

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-Amended Proclamations for Calendar Year 2026 (P4) (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 07/24/2026. 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 08/21/2026.

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.



**Terri Kondoff**  
Director

# Legislative Services Office

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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:** July 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 (P4) (Docket No. 13-0000-2600P)

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

The Department of Fish and Game submits notice that at a special meeting on May 29, 2026, the Fish and Game Commission took the following two actions:

(1) Amended its 2026-2027 migratory bird seasons to establish seasons and limits for the taking of ducks, snipes, coots, geese, swans, doves, crows, and sandhill cranes in Idaho; and

(2) Adopted a proclamation for the 2026 spring Chinook Salmon fishing to establish seasons and limits for Chinook Salmon in the Upper Salmon, South Fork Salmon, and Lochsa rivers.

#### **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

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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. 13-0000-2600P4**  
**NOTICE OF ADOPTED / AMENDED PROCLAMATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

**AUTHORITY:** As authorized by Idaho Code Section [36-104](#), and in compliance with Idaho Code Section [36-105\(3\)](#) 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 May 29, 2026, special meeting the Commission took the following proclamation actions:

1. Amended its proclamation for the 2026-2027 migratory bird seasons, establishing seasons and limits for taking of ducks, snipes, coots, geese, swans, doves, crows, and sandhill cranes in Idaho; and
2. Adopted a proclamation for 2026 spring Chinook Salmon fishing, establishing seasons and limits for Chinook Salmon in the Upper Salmon, South Fork Salmon, and Lochsa Rivers.

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