## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## HOUSE BILL NO. 232

## BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

## AN ACT

- RELATING TO FISH AND GAME; AMENDING SECTION 36-402, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A 2 PROVISION REGARDING LICENSES, CONFIDENTIALITY, AND MARKETING; AMEND-3 ING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 36, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 4 5 36-408A, IDAHO CODE, TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS REGARDING DEER AND ELK TAGS; AMENDING SECTION 36-408, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARD-6 ING ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN TAGS; AMENDING SECTION 36-401, IDAHO CODE, 7 TO PROVIDE CORRECT CODE REFERENCES; AMENDING SECTION 36-409, IDAHO 8 CODE, TO PROVIDE CORRECT CODE REFERENCES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL COR-9 RECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 36-2107, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS 10 REGARDING THE IDAHO OUTFITTERS GUIDES AND LICENSING BOARD'S POWERS AND 11 DUTIES; AMENDING SECTION 36-2116, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE 12 REFERENCE; REPEALING SECTION 36-2120, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO THE DES-13 IGNATION OF ALLOCATED TAGS; AMENDING SECTION 36-2102, IDAHO CODE, TO 14 15 REMOVE DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 36-2102, IDAHO CODE, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 55, CHAPTER 86, LAWS OF 2024, TO REMOVE DEFINITIONS; AND DECLAR-16 ING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES. 17
- 18 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

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19 SECTION 1. That Section 36-402, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 20 amended to read as follows:

36-402. LICENSES -- AUTHORITY -- LIMITATIONS -- CONFIDENTIALITY --21 22 MARKETING. (1) The licenses mentioned in this chapter shall entitle the 23 person to whom issued to take such wildlife as may be authorized by said license, subject to the limitations set forth under this title and commission 24 regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. Except as otherwise provided by 25 law relating to the release of information to a governmental entity or law 26 enforcement agency, any personal information including, but not limited 27 to, names, personal and business addresses and phone numbers, sex, height, 28 weight, date of birth, social security and driver's license numbers, or any 29 other identifying numbers and/or information related to any Idaho fish and 30 game licenses, permits and tags shall be confidential and not subject to dis-31 closure pursuant to the provisions of chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code, unless 32 33 written consent is obtained from the affected person.

34 (2) The department shall provide an opt-in method for deer and elk tag
 35 applicants to consent, pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, to mar 36 keting of services by outfitters licensed pursuant to chapter 21, title 36,
 37 Idaho Code.

38 SECTION 2. That Chapter 4, Title 36, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
 39 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a <u>NEW SECTION</u>, to be known and des 40 ignated as Section 36-408A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

1 36-408A. DEER AND ELK TAGS LIMITED FOR NONRESIDENTS -- SALE OF TAGS TO 2 RESIDENTS AT NONRESIDENT PRICES. (1) It is the intent of the legislature to 3 improve deer and elk hunting opportunities for residents by limiting non-4 resident participation with a net neutral effect to the substantial revenue 5 that has historically been collected by the department from sales of deer and 6 elk tags and licenses that are priced higher for nonresidents than for resi-7 dents.

(2) For the purposes of this section:

9 (a) "Capped hunt" means a hunt framework for which the commission has
10 set a limit on the total number of tags available to residents and non11 residents by game management zone, unit, or other hunt area. Tags in a
12 capped hunt are available to residents over the counter, without a draw13 ing by lot, and are available to nonresidents either over the counter or
14 by drawing by lot.

(b) "Controlled hunt" means a hunt framework for which the commission
has set a limit on the total number of tags available to residents and
nonresidents in a drawing by lot by game management zone, unit, or other
hunt area.

"Nonresident-limited/resident-unlimited" means a framework for 19 (C) which the commission has set a limit on the number of tags available to 20 21 nonresidents but has not set a limit on the number of tags available to residents. Tags in this hunt framework are available to residents over 22 the counter and are available to nonresidents either over the counter 23 or by drawing by lot. The commission may set nonresident tag limits 24 pursuant to this paragraph by game management zone, unit, or other hunt 25 area that may be divisions of the hunt area in which resident tags may be 26 27 used.

Beginning with hunting licenses and deer and elk tags sold for 28 (3) use in calendar year 2027, not more than ten percent (10%), rounded to the 29 nearest whole percent, of the total tags for each capped hunt, controlled 30 hunt, and nonresident-limited/resident-unlimited hunt, pursuant to com-31 mission proclamation by game management zone, unit, or other hunt area, may 32 be available for sale to nonresidents. The commission shall estimate the 33 total number of tags available to nonresidents for nonresident-limited/res-34 ident-unlimited hunts based on historic use. 35

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(4) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

(a) Tags for which eligibility is based on private landowner's designation or permission, as authorized by statute, rule, proclamation, order, or other authorization to control depredation;

40 (b) Tags purchased by lifetime license certificate holders who are no
41 longer Idaho residents or by persons establishing Idaho residency that
42 are not yet qualified to purchase a resident license;

(c) Free tags to minor children with life-threatening medical conditions, military veterans with disabilities, or governor's wildlife
partnership tags, each of which may be issued pursuant to section
36-408, Idaho Code; and

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(d) Nonresident junior mentored tags.

(5) The commission may set aside annually and reserve for sale to hold ers of nonresident disabled veteran licenses nonresident disabled veteran
 deer and elk tags at fees provided in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for use in

nonresident-limited/resident-unlimited hunts, not to exceed five hundred (500) tags for deer and three hundred (300) tags for elk. Such nonresident disabled veteran tags shall be excluded from the provisions of this section. Holders of nonresident disabled veteran licenses shall be eligible to purchase deer and elk tags at the regular nonresident tag fees provided in section 36-416, Idaho Code, and subject to regular nonresident limits.

