

Wolf Depredation Control Board

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Historical Summary

OPERATING BUDGET	FY 2019 Total App	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Approp	FY 2021 Request	FY 2021 Gov Rec
BY FUND CATEGORY					
General	0	0	0	0	400,000
Dedicated	0	716,200	0	0	0
Total:	0	716,200	0	0	400,000
Percent Change:			(100.0%)		
BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE					
Operating Expenditures	0	716,200	0	0	0
Lump Sum	0	0	0	0	400,000
Total:	0	716,200	0	0	400,000

Division Description

The Legislature passed H470 of 2014 to recognize that additional financial resources were needed to continue the implementation of Idaho's wolf management plan. It established a five-member Wolf Depredation Control Board in the Office of the Governor and created a set of new continuously appropriated funds and subaccounts to be administered by the Department of Agriculture. H470 established that fees from sportsmen and the livestock industry be allocated into the subaccounts with the expectation that the General Fund would also contribute. The responsibility of the Wolf Control Board is to allocate the moneys for control actions approved by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission. The board has a cooperative services agreement and a work plan with Wildlife Services (Section 22-5301, Idaho Code). H470 was set to have Section 22-5301 expire on June 30, 2019, however S1039 of 2019 removed the sunset from statute.

The Wolf Depredation Control Program acts as a conduit to pass moneys from the state, sportsmen, and livestock producers through the Wolf Depredation Control Board to the Wildlife Services Program under the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. The Fish and Game Commission requires that expenditures from the Fish and Game Transfer Subaccount be spent for the benefit of wild ungulates (hooved animals).

Because transfers have been treated as onetime to a continuously appropriated fund, there is no base budget.

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Organization, Revenues, and Contracted Services

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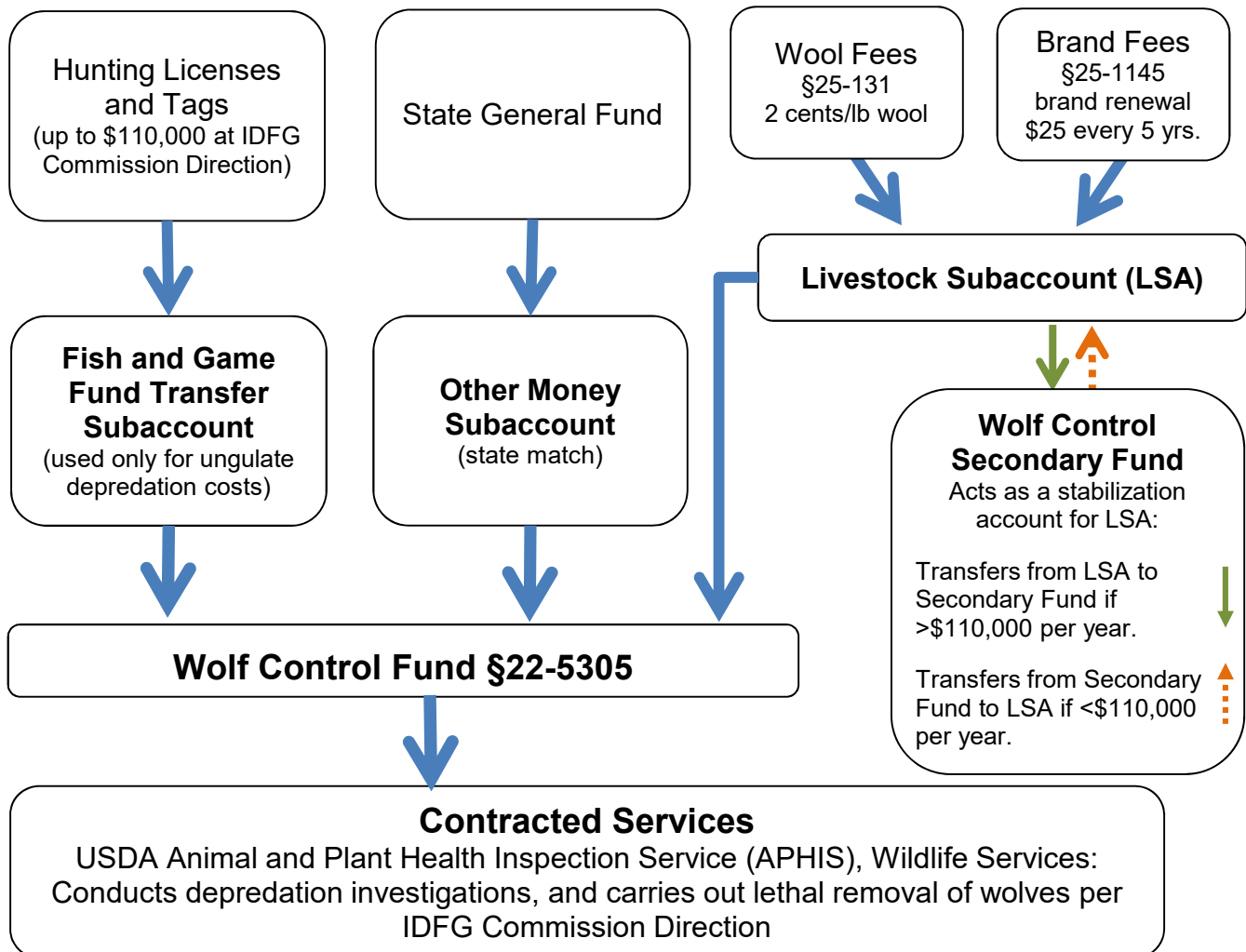
Organization

Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board

- 1) **Celia Gould**, Co-Chairman & Director Idaho Department of Agriculture (ISDA)
- 2) **Ed Schriever**, Co-Chairman & Director Department of Fish and Game (IDFG)
- 3) **Tony McDermott**, Representative of sportsmen's interests
- 4) **Richard Savage**, Representative of livestock industry
- 5) **Carl Rey**, Member of public at large

Board's role to direct and manage funds for depredation control pursuant to Section 22-5301, Idaho Code. Staffing for meetings provided by both IDFG and ISDA, with relevant expenses paid by the Wolf Control Fund.

Revenues



Performance Measure Report: <https://dfm.idaho.gov/publications/bb/perfreport/>

Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board (“Board”) was created in 2014 within the Office of the Governor. The Board is tasked with “directing and managing funds” for the purpose of wolf depredation control within the State of Idaho. Four important elements encompass the Board’s role. First, a long-term solution should include a 3-way partnership between livestock owners, sportsmen, and the legislature (general funds). Second, a wolf depredation control program should provide for equivalent matching dollars from Idaho sportsman for contribution made by livestock producers, up to \$110,000. Third, funds should be made available to eligible agency partners that will implement wolf depredation control actions within Idaho. Finally, funding dedicated to wolf depredation control should not be used to compensate livestock owners for losses due to wolf depredations.

The Board has no management authority for wolves, only a fiduciary role for managing funding used to resolve wolf depredations. See Idaho Code section 22-5304. Wolf management, including decisions on how to respond to depredations, is under authority of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). The Board contracts with USDA Wildlife Services (WS) who investigates livestock depredations. The Board also contracts with IDFG to perform work related to ungulate depredation actions. Upon receiving confirmation of wolves causing the depredation, IDFG will issue a lethal removal order to WS for wolves responsible for the depredations. WS carries out these IDFG orders and reports back to both IDFG and the Board. In summary, the Board was created to administer funding so the level of wolf depredation control service in Idaho functionally remained unchanged following delisting and loss of federal funding. The Board exercises no oversight authority over the Idaho Fish and Game Commission or the IDFG as it relates to authorizing or implementing depredation activities in Idaho.

