

IDAPA 13 - DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

13.01.16 - THE TRAPPING OF PREDATORY AND UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE AND THE TAKING OF FURBEARING ANIMALS

DOCKET NO. 13-0116-1501

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 Sections: 36-104(b), 36-1101(a) and 36-1103, 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 be considered, responses must be received by April 30, 2015.

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.

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 Idaho Fish and Game Commission directed the Department to work with trappers on trapper education as a means to avoid catching pets and other non-target animals rather than pursuing additional trapping equipment restrictions. The Department met with trapper association presidents who expressed support for a trapper education requirement and provided recommendations.

The negotiated rulemaking would establish a mandatory trapper education class, the class length, and required subject matter to be covered. Additional training, including a field component, would be required for newer trappers.

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 Brenda Beckley, (208) 287-2884 or visit the agency website at: fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/about/?getPage=33.

Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments must be directed to the undersigned or fishandgame.idaho.gov/public/about/?getPage=33, and must be delivered on or before April 30, 2015.

DATED this 5th Day of March, 2015.

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