(6) For capped hunts in which tags were available for sale to nonresi-7 dents directly and via allocation of nonresident tags to outfitted hunters 8 in excess of ten percent (10%) of total tags prior to January 1, 2027, the 9 10 commission may authorize a number of tags, not more than the number of tags 11 previously available in excess of ten percent (10%), for sale to residents as a first tag at the nonresident tag prices provided in section 36-416, Idaho 12 Code, with total tag numbers for the hunt to remain within the limits set by 13 the commission. 14

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, if the respective
statewide quota set by the commission for nonresident deer or elk tags has
not been met by July 31, the commission may authorize the sale of tags at the
nonresident tag fee provided in section 36-416, Idaho Code, as follows:

(a) To nonresidents as first or second tags for capped hunts if the to tal tag limit set by the commission for the hunt has not been met or for
 nonresident-limited/resident-unlimited if the nonresident limit has
 not been met; and

(b) To residents as second tags for use in the same manner as a resident
tag in a capped hunt if the total tag limit set by the commission has not
been met or in a nonresident-limited/resident-unlimited hunt.

(8) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, in controlled
hunts with fewer than ten (10) total tags available, a single tag may be
available for drawing by nonresidents.

(9) The commission is authorized to promulgate rules, subject to legislative approval, necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
The commission may prescribe whether sales to nonresidents for capped hunts
and nonresident-limited/resident-unlimited hunts are over the counter or by
drawing by lot, subject to controlled hunt application fees as provided in
section 36-416, Idaho Code.

(10) Upon a finding by the commission that sales of hunting licenses and 35 deer and elk tags pursuant to this section are generating less revenue than 36 was generated previously by nonresident participation at levels above ten 37 percent (10%) and that department operations are negatively impacted, the 38 39 commission is authorized, for tag sales for calendar year 2029 or later, to issue an order to restore a level of nonresident participation to not more 40 than the statewide nonresident tag quotas set by rule. The commission shall 41 give notice of any such order to the director of the legislative services of-42 fice for review by the germane joint subcommittee as soon as possible after 43 adoption by the commission. 44

45 SECTION 3. That Section 36-408, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 46 amended to read as follows:

36-408. COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY -- TAGS -- PERMITS -- NONRESIDENTS
 LIMITED -- OUTFITTERS SET-ASIDE. (1) Tags and Permits -- Method of Use. The
 commission is hereby authorized to prescribe the number and kind of wildlife

that may be taken under authority of the several types of tags and permits provided for in this title and the manner in which said tags and permits shall be used and validated. All Idaho wolf tags will be valid for hunting, trapping, and snaring in any unit when seasons are open at the time of take. There shall be no limit to the number of wolf tags that an individual can purchase. All appropriate fish and game education requirements must be met.

7 (2) Limit -- Licenses, Tags or Permits -- Controlled Hunts. The commis8 sion is hereby authorized to establish a limit annually as to the number of
9 each kind and class of licenses, tags, or permits to be sold or issued and is
10 further authorized to limit the number or prohibit entirely the participa11 tion by nonresidents in controlled hunts.

(3) Outfitted Hunter Tags Set-Aside. When the commission establishes a
 limit as to the number of nonresident deer tags and nonresident elk tags, it
 shall set aside, when setting big game seasons, in a statewide pool, a maxi mum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the nonresident deer tag and nonresident
 elk tag limit. These tags may be allocated to the outfitted hunters in capped
 hunts and controlled hunts and set aside for outfitted hunter use in general
 hunts.

Such outfitted allocated set-aside tags shall be separate from the tag numbers set for residents and nonresidents in each capped or controlled hunt, unit, or game management area. The set-aside tags shall be sold pursuant to commission rule, only to persons that have entered into a signed agreement for that year to utilize the services of an outfitter licensed pursuant to chapter 21, title 36, Idaho Code.

25 In order for a person to purchase any set-aside nonresident deer tag or nonresident elk tag, that person's outfitter must submit an application with 26 the proper fees as required by the director. If any nonresident deer tags or 27 nonresident elk tags set aside for use in general hunts pursuant to this sub-28 section are unsold by July 15 of the year in which they were set aside, they 29 may be sold by the department to the general public pursuant to commission 30 31 rule. If any nonresident deer tags or nonresident elk tags set aside as general capped allocated tags pursuant to this subsection are unsold by July 31 32 of the year in which they were set aside, they may be sold by the department to 33 34 the general public pursuant to commission rule.

35 The commission may promulgate all necessary rules to implement the pro-36 visions of this subsection.

(4) Deer and Elk Tag Allocation. When setting big game seasons, if the commission limits the number of deer or elk tags available for use in any game management area, unit, or zone, the commission may allocate by rule, where there are outfitted operations, a number of deer and elk tags from the outfitted hunter set-aside pool of tags for use by hunters that have entered into a signed agreement for that year to utilize the services of an outfitter licensed pursuant to chapter 21, title 36, Idaho Code.

In addition to rules promulgated by the commission regarding allocation, or pursuant to this section, in capped hunts the commission may allocate the number of outfitted hunter elk and deer tags based on the highest number within each of the last two (2) years of all elk or deer tags using the services of an outfitter in each capped hunt. Any additional tags above the original outfitted hunter tag quota may come from the nonresident outfitted hunter set-aside pool or the nonresident quota in the capped hunt, not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the nonresident quota for each capped hunt. In capped hunts, when tag numbers change for all users, they will apply proportionally to all user groups.

In controlled hunts, the commission may allocate the number of outfit-4 5 ted hunter elk or deer tags based on a number compiled from each outfitter's highest year within the last two (2) years of all elk or deer tags using 6 the services of an outfitter for each controlled hunt. Any additional tags 7 above the original outfitted hunter tag quota may come from the nonresident 8 outfitted hunter set-aside pool or the nonresident quota in the controlled 9 hunt, not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of the nonresident quota for each 10 11 controlled hunt.