Core Functions/Idaho Code

Fund Administration: The Board is responsible for the administration of the wolf control fund. The management of the fund includes setting procedures and standards for payment from the fund, entering into contracts and agreements with federal, state, or other political subdivision of the state.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Wolf Control – Livestock	\$95,400	\$93,700	\$110,000	\$113,100
Wolf Control – Fish & Game	\$105,300	\$95,400	\$93,700	\$110,000
Wolf Control – Other Subaccount	\$0	\$0	\$11,400	\$0
General Fund Match	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Interest	<u>3,300</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>	<u>\$14,000</u>	<u>\$19,100</u>
Total	\$604,000	\$596,100	\$629,100	642,200
Expenditures	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Personnel Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenditures	\$412,200	\$461,900	\$758,600	\$684,100
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$412,200	\$461,900	\$758,600	\$684,100

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Depredation investigations	93	121	217	264
Confirmed wolf depredations	65	84	140	175
Wolf removal for livestock protection	65	42	75	76
Wolf removal for ungulate protection	20	0	10	7

Cooperative Service Agreements: The Board signed a Cooperative Service Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (“Wildlife Services”) in August of 2014 which has been extended through June 30, 2024. The purpose of the agreement is to facilitate the authorized expenditures of funds by the Board from the Wolf Control Fund to Wildlife Services to be used by Wildlife Services to conduct a program for the management and control of depredating gray wolves in Idaho for the protection of livestock and wild ungulates, utilizing integrated wildlife damage management methodologies.

The Board signed a Work/Financial Cooperative Agreement with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to provide services to protect elk from unacceptable predation levels caused by gray wolves in areas where populations are not meeting management objectives and wolf predation is a significant contributor to overall mortality. The Board has an agreement with ISDA to provide fiscal services to the Board.

Red Tape Reduction Act

Each agency shall incorporate into its strategic plan a summary of how it will implement the Red Tape Reduction Act, including any associated goals, objectives, tasks, or performance targets. This information may be included as an addendum. The Wolf Depredation Control Board does not have the authority to promulgate rules. Therefore, the Red Tape Reduction Act is not applicable to the Board’s activities.

	As of July 1, 2019
Number of Chapters	0
Number of Words	0
Number of Restrictions	0

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	
Goal 1						
Effectively manage and allocate funds in order to continue the service of wolf depredation control within the State of Idaho.						
1. Distribute available funds to eligible contractors in Idaho to address depredations of livestock and wild ungulates						
Wildlife Services	actual	\$410,617	\$460,791	\$664,317	\$522,732	-----
	target	\$600,000	\$582,583	\$650,000	\$670,000	\$715,000
Idaho Fish and Game	actual	\$0	\$0	\$100,829	\$188,891	-----
	target	\$75,000	\$40,000	\$100,000	\$212,000	\$110,000

Performance Measure Explanatory Notes

Some of the contract work at the end of the quarter is paid in the following fiscal year, which distorts the comparisons with the targets.

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FY 2019 Actual Expenditures by Division

		FTP	PC	OE	CO	T/B	LS	Total
0.30 FY 2019 Original Appropriation								
0001-00	Gen	0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:		0.00	0	0	0	0	0	0
1.19 Continuous Approp								
0053-01	Ded	0.00	0	110,900	0	0	0	110,900
0053-02	Ded	0.00	0	188,900	0	0	0	188,900
0053-03	Ded	0.00	0	416,400	0	0	0	416,400
Totals:		0.00	0	716,200	0	0	0	716,200
2.00 FY 2019 Actual Expenditures								
0053-01	Ded	0.00	0	110,900	0	0	0	110,900
WCF-Livestock Subaccount			0	110,900	0	0	0	110,900
0053-02	Ded	0.00	0	188,900	0	0	0	188,900
Wolf Control Fund-Fish & Game Transfer Subaccount			0	188,900	0	0	0	188,900
0053-03	Ded	0.00	0	416,400	0	0	0	416,400
WCF-Other Money Subaccount			0	416,400	0	0	0	416,400
Totals:		0.00	0	716,200	0	0	0	716,200

