

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-Amdended Proclamations for Calendar Year 2026 (P2) (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 04/24/2026. 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 05/22/2026.

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: April 07, 2026

SUBJECT: Department of Fish and Game

IDAPA 13.00.00 - Establishing Seasons and Limits for Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping in Idaho-Amended Proclamations for Calendar Year 2026 (P2) (Docket No. 13-0000-2600P)

Summary and Stated Reasons for the Rule

The Department of Fish and Game submits notice that at the March 25, regular meeting, the Fish and Game Commission took the following three actions:

(1) Adopted a proclamation for 2026 spring Chinook Salmon fishing season and limits for Chinook Salmon in the Snake River, Lower Salmon River, Little Salmon River, Mainstem Clearwater River, Middle Fork Clearwater River, North Fork Clearwater River, and South Fork Clearwater River;

(2) Delegated authority to the Director of the Department of Fish and Game to make in-season adjustments based upon harvest matrix tables for the 2026 spring Chinook Salmon fishing season and limits; and

(3) Amended its Big Game proclamation by removing a 2026 California Bighorn Sheep hunting season in Hunt Area 40, by removing mandatory chronic wasting disease sampling requirements for mule and white-tail deer harvesting in GMU 24 and 32A, and by adding mandatory chronic wasting disease sampling requirements for such deer harvested from GMU 64 and 69 within 10 days of harvest in the 2026 hunting season.

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.

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***** 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. 13-0000-2600P2
NOTICE OF ADOPTED / AMENDED PROCLAMATIONS 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. 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. 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>.

Information for Commission proclamations for calendar year 2026 was initially published in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, February 4, 2026, Bulletin [Volume 26-2, pages 12-13](#).

At a March 25, 2026, regular meeting the Commission took the following proclamation actions:

1. Adopted a proclamation for 2026 spring Chinook Salmon fishing, establishing seasons and limits for Chinook Salmon in the Snake River, Lower Salmon River, Little Salmon River, Mainstem Clearwater River, Middle Fork Clearwater River, North Fork Clearwater River, and South Fork Clearwater River. The Commission also delegated authority to the Director to make in-season adjustments based upon harvest matrix tables.
2. Amended its Big Game proclamation removing a 2026 California bighorn sheep hunting season in Hunt Area 40 (Hunt #7001).
3. Amended its Big Game proclamation removing mandatory CWD sampling requirements for mule deer and white-tailed deer harvested in GMUs 24 and 32A and adding mandatory CWD sampling requirements for mule deer and white-tailed deer harvested from GMUs 64 and 69, within 10 days of harvest, starting with the 2026 hunting season.

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