Outfitted hunter tag use history will be provided through records from the sale of outfitted hunter tags compiled by the Idaho department of fish and game and verified use other than allocated tags recorded with the department by December 20 by outfitters. The department shall distribute the allocated outfitted tags through its point-of-sale machines.

Beginning December 1, 2020, all outfitted deer and elk tag use shall be verified in order to qualify for allocated outfitted hunter tag use history. Verification consists of the purchase of allocated tags from the Idaho department of fish and game or the use of an outfitter-provided agreement, including the tag number that is recorded with the department.

All big game tags used in allocated outfitted hunts must be recorded by outfitters with the department by December 20 each year. An administrative fee of five dollars (\$5.00) shall be assessed for each allocated outfitted big game tag sold or exchanged at a point-of-sale machine. An administrative fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) shall be assessed for each big game tag submitted for verification as being outfitted.

28 The allocated tags shall be designated by the Idaho outfitters and 29 guides licensing board to those authorized outfitting operations licensed 30 for elk and deer hunting for the use by the outfitted hunter, pursuant to 31 section 36-2107(h), Idaho Code.

32 Those tags not qualified for allocated tag use history include emer-33 gency depredation, landowner appreciation program hunts, or meat packing 34 without an outfitted allocated deer or elk tag.

35 The commission may promulgate all necessary rules to implement the pro-36 visions of this subsection.

37 (5) (3) Special Game Tags. The commission is hereby authorized to issue
 38 two (2) special bighorn sheep tags per year.

(a) Auction bighorn sheep tag. One (1) special bighorn sheep tag shall 39 be auctioned off by an incorporated nonprofit organization dedicated 40 to wildlife conservation selected by the commission. The tag shall be 41 issued by the department of fish and game to the highest eligible bid-42 der. No more than five percent (5%) of all proceeds for the tag may be 43 retained by the organization. The tag to be issued pursuant to this 44 subsection shall be taken from the nonresident bighorn sheep tag quota. 45 The net proceeds shall be forwarded to the director for deposit in the 46 47 fish and game expendable trust account and shall be used for bighorn sheep research and management purposes. Moneys raised pursuant to this 48 subsection may not be used to transplant additional bighorn sheep into 49 that portion of southwest Idaho south of the Snake river and west of U.S. 50

highway no. 93, nor for litigation or environmental impact statements 2 involving bighorn sheep. No transplants of bighorn sheep accomplished with moneys raised pursuant to this subsection shall occur in any area 3 until hearings are conducted in the area. Provided however, that none of the proceeds generated from the auction of bighorn sheep tags pursuant to this paragraph be used to purchase or acquire private property or federally managed grazing permits, nor shall any proceeds generated be used for matching funds for the purchase of private property or the retirement or the acquisition of federally managed grazing permits. 9

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(b) Lottery bighorn sheep tag. The commission is also authorized to 10 issue one (1) special bighorn sheep tag, which will be disposed of by 11 lottery. The lottery permit can be marketed by the department of fish 12 and game or a nonprofit organization dedicated to wildlife conservation 13 selected by the commission. The tag will be issued by the department of 14 fish and game to an eligible person drawn from the lottery provided in 15 16 this subsection. No more than twenty-five percent (25%) of gross revenue can be retained for administrative costs by the organization. All 17 net proceeds for the tag disposed of by lottery pursuant to this subsec-18 tion shall be remitted to the department and deposited in the fish and 19 game expendable trust account. Moneys in the account from the lottery 20 bighorn sheep tag shall be utilized by the department in solving prob-21 lems between bighorn sheep and domestic sheep, solving problems between 22 wildlife and domestic animals, or improving relationships between 23 sportsmen and private landowners. 24

(6) (4) Issuance of Free Permit or Tag to Minor Children with 25 Life-Threatening Medical Conditions. Notwithstanding any other provision 26 of law, the commission may issue free big game permits or tags to minor chil-27 dren who have life-threatening medical conditions that have been certified 28 29 eligible by a qualified organization. The commission may prescribe by rule the manner and conditions of issuing and using the permits or tags authorized 30 31 under this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, a "qualified organization" means a nonprofit organization that is qualified under section 32 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that affords opportunities and 33 experiences to minor children with life-threatening medical conditions. 34

(7) (5) Issuance of Free Permit or Tag to Military Veterans with Dis-35 abilities. The commission may prescribe by rule the manner and conditions of 36 using the permits or tags authorized under this subsection. Notwithstand-37 ing any other provision of law, the commission shall issue five (5) free big 38 39 game permits or tags to disabled military veterans whose disability has been certified eligible by the Idaho division of veterans services. All veterans 40 applying must be sponsored by a "qualified organization," which for purposes 41 of this subsection means a governmental agency that assists veterans or a 42 nonprofit organization that is qualified under section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) 43 or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code and that affords opportunities, 44 experiences and assistance to disabled veterans. The Idaho division of vet-45 erans services shall screen all applicants to ensure only the most deserving 46 47 disabled veterans shall be issued these permits or tags. A list of screened applicants shall be provided to the commission in priority order for is-48 suance. The commission shall issue one (1) permit or tag each to the top two 49 (2) candidates for a sponsored hunt as designated by the Idaho division of 50

veterans services and the three (3) remaining permits or tags to candidates
sponsored by a qualified organization as described in this subsection.

