

Attachment 4
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Idaho Conservation Officer's Association

In Support of Civil Penalty Bill (SB 1226)

The Idaho Conservation Officer's Association strongly supports the Wildlife Civil Penalty Bill (Senate Bill 1226) sponsored by Senator Marv Hagedorn. This bill would increase the civil penalties by magistrate and district judges to any person convicted of illegal killing, illegal possession or illegal waste of certain species of big game. There has not been an increase in the civil penalties for Idaho wildlife in over 20 years. The value of elk would be raised from \$750 to \$1000. The value of caribou, bighorn sheep, mountain goat and moose would be increased from \$1500 to \$2600. The value of any other big game would be increased from \$400 to \$700. Currently wildlife especially big game is extremely undervalued in Idaho. Wildlife is a valued resource in Idaho by hunters, conservationists, wildlife photographers and hikers. I urge you to support this bill in the Senate.

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