

IDAPA 13 - IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

13.01.08 - RULES GOVERNING THE TAKING OF BIG GAME ANIMALS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO

DOCKET NO. 13-0108-1401

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5220, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Section 36-104, Idaho Code.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Interested persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must respond to this notice by contacting the undersigned either in writing, by email, or by calling the phone number listed below. To participate, responses must be received by Wednesday, January 22, 2014.

Should a reasonable number of persons respond to this notice, negotiated meetings will be scheduled and all scheduled meetings shall be posted and made accessible on the agency website at the address listed below.

Failure of interested persons to respond to this notice of intent or the lack of a sufficient number of responses to this notice of intent may result in the discontinuation of further informal proceedings. In either event the agency shall have sole discretion in determining the feasibility of scheduling and conducting informal negotiated rulemaking and may proceed directly to formal rulemaking if proceeding with negotiated rulemaking is deemed infeasible.

Upon the conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusions reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary and made available on the agency website.

PRELIMINARY DRAFT: A preliminary draft of the affected rule text will be available on the agency's website located at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principle issues involved:

The Department is proposing several modifications and clarifications to the current Landowner Appreciation Program (LAP). The intent is to improve distribution of existing LAP tags among landowners and creation of a new Private Lands Tag program. The focus of the Private Lands Tag is to provide consistent recognition for large private landowners that are providing important habitat for elk, deer and pronghorn antelope.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (Department) proposes to not apply the one year waiting period to individuals issued Private Land Tags. The Department also proposes to not apply the one year waiting period to Landowner Appreciation Program hunts where the number of eligible landowners is less than twice the available tags, or to left-over Landowner Appreciation Program tags.

This effort is designed to provide for consistent recognition for large private land ownerships providing important habitat, improve distribution of existing LAP tags among eligible landowners, reduce potential for expensive depredation claims, and to achieve big game management objectives.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking or to obtain a copy of the preliminary draft of the text of the proposed rule, contact Sal Palazzolo, (208) 334-2752 or visit the agency website at <http://fishandgame.idaho.gov>.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned and must be delivered on or before January 22, 2014.

DATED this 29th day of November, 2013.

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