(8) (6) Special Wolf Tags. The commission is hereby authorized to issue 3 up to ten (10) special auction or lottery tags for hunting wolves. Special 4 5 wolf tags will be auctioned off or made available through lottery by incorporated nonprofit organizations dedicated to wildlife conservation and se-6 7 lected by the director. No more than five percent (5%) of all proceeds for each tag may be retained by the nonprofit organization for administrative 8 costs involved. Each wolf tag shall be issued by the department of fish and 9 game and awarded to the highest eligible bidder or winner of a lottery. Each 10 tag will be good for the harvest of one (1) wolf pursuant to commission rule. 11 The proceeds from each tag will be sent to the director to be placed in the de-12 partment general license fund. 13

Special Big Game Auction Tags -- Governor's Wildlife Part-(9) (7) 14 nership Tags. The commission is hereby authorized to issue special big 15 16 game auction tags hereafter named and referred to as "Governor's wildlife partnership tags" for hunting designated species on dates and in areas 17 designated by the commission. To enhance and sustain the value of Idaho's 18 wildlife, up to three (3) tags per species per year may be issued for deer, 19 20 elk and pronghorn antelope, one (1) tag per year may be issued for moose, 21 and one (1) tag per species per year may be issued for mountain goat and bighorn sheep. Each tag will be signed by the governor of Idaho prior to 22 auction to the public and be available to either residents or nonresidents of 23 Idaho. Governor's wildlife partnership tags issued for deer, elk, pronghorn 24 antelope and moose pursuant to this subsection shall be taken from the non-25 resident controlled hunt programs for these species adopted by the fish and 26 game commission. Governor's wildlife partnership tags issued for mountain 27 goat and bighorn sheep shall be taken from the nonresident mountain goat and 28 29 bighorn sheep quota. Governor's wildlife partnership tags shall be auctioned off by incorporated nonprofit organizations dedicated to wildlife 30 conservation and selected by the director. No more than five percent (5%) of 31 all proceeds from each tag sale may be retained by the nonprofit organization 32 for administrative costs involved, including in the event a tag is redonated 33 and reauctioned. Each tag shall be issued by the department of fish and game 34 and awarded to the highest eligible bidder. Each tag shall be good for the 35 harvest of one (1) big game animal pursuant to commission rule consistent 36 with the provisions of this subsection. The proceeds from each tag shall be 37 sent to the director to be allocated up to thirty percent (30%) for sportsmen 38 39 access programs, such as access yes, and the balance for wildlife habitat projects, wildlife management projects to increase the quantity and quality 40 of big game herds, and other research and management activities approved by 41 the commission. Provided however, that none of the proceeds generated from 42 the auctions pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be used to 43 purchase or acquire private property or federally managed grazing permits, 44 nor shall any proceeds generated be used for matching funds for the purchase 45 of private property or the retirement or the acquisition of federally man-46 47 aged grazing permits. Moneys raised pursuant to this subsection may not be used to transplant additional bighorn sheep into that portion of southwest 48 Idaho south of the Snake river and west of U.S. highway no. 93, nor for liti-49 gation or environmental impact statements involving bighorn sheep. 50

1 SECTION 4. That Section 36-401, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 2 amended to read as follows:

3 36-401. HUNTING, TRAPPING, FISHING -- LICENSE REQUIREMENT -- EXCEP4 TIONS. No person shall hunt, trap, or fish for or take any wild animal, bird
5 or fish of this state, without first having procured a license as hereinafter
6 provided. Provided that no license shall be required:

7 (a)1. For children under the age of fourteen (14) years who are residents of this state to fish during the open season therefor.

9 2. For nonresident children under the age of fourteen (14) years to fish
10 during the open season therefor provided they are accompanied by the
11 holder of a valid fishing license, and provided further that any fish
12 caught by such nonresident children shall be included in the bag and
13 possession limit of such license holder.

3. For resident children under the age of twelve (12) years to hunt,
take or kill predatory, unprotected birds and animals by means other
than with firearms.

4. For resident children under the age of fourteen (14) years to trap
muskrats from irrigation ditches or property on which they live during
the open season.

5. For children under the age of eighteen (18) years who are residents
of a licensed foster home or a children's residential care facility to
fish during the open season therefor, provided they are accompanied and
supervised by the director, officer, or other employee of the facility
where the child resides.

6. For children with life-threatening medical conditions participating in a hunt in association with a qualified organization as provided
in section 36-408(6) 36-408(4), Idaho Code.

7. For military veterans with disabilities participating in a hunt
 in association with a qualified organization as provided in section
 36-408(7) 36-408(5), Idaho Code.

8. For mentored hunters participating in a mentored hunting program as 31 prescribed by the commission such that a person may apply to the depart-32 ment for a special authorization to take wildlife while accompanied by a 33 mentor who possesses a valid Idaho hunting license and who is eighteen 34 (18) years of age or older. At such time as a mentored hunter's special 35 36 authorization is no longer valid, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as altering the requirements of section 36-411, Idaho Code, 37 38 to obtain a valid hunting license.

39 (b) For any person to fish on a "free fishing day" as may be designated40 by the commission.

State Long-term Care Facility Residents. For any resident of a 41 (C) state long-term care facility to fish during open seasons, provided said 42 43 state long-term care facility has a permit therefor from the director. The director is authorized to issue such permits upon the request of the head 44 of the respective state long-term care facility having custody of said res-45 ident upon a showing that the state long-term care facility recommends the 46 issuance of such permit and will assume full responsibility for and control 47 over any resident while using said permit. For purposes of this subsection 48 only, "state long-term care facility" shall mean the state hospital north, 49

state hospital south, state hospital west, southwest Idaho treatment center, and state veterans homes, and "resident" shall mean any individual residing and receiving treatment services at a state long-term care facility.

4 (d) State Juvenile Corrections Center Students. For students of the
5 state juvenile corrections center, under the supervision of an officer of
6 the center, to fish during the open season.

