, 2024. 2025-2026 season setting is scheduled for commission action on November 7, 2024 (public hearing November 6, 2024).

- Spring/summer Chinook Salmon Spring/summer chinook salmon season setting is scheduled for commission action on March 20, 2024 (public hearing March 19, 2024).

- Peregrine Falcon Capture (for falconry use) The proclamation adopted by the commission for the 2022-2024 Peregrine Falcon capture season includes a season scheduled through August of 2024. The 2024-2026 season setting for peregrine capture is scheduled for the quarterly commission meeting on March 20, 2024 (public hearing March 19, 2024).

### **Negotiated Rulemaking / Fiscal Impact**

Not applicable.

### **Statutory Authority**

Section 36-105(3), Idaho Code, provides that the Department of Fish and Game shall be excepted from the requirements of rulemaking when adopting, repealing, or amending any proclamations relating to the setting of various seasons and limits, provided it publishes notice of such proposed proclamations in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin and provides notice to Legislative Services for review by the germane joint subcommittees as soon as possible after adoption by the commission.

cc: Department of Fish and Game  
Amber Worthington

### **\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\***

Per the Idaho Constitution, all administrative rules may be reviewed by the Legislature during the next legislative session. The Legislature has 3 options with this rulemaking docket: **1)** Approve the docket in its entirety; **2)** Reject the docket in its entirety; or **3)** Reject the docket in part.

**IDAPA 13 – IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**  
**ESTABLISHING SEASONS AND LIMITS FOR HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING IN IDAHO**  
**DOCKET NO. 13-0000-2400P1**  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

**AUTHORITY:** As authorized by Section 36-104, Idaho Code, and in compliance with Sections 36-105(3), Idaho Code, the Commission adopts proclamations establishing seasons and limits for hunting, fishing, and trapping in Idaho.

**AVAILABILITY OF OFFICIAL PROCLAMATIONS:** Hunters, anglers, and trappers are advised to consult the text of the Commission’s official proclamation before hunting, fishing, or trapping. Current versions of Commission proclamations are available on-line at <https://idfg.idaho.gov/rules>, with print versions available at Idaho Department of Fish and Game offices and license vendors.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE:** The [Commission meeting schedule](#) and meeting agendas are available on-line at Commission Meeting Schedule, with opportunities for public comment generally scheduled at its January, March, May, July, and November meetings.

Current/scheduled proclamations of the Commission include:

- **Big Game:** elk, deer (mule and white-tailed), mountain lion, black bear, pronghorn, gray wolf

The proclamation adopted by the Commission for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 big game hunting seasons includes black bear seasons through July 2025 and gray wolf and mountain lion seasons through June 2025.

- **Grizzly Bear:** At a January 25, 2024 (public hearing January 24, 2024) meeting, the Commission adopted a proclamation clarifying how it would use its discretion to open and close seasons, prohibit harvest of adult bears accompanied by young, and otherwise set numeric limits for the take of grizzly bear in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem should the Commission authorize harvest after delisting. Currently there is no open season for grizzly bear and grizzly bears remained a listed species in Idaho.
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2023-2024 seasons were set at the Commission’s quarterly meeting on January 26, 2023 (public hearing January 25, 2023).

- **Migratory Game Birds**

The proclamation adopted by the Commission for 2023-2024 seasons include waterfowl seasons through March 2024.

2024-2025 season setting is scheduled for Commission action on a conference call in April.

- **Upland Game, Furbearer, Falconry, Upland (non-migratory) Game Birds:** turkey, pheasant, grouse (except sage grouse), quail, partridge

The proclamation adopted by the Commission for 2023-24 includes upland game bird seasons through January 2024, upland game animal and falconry seasons through March 2024, and furbearer seasons through June 2024.

2024-2025 season setting took place at the Commission’s quarterly meeting on January 25, 2024 (public hearing January 24, 2024). There the Commission adopted the 2024-2025 proclamation for seasons and limits for upland game animals, upland game birds (including turkey), furbearers, and falconry.

- **Sage Grouse**

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The proclamation adopted for 2022-2024 seasons includes fishing seasons (except for spring/summer chinook salmon) through December 31, 2024.

2025-2026 season setting is scheduled for Commission action on November 7, 2024 (public hearing November 6, 2024).

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- **Peregrine Falcon Capture** (for falconry use)

The proclamation adopted by the Commission for the 2022-2024 Peregrine Falcon capture season includes a season scheduled through August of 2024.

The 2024-2026 season setting for peregrine capture is scheduled for the quarterly Commission meeting on March 20, 2024 (public hearing March 19, 2024).

As provided in Sections 36-104 and 36-105, Idaho Code, the Commission retains authority to issue proclamations for additional species, amend existing proclamations, and adjust the above schedule as circumstances warrant. As provided in Section 36-106, Idaho Code, the Director has authority to close seasons or reduce bag or possession limits as circumstances may warrant and to open seasons to protect property from wildlife damage or for salvage.

**ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:** For assistance on technical questions concerning the proclamation, contact Owen Moroney at (208) 334-3715.