

IN THE SENATE

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 118

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 STATING THE FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGING AND URG-
3 ING THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME AND THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
4 SPECIES CONSERVATION TO TAKE THE LEAD IN ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH SIM-
5 ILAR AGENCIES IN OTHER STATES TO ESTABLISH, THROUGH DIALOGUE, COOPER-
6 ATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS IN ADDRESSING ISSUES RELATING TO WOLF
7 MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL.

8 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 WHEREAS, since the delisting of wolves in May of 2009, Idaho's Depart-
10 ment of Fish and Game has been tasked with the management of wolves in the
11 state of Idaho; and

12 WHEREAS, the mission of the Governor's Office of Species Conservation
13 is to coordinate policies and programs related to the conservation of
14 threatened, endangered and candidate species in Idaho; and

15 WHEREAS, there are roughly a dozen states in the country where gray
16 wolves exist in the wild and many of those states are also involved in
17 addressing issues relating to wolf population and management, particularly
18 in the upper Great Lakes region and the Northern Rocky Mountain region; and

19 WHEREAS, past and present litigation involving gray wolves has cost the
20 state of Idaho a significant amount of public money and resources. Other
21 states have also been faced with lengthy litigation efforts involving gray
22 wolves; and

23 WHEREAS, in numerous areas of the country, wolves are addressed region-
24 ally by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The actions of one state can
25 thereby impact other states considered to be part of its region; and

26 WHEREAS, cooperative and collaborative efforts between state agencies
27 is often of significant value and benefit in addressing and resolving issues
28 of common concern, including natural resource related issues that overlap
29 state borders.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular
31 Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the Senate and the House of
32 Representatives concurring therein, that we strongly encourage and urge
33 the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Governor's Office of Species
34 Conservation to take the lead in arranging meetings with similar agencies in
35 other states to establish, through dialogue, cooperative and collaborative
36 efforts in addressing issues relating to wolf management and control.