7 (e) Boy Scouts. For boy scouts who are official participants in at8 tendance at national or international encampments at Farragut State Park to
9 take fish during the encampment period from Lake Pend Oreille in such areas
10 and such numbers as may be designated by the commission.

(f) Participants in Fish and Game Sponsored Functions. For persons who are official participants in attendance at official department sponsored functions including clinics, courses or other educational events, while under the supervision of a department approved instructor for the function, to fish during any open season, provided that the instructor has been issued an educational fishing permit by the director.

(g) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prohibit citizens of
the United States who are residents of the state of Idaho from carrying arms
for the protection of life and property.

20 SECTION 5. That Section 36-409, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 21 amended to read as follows:

36-409. GAME TAGS -- PERMITS -- FEES -- PENALTY. (a) Resident Game 22 Tags. A resident who has obtained authorization to hunt, as provided in 23 section 36-401, Idaho Code, or has purchased or obtained a license to hunt, 24 as provided in section 36-406, Idaho Code, upon payment of the fees provided 25 26 in this chapter shall be eligible to receive a resident game tag to hunt and kill a moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, elk, deer, antelope, mountain 27 lion, black bear, grizzly bear, wolf, sandhill crane, swan, sage grouse, or 28 turkey in accordance with the laws of this state and rules promulgated by the 29 30 commission; provided further, that any person who holds a senior resident combination license or any person who holds a junior combination or hunting 31 license or any disabled American veteran who holds a disabled combination 32 license may be issued a black bear, deer, elk, or turkey tag for a fee as spec-33 ified in section 36-416, Idaho Code; provided further, that resident game 34 35 tags may be issued only to those persons who meet residency requirements of section 36-202(s), Idaho Code. In the event an emergency is declared to open 36 37 a season to protect private property as provided in section 36-106(e)6.(B), Idaho Code, the affected landowner or his designee shall be eligible to re-38 ceive a resident deer, elk or antelope tag without charge; provided further, 39 that resident game tags may be issued only to persons who qualify as resi-40 dents pursuant to section 36-202, Idaho Code. 41

42 (b) Nonresident Game Tags. A nonresident who has purchased a license to hunt, as provided in section 36-407(a) or (k), Idaho Code, or has obtained a 43 license to hunt, as provided in section 36-406(e), Idaho Code, or a resident 44 who has purchased or obtained a license or authorization to hunt, as provided 45 in section 36-401 or 36-406, Idaho Code, upon payment of the fees provided in 46 47 this chapter, shall be eligible to receive a nonresident tag to hunt and kill a moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, elk, deer, antelope, mountain lion, 48 49 black bear, grizzly bear, wolf, sandhill crane, swan, sage grouse, or turkey

in accordance with the laws of this state and rules promulgated by the commission; provided further, that a nonresident who has purchased a license to hunt, as provided in section 36-407(k) and (l), Idaho Code, shall be eligible to receive a junior mentored or disabled American veteran deer, elk, black bear, or turkey tag for a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.

(c) Game Tags Required. The appropriate tag must be had for the hunt-6 7 ing or taking of each and every one of the aforementioned wildlife. The commission shall promulgate rules to allow exception from tag possession 8 to take wildlife for a disabled hunter companion who is assisting a hunter 9 possessing the appropriate tag and a valid disabled combination license or 10 11 a disabled archery permit or a disabled hunt motor vehicle permit or who is a disabled veteran participating in a hunt as provided in section 36-408(7) 12 36-408(5), Idaho Code. Provided, that the commission may promulgate rules 13 to allow a nonresident deer or elk tag to be used to hunt and kill a black 14 bear, a wolf, or a mountain lion during the open season for deer or elk in that 15 16 area, unit or zone as may be specified by the commission. All of said tags are to bear and have serial numbers. 17

(d) Game Tag to Be Validated and Attached to Carcass. As soon as any
 person kills any wildlife for which a tag is required, said tag, belonging to
 him, must be validated and attached to said wildlife in a manner provided by
 commission rule.

(e) Archery Permits. In addition to meeting the license and tag re quirements provided in this chapter, any person participating in any con trolled or general game season that has been specifically designated as an
 archery hunt must have in his possession an archery hunt permit, which may be
 purchased for a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.

(f) Muzzleloader Permit. In addition to meeting the license and tag requirements provided in this chapter, any person participating in any controlled or general game season that has been specifically designated as a
muzzleloader hunt must have in his possession a muzzleloader permit, which
may be purchased for a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.

(g) Hound Hunter Permit -- Resident -- Nonresident. Any person using a
dog for the purpose of hunting or for taking, as defined in section 36-202,
Idaho Code, big game or fur-bearing animals must have in his possession a
valid hound hunter permit, which may be purchased by resident and nonresident license holders for a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.

(h) Nonresident Bird of Prey Capture Permit. The commission may, under rules as it may prescribe, issue a nonresident bird of prey capture permit. This capture permit may be purchased by any licensed nonresident falconer for capturing birds of prey in Idaho. The fee for the permit shall be as
specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, and the permit shall be issued under the condition that the nonresident's home state allows reciprocal raptor
capturing privileges for Idaho falconers.

(i) Upland Game Bird Permit. The commission may, under rules as it may
prescribe, issue an upland game bird permit that must be purchased by all
persons over seventeen (17) years of age prior to hunting stocked upland game
birds on department-owned lands, lands managed under agreement with the department, and private lands enrolled in a department-sponsored public access program with written permission of the land owner landowner. The fee
for the permit shall be as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.

(j) Black Bear Baiting Permit. The commission may, under rules as it
may prescribe, issue a black bear baiting permit. Any person placing or using bait as may be allowed by rule for the purpose of attracting <u>a</u> black bear
must have in his possession a valid black bear baiting permit, which may be
purchased by a license holder for a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho
Code.

