

Dear Senators BURTENSHAW, Adams, Semmelroth, and  
Representatives MENDIVE, Shepherd, Burns:

The Legislative Services Office, Research and Legislation, has received the enclosed rules of the  
Department of Fish and Game:

IDAPA 13.00.00 - Establishing Seasons and Limits for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Idaho -  
Adopted / Amended Proclamation (P2) (Docket No. 13-0000-2400P).

Pursuant to Section 67-454, Idaho Code, a meeting on the enclosed rules may be called by the  
cochairmen or by two (2) or more members of the subcommittee giving oral or written notice to Research  
and Legislation no later than fourteen (14) days after receipt of the rules' analysis from Legislative  
Services. The final date to call a meeting on the enclosed rules is no later than 05/31/2024. If a meeting is  
called, the subcommittee must hold the meeting within forty-two (42) days of receipt of the rules' analysis  
from Legislative Services. The final date to hold a meeting on the enclosed rules is 06/28/2024.

The germane joint subcommittee may request a statement of economic impact with respect to a  
proposed rule by notifying Research and Legislation. There is no time limit on requesting this statement,  
and it may be requested whether or not a meeting on the proposed rule is called or after a meeting has  
been held.

To notify Research and Legislation, call 334-4854, or send a written request to the address on the  
memorandum attached below.



**Terri Kondoff**  
Director

# Legislative Services Office

## Idaho State Legislature

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Resources & Environment Committee and the House Resources & Conservation Committee  
**FROM:** Deputy Division Manager - Katharine Gerrity  
**DATE:** May 15, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Department of Fish and Game

IDAPA 13.00.00 - Establishing Seasons and Limits for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Idaho - Adopted / Amended Proclamation (P2) (Docket No. 13-0000-2400P)

#### **Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule**

The Fish and Game Commission submits notice of Proclamations for calendar year 2024 establishing seasons and limits for hunting, fishing, and trapping in Idaho. According to the commission, the following proclamation actions were taken on March 21, 2024:

A proclamation for 2024 spring Chinook Salmon fishing was adopted, establishing seasons and limits in the Snake, Lower Salmon, Little Salmon, and Clearwater Rivers.

The proclamation for 2024 big game seasons was amended, eliminating and adjusting certain deer and prong horn hunts in response to a prior severe winter.

On March 28, the Commission took the following action:

The commission interpreted a March 19, 2024, court order in *Center for Biological Diversity v. Little* (1:21-cv-00479-CWB), to close wolf trapping seasons in the entirety of the nineteen counties encompassing the Panhandle, Clearwater, Salmon, and Upper Snake Regions for the remainder of the 2023-2024 trapping season, effective April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, and the department will accordingly revise the proclamation for the remainder of the 2023-2024 wolf trapping season. The commission clarified that this determination is not a commission designation of grizzly bear habitat, because these nineteen counties contain significant area that is not occupied by grizzly bears and is not suitable for grizzly bears. The commission will take up the status of the 2024-2025 season before July 1, 2024, after further deliberation regarding options for addressing the court order.

#### **Negotiated Rulemaking / Fiscal Impact**

Not applicable.

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**Statutory Authority**

Section 36-105(3), Idaho Code, provides that the Department of Fish and Game shall be excepted from the requirements of rulemaking when adopting, repealing, or amending any proclamations relating to the setting of various seasons and limits, provided it publishes notice of such proposed proclamations in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin and provides notice to Legislative Services for review by the germane joint subcommittees as soon as possible after adoption by the commission.

cc: Department of Fish and Game  
Amber Worthington

**\*\*\* PLEASE NOTE \*\*\***

Per the Idaho Constitution, all administrative rules may be reviewed by the Legislature during the next legislative session. The Legislature has 3 options with this rulemaking docket: **1)** Approve the docket in its entirety; **2)** Reject the docket in its entirety; or **3)** Reject the docket in part.

**IDAPA 13 – IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**  
**ESTABLISHING SEASONS AND LIMITS FOR HUNTING, FISHING, AND TRAPPING IN IDAHO**  
**DOCKET NO. 13-0000-2400P2**  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTED / AMENDED PROCLAMATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

**AUTHORITY:** As authorized by Section 36-104, Idaho Code, and in compliance with Sections 36-105(3), Idaho Code, the Commission adopts proclamations establishing seasons and limits for hunting, fishing, and trapping in Idaho.

**AVAILABILITY OF OFFICIAL PROCLAMATIONS:** Hunters, anglers, and trappers are advised to consult the text of the Commission’s official proclamation before hunting, fishing, or trapping. All proclamations are available on-line at <https://idfg.idaho.gov/rules>, with print versions available at Idaho Department of Fish and Game offices and license vendors.

**DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY AND PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE:** The Commission meeting schedule and meeting agendas are available on-line at [Commission Meeting Schedule](#), with opportunities for public comment generally scheduled at its January, March, May, July, and November meetings.

Information for Commission proclamations for calendar year 2024 was initially published in the February 7, 2024, Idaho Administrative Bulletin, [Volume 24-2, pages 10-11](#).

At a March 21, 2024, regular meeting the Commission took the following proclamation actions:

1. Adopted a proclamation for 2024 spring Chinook Salmon fishing, establishing seasons and limits in the Snake, Lower Salmon, Little Salmon, and Clearwater Rivers.
2. Amended its proclamation for 2024 big game seasons eliminating and adjusting certain deer and pronghorn hunts in response to a prior severe winter.

At a March 28, 2024, special meeting the Commission took the following proclamation actions:

1. The Commission interpreted a March 19, 2024, court order in *Center for Biological Diversity v. Little* (1:21-cv-00479-CWD), to close wolf trapping seasons in the entirety of the nineteen Counties encompassing the Panhandle, Clearwater, Salmon and Upper Snake Regions for the remainder of the 2023-2024 trapping season, effective April 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, and the Department will accordingly revise the proclamation for the remainder of the 2023-2024 wolf trapping season. The Commission clarified that this determination is not a Commission designation of grizzly bear habitat, because these 19 counties contain significant area that is not occupied by grizzly bears and is not suitable for grizzly bears.

The Commission will take up the status of the 2024-2025 season before July 1, 2024, after further deliberation regarding options for addressing the court order.

**ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS:** For assistance on technical questions concerning proclamations, contact Owen Moroney at (208) 334-3715.