

Dear Senators BURTENSHAW, Hart, Taylor, and
Representatives MENDIVE, Shepherd, Galaviz:

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-Adoption of Proclamation for Calendar Year 2026 (P1) (Docket No.
13-0000-2600P).

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 03/02/2026. 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 03/30/2026.

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.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rules Review Subcommittee of the Senate Resources & Environment Committee and the House Resources & Conservation Committee

FROM: Legislative Drafting Attorney - Alli Olson

DATE: February 11, 2026

SUBJECT: Department of Fish and Game

IDAPA 13.00.00 - Establishing Seasons and Limits for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Idaho-Adoption of Proclamation for Calendar Year 2026 (P1) (Docket No. 13-0000-2600P)

Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule

The Fish and Game Commission submits notice of proclamations for calendar year 2025 establishing seasons and limits for hunting, fishing, and trapping in Idaho. According to the Commission, current/scheduled proclamations of the Commission include:

- **Big Game:** elk, deer (mule and white-tailed), mountain lion, black bear, pronghorn, and gray wolf. The proclamation adopted by the Commission for the 2025-2026 big game hunting seasons includes black bear seasons through July 2026 and gray wolf and mountain lion seasons through June 2026. The 2027-2027 season setting is scheduled for Commission action at its quarterly meeting on March 25, 2026, with a public hearing on March 24, 2026.
- **Big Game:** moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat (once-in-a-lifetime big game species). The proclamation adopted by the Commission for 2025-2026 seasons include seasons through November 2026. At its quarterly meeting on January 15, 2026, the Commission amended this proclamation to remove the 2026 California bighorn sheep hunting season in Hunt Area 41 (Hunt #7002).
- **Migratory Game Birds:** waterfowl, sandhill crane, dove, snipe, crow. The proclamation adopted by the Commission for 2024-2025 seasons include waterfowl seasons through March 2026. The 2025-2026 season setting is scheduled for Commission action on a conference call in April 2026.
- **Upland Game, Furbearer, Falconry, Upland non-migratory Game Birds:** turkey, pheasant, grouse (except sage grouse), quail, and partridge. The proclamation adopted by the Commission for the 2024-2025 seasons includes upland game bird seasons through January 2026, upland game animal and falconry seasons through March 2026, and furbearer seasons through June 2026. The 2026-2027 seasons were set at the Commission's quarterly meeting on January 15, 2026, with a public hearing held on January 14, 2026.
- **Sage Grouse.** The 2026 season setting is scheduled for Commission action on July 16, 2026, with a public hearing on July 15, 2026.

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- Fishing (except for spring/summer chinook salmon). The proclamation adopted by the Commission for the 2025-2027 seasons includes fishing seasons, except for spring/summer chinook salmon, through December 31, 2027.
- Spring/summer Chinook Salmon. The season setting is scheduled for Commission action on March 25, 2026, with a public hearing on March 24, 2026.
- Peregrine Falcon capture (for falconry use). The proclamation adopted by the Commission for the 2025-2027 peregrine falcon capture seasons includes seasons through August 31, 2027.

Negotiated Rulemaking / Fiscal Impact

Not applicable.

Statutory Authority

Section 36-104, Idaho Code, grants the Commission authority to adopt proclamations establishing seasons and limits for hunting, fishing, and trapping in Idaho. Section 36-105(3), Idaho Code, provides that the Commission and Department shall be excepted from rulemaking requirements when adopting, repealing, or amending any proclamation related to the setting of various seasons and limits if notice of the proposed action is published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, notice is promptly given to the Legislative Services Office for review by the germane joint subcommittee, and the proclamation is published and distributed without charge to the public. Those requirements have been satisfied.

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. 13-0000-2600P1
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROCLAMATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026

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. Current versions of Commission 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 <https://idfg.idaho.gov/about/commission/schedule>, with opportunities for public comment generally scheduled at its January, March, May, July, and November meetings. Before adopting changes to major proclamations, the Department generally provides opportunities for public scoping (gathering of ideas and opinions from the public) and public comment on proposed changes to proclamations. Opportunities to comment are available online at <https://idfg.idaho.gov/comment>.

Current/scheduled proclamations of the Commission include:

Big Game: elk, deer (mule and white-tailed), mountain lion, black bear, pronghorn, gray wolf

- The proclamation adopted by the Commission for the 2025-2026 big game hunting seasons includes black bear seasons through July 2026 and gray wolf and mountain lion seasons through June 2026.
- 2026-2027 season setting is scheduled for Commission action at its quarterly meeting on March 25, 2026 (public hearing March 24, 2026).

Big Game: moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat (once-in-a-lifetime big game species)

- The proclamation adopted by the Commission for the 2025-2026 seasons includes seasons through November of 2026.
- At its January 15, 2026 quarterly meeting, the Commission amended its proclamation removing the 2026 California bighorn sheep hunting season in Hunt Area 41 (Hunt #7002).

Migratory Game Birds: waterfowl, sandhill crane, dove, snipe, crow

- The proclamation adopted by the Commission for 2024-2025 seasons include waterfowl seasons through March 2026.
- 2025-2026 season setting is scheduled for Commission action on a conference call in April 2026.

Upland Game, Furbearer, Falconry, Upland (non-migratory) Game Birds: turkey, pheasant, grouse (except sage grouse), quail, partridge, red squirrel, cottontail, hare, beaver, bobcat, otter, badger, fox, marten, mink, muskrat, and taking by falconry

- The proclamation adopted by the Commission for 2024-25 includes upland game bird seasons through January 2026, upland game animal and falconry seasons through March 2026, and furbearer seasons through June 2026.
- 2026-2027 seasons were set at the Commission’s quarterly meeting on January 15, 2026 (public hearing January 14, 2026).

Sage Grouse

- 2026 season setting is scheduled for Commission Action on July 16, 2026 (public hearing July 15, 2026).

Fishing (except for spring/summer chinook salmon)

- The proclamation adopted for 2025-2027 seasons includes fishing seasons (except for spring/summer chinook salmon) through December 31, 2027.

Spring/summer Chinook Salmon

- Spring/summer chinook salmon season setting is scheduled for Commission action on March 25, 2026 (public hearing March 24, 2026).

Peregrine Falcon Capture (for falconry use)

- The 2025-2027 season for peregrine capture goes through August 31, 2027.

As provided in Sections 36-104 and 36-105, Idaho Code, the Commission retains authority to issue proclamations for additional species, amend existing proclamations, and adjust the above schedule as circumstances warrant. As provided in Section 36-106, Idaho Code, the Director has authority to close seasons or reduce bag or possession limits as circumstances may warrant and to open seasons to protect property from wildlife damage or for salvage.

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