(k) Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program Permit. The commission
may, as provided by federal laws or regulations and under rules as it may prescribe, issue a migratory bird harvest information program permit that must
be purchased by all persons prior to hunting migratory game birds as required
by federal law or regulations. The fee for the permit shall be as specified
in section 36-416, Idaho Code.

(1) Dog Field Trial Permit. The commission may, under rules as it may
 prescribe, issue a dog field trial permit to any person using birds for dog
 field trials or training as may be allowed by rule. The permit may be pur chased for a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.

(m) Idaho Nursing Home Facility Resident Fishing Permit. The commis-17 sion may, under rules as it may prescribe, issue an Idaho nursing home fa-18 cility resident fishing permit that must be purchased by an Idaho nursing 19 home facility to allow residents of its facility to fish during the open sea-20 21 son. Facilities eligible to purchase this permit are: intermediate care facilities providing twenty-four (24) hour skilled nursing care, assisted 22 living facilities providing twenty-four (24) hour extensive assistance, and 23 skilled nursing facilities providing twenty-four (24) hour skilled nursing. 24 By purchasing this permit, the facility assumes full responsibility for and 25 control over the facility residents while using the permit. All laws, rules 26 and proclamations apply to the use of this permit and it is the responsibil-27 ity of the facility to assure compliance with all laws, rules and proclama-28 tions. In case of a violation, the facility shall be held accountable and any 29 citations shall be issued to the facility. The permit may be purchased for a 30 fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code. 31

32 SECTION 6. That Section 36-2107, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 33 amended to read as follows:

34 36-2107. POWERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD. (1) The board shall have the fol-35 lowing duties and powers:

(a) To conduct examinations to ascertain the qualifications of appli cants for outfitter's or guide's licenses, and to issue such licenses to
 qualified applicants, with such restrictions and limitations thereon
 as the board may find reasonable.

(b) To prescribe and establish rules of procedure to carry into effect
the provisions of this chapter including<sub>T</sub> but not limited to<sub>T</sub> rules
prescribing all requisite qualifications of training, experience,
knowledge of rules of governmental bodies, condition and type of gear
and equipment, and examinations to be given applicants, whether oral,
written or demonstrative, or a combination thereof.

(c) To conduct hearings and proceedings to suspend, revoke, or restrict
the licenses of outfitters or guides, and to suspend, revoke, or restrict said licenses for due cause in the manner hereinafter provided.

(d) The board is expressly vested with the power and the authority to 1 2 To enforce the provisions of this chapter, including obtaining injunctive relief, and to make and enforce any and all reasonable rules which 3 shall by it be deemed necessary and which that are not in conflict with 4 the provisions of this chapter, for the express purpose of safeguard-5 ing the health, safety, welfare, and freedom from injury or danger of 6 those persons utilizing the services of outfitters and guides, and for 7 the conservation of wildlife and range resources. 8

9 (e) The board shall have the power to To cooperate with the federal and
10 state government through its appropriate agency or instrumentality
11 in matters of mutual concern regarding the business of outfitting and
12 guiding in Idaho.

(f) The board shall have the power throughout the state of Idaho to To 13 request the attendance of witnesses and the production of such books, 14 records, and papers as may be required at any hearing before it. The 15 16 board or its hearing officer may issue and serve subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum in a manner consistent with chapter 52, title 67, 17 Idaho Code, the rules of the office of the attorney general, and rules 18 45(e)(2) and 45(g) of the Idaho rules of civil procedure. Payment of 19 20 fees or mileage for service of subpoenas or attendance of witnesses 21 shall be paid by the board consistent with the provisions of chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code, the rules of the office of the attorney general, 22 and rule 45(e)(1) of the Idaho rules of civil procedure. Disobedience 23 of a subpoena or subpoena duces tecum may be enforced by making applica-24 tion to the district court. Disobedience by a licensee of a subpoena or 25 subpoena duces tecum issued by the board shall be deemed a violation of a 26 board order. 27

(g) (2) The division administrator shall have the power to hire en forcement agents in order to conduct investigations and enforce the provi sions of this chapter. All enforcement agents appointed by the board who are
 certified by the Idaho peace officer standards and training council shall
 have the power of peace officers limited to:

 $\frac{1}{1}$  (a) Enforcement of the provisions of this chapter-; and

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2. (b) Responding to express requests from other law enforcement agencies for aid and assistance in enforcing other laws. For purposes of this section, such a request from a law enforcement agency shall mean only a request as to a particular and singular violation or suspicion of violation of law and shall not constitute a continuous request for assistance outside the purview of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

(h) The board shall designate the number of deer or elk tags allocated 41 pursuant to section 36-408(4), Idaho Code, among the authorized outfitting 42 operations within each capped or controlled zone, unit, or game management 43 area in a fair and equitable manner designed to maximize the use of allocated 44 tags by the outfitted public and promote predictability for individual out-45 fitting operations that have previously used or ensured the use of the allo-46 cated tags designated to them. The board will report the number of tags des-47 ignated to each outfitter operation back to the department of fish and game 48 for distribution. 49

1 SECTION 7. That Section 36-2116, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 2 amended to read as follows:

3 36-2116. COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION -- PROSECUTION BY COUNTY ATTOR-4 NEY. (a) The board or its designated agent may prefer a complaint before any 5 court of competent jurisdiction in the county where the offense occurred, 6 for a violation of: (i) the provisions of subsections (1), (2), (7), (8), 7 or (9) of section 36-2113, Idaho Code; or (ii) any regulation promulgated 8 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 36-2107(1)(d), Idaho Code.