Difference: Actual Expenditures minus Total Appropriation

0053-01	Ded		0	110,900	0	0	0	110,900
WCF-Livestock Subaccount			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0053-02	Ded		0	188,900	0	0	0	188,900
Wolf Control Fund-Fish & Game Transfer Subaccount			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
0053-03	Ded		0	416,400	0	0	0	416,400
WCF-Other Money Subaccount			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Difference From Total Approp			0	716,200	0	0	0	716,200
Percent Diff From Total Approp			N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
FY 2020 Original Appropriation	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
Noncognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	829,200	0.00	0	829,200
FY 2020 Estimated Expenditures	0.00	0	829,200	0.00	0	829,200
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	0	(829,200)	0.00	0	(829,200)
FY 2021 Base	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
1. Wolf Control Program	0.00	400,000	400,000	0.00	400,000	400,000
Cash Transfers	0.00	(400,000)	(400,000)	0.00	0	0
FY 2021 Total	0.00	0	0	0.00	400,000	400,000
Change from Original Appropriation	0.00	0	0	0.00	400,000	400,000
% Change from Original Appropriation						

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
FY 2020 Original Appropriation					
The Legislature funded one line item for FY 2020, the appropriation and transfer of \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Wolf Control Fund Other Money Subaccount.					
	0.00	0	0	0	0

Noncognizable Funds and Transfers

H470 of 2014 established fees of up to \$110,000 per year for the livestock industry to be matched by sportsmen and allocated into the Wolf Control Fund subaccounts with the expectation that the General Fund would also contribute. All moneys are transferred into continuously appropriated funds for disbursement. Statutory transfers for FY 2019 included \$400,000 from the General Fund, \$113,100 from the livestock industry, and \$110,000 from sportsmen through fees collected by the Department of Fish and Game. After interest and expenditures are accounted for, the fund balance at the end of FY 2019 was \$533,800. The board estimates expenditures of \$846,300 for depredation investigations and actions in FY 2020. Accounting for \$15,300 in interest, and transfers totaling \$420,000 (including \$200,000 from the General Fund and \$110,000 from both the livestock industry and sportsmen), the balance at the end of FY 2020 is estimated at \$122,800. In addition to this estimated carryover balance, \$110,000 would be transferred from both the livestock industry and sportsmen to match any moneys appropriated from the General Fund for FY 2021. Any funds not expended are retained by the fund for future use.

Agency Request	0.00	0	829,200	0	829,200
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	829,200	0	829,200

FY 2020 Estimated Expenditures					
Agency Request	0.00	0	829,200	0	829,200
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	829,200	0	829,200

Removal of Onetime Expenditures

This adjustment removes the estimated expenditures to reset the FY 2021 Base to zero.

Agency Request	0.00	0	(829,200)	0	(829,200)
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	(829,200)	0	(829,200)

FY 2021 Base					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0

1. Wolf Control Program

The Wolf Depredation Control Board requests \$400,000 onetime from the General Fund for FY 2021. The responsibility of the board is to use the money for control actions approved by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission when there is a depredation conflict between wolves and wildlife, or between wolves and livestock. The Wolf Depredation Control Program acts as a conduit to pass moneys from the state, sportsmen, and livestock producers through the Wolf Depredation Control Board to the Wildlife Services Program under the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. General Fund moneys appropriated are then transferred to the continuously appropriated Wolf Control Fund. Since the inception of the Wolf Depredation Control Board, \$400,000 from the General Fund has been transferred to the Wolf Control Fund Other Money Subaccount with the exception of FY 2020, when \$200,000 was appropriated and transferred. General Fund transfers have totaled \$2.2 million through FY 2020, while transfers from the livestock industry totaled \$693,400 and transfers from sportsmen totaled \$568,900.

Agency Request	0.00	400,000	0	0	400,000
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The Governor recommends an ongoing appropriation of \$400,000 from the General Fund to support the Wolf Control Program. Any unused appropriation would revert to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	400,000	0	0	400,000
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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
Cash Transfers					
This adjustment transfers \$400,000 from the General Fund to the continuously appropriated Wolf Control Fund Other Money Subaccount pursuant to Section 22-5305, Idaho Code.					
Agency Request	0.00	(400,000)	0	0	(400,000)
<i>The Governor does not recommend transferring moneys to the continuously appropriated Wolf Control Fund Other Money Subaccount.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2021 Total					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	400,000	0	0	400,000
Agency Request					
Change from Original App	0.00	0	0	0	0
% Change from Original App					
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>					
Change from Original App	0.00	400,000	0	0	400,000
% Change from Original App					