

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1247

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO WOLVES; AMENDING CHAPTER 11, TITLE 36, IDAHO CODE, BY THE AD-
2 DITION OF A NEW SECTION 36-1107A, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR CHRONIC
3 DEPREDAATION ZONES, TO PROVIDE FOR WOLF-FREE ZONES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR
4 THE APPLICABILITY OF SPECIFIED PROVISIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Chapter 11, Title 36, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
8 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
9 ignated as Section 36-1107A, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

10 36-1107A. CHRONIC DEPREDAATION ZONES -- WOLF-FREE ZONES. (1) Wolves
11 may be taken year-round in any chronic depredation zone. Any hunter so
12 taking a wolf shall have a valid hunting license and a wolf tag and shall
13 report the take to the department of fish and game within seven (7) days
14 of such take. For purposes of this subsection, "chronic depredation zone"
15 means any big game hunting unit as designated by the fish and game commis-
16 sion wherein the commission or the United States department of agriculture
17 animal and plant health inspection service (USDA APHIS) wildlife services
18 has confirmed depredation in four (4) out of the immediate five (5) preceding
19 calendar years.

20 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section,
21 big game hunting units 38, 40, 41, 42, 46, 47, 53, 54, 55, 56, and 57 are
22 hereby designated as wolf-free zones. Wolves may be taken year-round in any
23 wolf-free zone. Any hunter so taking a wolf shall have a valid hunting li-
24 cense and a wolf tag and shall report the take to the department within seven
25 (7) days of such take.

26 (3) The provisions of this section shall be in effect as long as there
27 are more than twenty (20) packs, consisting of at least two hundred (200)
28 wolves, in the state of Idaho. In the event the number of packs falls to
29 twenty (20) packs, consisting of at least two hundred (200) wolves or less,
30 the commission is authorized to review wolf management policies and take
31 appropriate action to restore the number of packs of wolves in the state to a
32 minimum of twenty (20) packs, consisting of at least two hundred (200) wolves
33 or more.

34 SECTION 2. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby
35 declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after its
36 passage and approval.