Any person convicted of any violation enumerated in subsection 9 (b) 10 (a) of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as provided in section 36-2117, Idaho Code. Fifty 11 percent (50%) of all fines and forfeitures collected shall be paid to the 12 outfitters and quides licensing board and such moneys so received by the 13 board shall be deposited with the state treasurer and the state treasurer 14 15 shall credit the same to the occupational licenses fund and fifty percent (50%) of all fines and forfeitures collected shall be distributed in accor-16 dance with section 19-4705, Idaho Code. 17

18 SECTION 8. That Section 36-2120, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 19 repealed.

20 SECTION 9. That Section 36-2102, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby 21 amended to read as follows:

22 36-2102. DEFINITIONS. (a) "Person" includes any individual, firm,
 23 partnership, corporation or other organization or any combination thereof.

(b) "Outfitter" includes any person who, while engaging in the acts 24 enumerated herein: (1) advertises or otherwise holds himself out to the 25 26 public for hire; (2) provides facilities and services for consideration; and 27 (3) maintains, leases, or otherwise uses equipment or accommodations for compensation for the conduct of outdoor recreational activities that are 28 known to involve inherent risk limited to the following: hunting animals 29 or birds; float or power boating on Idaho lakes, reservoirs, rivers, and 30 streams; fishing on Idaho lakes, reservoirs, rivers, and streams; and haz-31 ardous desert or mountain excursions. Any firm, partnership, corporation or 32 other organization or combination thereof operating as an outfitter shall 33 designate one (1) or more individuals as agents who shall, together with 34 the licensed outfitter, be held responsible for the conduct of the licensed 35 outfitter's operations and who shall meet all of the qualifications of a 36 licensed outfitter. 37

(c) "Guide" is any natural person who is employed by a licensed outfit-38 ter to furnish personal services for the conduct of outdoor recreational ac-39 tivities directly related to the conduct of activities for which the employ-40 ing outfitter is licensed. Any such person not employed by a licensed out-41 42 fitter who offers or provides facilities or services as specified in subsection (b) of this section shall be deemed in violation of the provisions of 43 this chapter, except: (1) any employee of the state of Idaho or the United 44 45 States when acting in his official capacity, or (2) any natural person who is employed by a licensed outfitter solely for the following activities: car-46 ing for, grooming or saddling of livestock, cooking, woodcutting, and trans-47

porting people, equipment and personal property on public roads shall be ex-1 2 empt from the provisions of this chapter. (d) "Board" means the Idaho outfitters and guides licensing board. 3 (e) "License year" means that period of time beginning on April 1 and 4 5 expiring March 31 the following year. (f) "Individual" means any person other than a partnership, corpora-6 7 tion or any other organization or combination thereof. (g) "Allocated tag" means a hunting tag that has been allocated by the 8 fish and game commission pursuant to section 36-408(4), Idaho Code. 9 (h) "Capped hunt" means a game management area, unit, or zone for which 10 the fish and game commission has limited or "capped" the number of deer or elk 11 tags available for use in a general season hunt. 12 (i) "Controlled hunt" means a hunt for a species that has a framework 13 determined by the fish and game commission and that has a limited number of 14 tags that are distributed by random drawing to hunters. 15 16 (j) "Outfitted hunter tag use history" means the number of tags used by clients of an outfitter for the hunt or hunts with the most similar framework 17 to the hunt for which the allocated tag is being designated. 18 (k) "Remaining allocated tag" means an allocated tag in an existing 19 capped or controlled hunt that would have been designated to a particular 20 21 outfitting operation had the outfitting operation used all of its previously designated allocated tags in the preceding big game season or seasons and 22 23 that will be designated pursuant to this chapter. (1) "Base allocation" means the historic tag use of an outfitting oper-24 ation over the preceding two (2) years in a given hunt as computed in section 25 36-2120(2), Idaho Code. 26 (m) "Pool" means a group of tags that have not been utilized or have been 27 surrendered by the outfitting operation to which they were originally desig-28 nated and are made available to other operations in the same hunt. 29 (n) "Utilized" means that a tag has been purchased, exchanged, or con-30 verted at the department of fish and game as a designated allocated tag. 31 (c) (g) "Commission" means the Idaho fish and game commission. 32 (p) (h) "Compensation" means the receipt, exchange, or taking of goods, 33 services, or cash in exchange for outfitted or guided activities. A bona 34 fide charging of out-of-pocket travel expenses by members of a recreational 35 party is not deemed compensation. However, such out-of-pocket expenses 36 shall not include depreciation, amortization, wages, or other recompense. 37 (q) (i) "Facilities and services" or "facilities or services" means the 38 39 provision of personnel; lodging, including a tent, home, lodge, or hotel or motel; transportation, other than by commercial carrier; guiding; prepara-40 tion and serving of food and equipment; or any other accommodation for the 41 benefit of clientele in the conduct of outdoor recreational activities as 42 designated in subsection (b) of this section. 43 (r) (j) "Hazardous desert or mountain excursions" means outfitted or 44 guided activities conducted in a desert or mountainous environment that may 45 constitute a potential danger to the health, safety, or welfare of partic-46 47 ipants involved and are known to involve inherent risk. These activities include day or overnight trailrides, backpacking, technical mountaineering 48 and rock climbing, cross-country skiing, backcountry alpine skiing, animal 49 pack trips, snowmobiling, operating an all-terrain vehicle, paragliding, 50

anadromous fishing, chukar hunting, trapping, motored and non-motored cy-1 2 cling, wagon rides, sleigh rides, and dog sled rides.

