Agency Summary & Statutory Authority

The Wolf Depredation Control Board (WDCB) is a five-member board in the Office of the Governor that directs and manages funds for the purpose of wolf depredation control within the State of Idaho. It oversees investigation and lethal removal of problem wolves and administers ongoing General Fund appropriations as well as continuously appropriated funds sourced through fees from sportsmen and the livestock industry. The WDCB has a cooperative services agreement and a work plan with Wildlife Services (Section 22-5301, Idaho Code) to carry out lethal removals.

Fig 1. WDCB Revenues by Fiscal Year

- Livestock Subaccount
- Fish & Game Subaccount
- General Fund & Other Money SA

Fig 2. WDCB Expenditures by Fiscal Year

- Livestock Subaccount
- Fish & Game Subaccount
- General Fund & Other Money SA

Fig 3. WDCB Dedicated Fund Balances by Fiscal Year

- Livestock Subaccount
- Fish & Game Subaccount
- Other Money Subaccount

Fig 4. Wolf Investigations and Removals by Fiscal Year

- Depredation Investigations
- Confirmed Wolf Depredations
- Wolf Removal for Livestock
- Wolf Removal for Ungulates

Please see publications from the Legislative Services, Budget & Policy Analysis Division for additional details: https://legislature.Idaho.gov/lso/bpa/pubs/
Funding

- **State General Fund**
  - Direct appropriation beginning FY 2021

- **Hunting Licenses and Tags**
  - $300,000 at IDFG Commission Direction

- **Wool Fees**
  - $25-131, I.C. 2 cents/ib wool

- **Brand Fees**
  - $25-1145, I.C. brand renewal $25 every 5 yrs.

- **Other Money Subaccount**
  - (General Fund transfers prior to FY 2021)

- **Fish and Game Fund Transfer Subaccount**
  - (used only for ungulate depredation costs)

- **Livestock Subaccount (LSA)**

- **Wolf Control Fund §22-5305, Idaho Code**

- **Contracted Services**
  - USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services: Conducts depredation investigations, and carries out lethal removal of wolves per IDFG Commission Direction

- **Wolf Control Secondary Fund**
  - Acts as a stabilization account for LSA:
    - Transfers from LSA to Secondary Fund if >$110,000 per year.
    - Transfers from Secondary Fund to LSA if <$110,000 per year.
Current Agreements

Contract with Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game – Ungulate Activities

Contract with IDFG and private subcontractors – Wolf Collaring

Contract with USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
  • 110 investigations in 2021
  • 20 fewer than in 2020
  • Across 17 counties
# FY2023 Recommendation

## Wolf Depredation Control Board

### Comparative Summary

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