(s) (k) "Minor amendment" means all outfitter license amendment re-3 quests that can be processed by the board without requiring recommendation 4 5 of a land managing agency or other agency before the board takes final action on said amendment request. 6

(t) (1) "Operating area" means the area assigned by the board to an out-7 fitter for the conduct of outfitting activities. 8

(u) (m) "Out-of-pocket expenses" means the direct expenses attribut-9 able to a recreational activity. Such direct expenses do not include compen-10 sation for either sponsors or participants, amortization or depreciation of 11 debt or equipment, or costs of nonexpendable supplies. 12

13 SECTION 10. That Section 36-2102, Idaho Code, as amended by Section 55, Chapter 86, Laws of 2024, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as fol-14 15 lows:

16 36-2102. DEFINITIONS. (a) "Person" includes any individual, firm, partnership, corporation or other organization or any combination thereof. 17

(b) "Outfitter" includes any person who, while engaging in the acts 18 enumerated herein: (1) advertises or otherwise holds himself out to the 19 public for hire; (2) provides facilities and services for consideration; and 20 21 (3) maintains, leases, or otherwise uses equipment or accommodations for compensation for the conduct of outdoor recreational activities that are 22 known to involve inherent risk limited to the following: hunting animals 23 or birds; float or power boating on Idaho lakes, reservoirs, rivers, and 24 streams; fishing on Idaho lakes, reservoirs, rivers, and streams; and haz-25 26 ardous desert or mountain excursions. Any firm, partnership, corporation or other organization or combination thereof operating as an outfitter shall 27 designate one (1) or more individuals as agents who shall, together with 28 the licensed outfitter, be held responsible for the conduct of the licensed 29 outfitter's operations and who shall meet all of the qualifications of a 30 licensed outfitter. 31

(c) "Guide" is any natural person who is employed by a licensed outfit-32 33 ter to furnish personal services for the conduct of outdoor recreational activities directly related to the conduct of activities for which the employ-34 35 ing outfitter is licensed. Any such person not employed by a licensed outfitter who offers or provides facilities or services as specified in subsec-36 37 tion (b) of this section shall be deemed in violation of the provisions of this chapter, except: (1) any employee of the state of Idaho or the United 38 States when acting in his official capacity, or (2) any natural person who is 39 employed by a licensed outfitter solely for the following activities: car-40 ing for, grooming or saddling of livestock, cooking, woodcutting, and trans-41 42 porting people, equipment and personal property on public roads shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter. 43

(d) "Board" means the Idaho outfitters and guides licensing board. 44 "Renewal cycle" for outfitters and their designated agents 45 (e)(i) means that period of time beginning on April 1 and expiring March 31 the 46 47 following year for a one (1) year license or March 31 of the subsequent year for a two (2) year license.

(ii) "Renewal cycle" for a guide shall be on the licensee's birthday. A 1 2 guide may renew the guide's license up to twelve (12) weeks prior to the expiration date. 3 (f) "Individual" means any person other than a partnership, corpora-4 5 tion or any other organization or combination thereof. (g) "Allocated tag" means a hunting tag that has been allocated by the 6 7 fish and game commission pursuant to section 36-408(4), Idaho Code. (h) "Capped hunt" means a game management area, unit, or zone for which 8 the fish and game commission has limited or "capped" the number of deer or elk 9 tags available for use in a general season hunt. 10 11 (i) "Controlled hunt" means a hunt for a species that has a framework determined by the fish and game commission and that has a limited number of 12 tags that are distributed by random drawing to hunters. 13 (i) "Outfitted hunter tag use history" means the number of tags used by 14 clients of an outfitter for the hunt or hunts with the most similar framework 15 16 to the hunt for which the allocated tag is being designated. (k) "Remaining allocated tag" means an allocated tag in an existing 17 capped or controlled hunt that would have been designated to a particular 18 outfitting operation had the outfitting operation used all of its previously 19 20 designated allocated tags in the preceding big game season or seasons and 21 that will be designated pursuant to this chapter. (1) "Base allocation" means the historic tag use of an outfitting oper-22 ation over the preceding two (2) years in a given hunt as computed in section 23 36-2120(2), Idaho Code. 24 (m) "Pool" means a group of tags that have not been utilized or have been 25 surrendered by the outfitting operation to which they were originally desig-26 nated and are made available to other operations in the same hunt. 27 (n) "Utilized" means that a tag has been purchased, exchanged, or con-28 verted at the department of fish and game as a designated allocated tag. 29 (o) (g) "Commission" means the Idaho fish and game commission. 30 (p) (h) "Compensation" means the receipt, exchange, or taking of goods, 31 services, or cash in exchange for outfitted or guided activities. A bona 32 fide charging of out-of-pocket travel expenses by members of a recreational 33 party is not deemed compensation. However, such out-of-pocket expenses 34 shall not include depreciation, amortization, wages, or other recompense. 35 (q) (i) "Facilities and services" or "facilities or services" means the 36 provision of personnel; lodging, including a tent, home, lodge, or hotel or 37 motel; transportation, other than by commercial carrier; guiding; prepara-38 39 tion and serving of food and equipment; or any other accommodation for the benefit of clientele in the conduct of outdoor recreational activities as 40 designated in subsection (b) of this section. 41 (r) (j) "Hazardous desert or mountain excursions" means outfitted or 42 guided activities conducted in a desert or mountainous environment that may 43 constitute a potential danger to the health, safety, or welfare of partic-44 ipants involved and are known to involve inherent risk. These activities 45 include day or overnight trailrides, backpacking, technical mountaineering 46 47 and rock climbing, cross-country skiing, backcountry alpine skiing, animal pack trips, snowmobiling, operating an all-terrain vehicle, paragliding, 48 anadromous fishing, chukar hunting, trapping, motored and non-motored cy-49 cling, wagon rides, sleigh rides, and dog sled rides. 50

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 10 debt or equipment, or costs of nonexpendable supplies.

SECTION 11. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2025, Sections 3 through 9 shall be in full force and effect on and after September 1, 2026, and Section 10 shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2028.