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**IDAPA 13
TITLE 01
CHAPTER 17**

**13.01.17 – RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF BAIT AND TRAPPING
FOR TAKING BIG GAME ANIMALS**

000. LEGAL AUTHORITY.

Sections 36-104, 409, and 36-1101, Idaho Code, authorize the Commission to adopt rules concerning the use of bait and trapping for taking big game animals. (6-30-19)T

001. TITLE AND SCOPE.

The title of this chapter for citation is IDAPA 13.01.17, “Rules Governing the Use of Bait and Trapping for Taking Big Game Animals.” These rules govern the use of bait and trapping for taking big game animals in the state of Idaho. (6-30-19)T

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS.

Written interpretations of these rules and compliance documentation are available at the Department’s main office. (6-30-19)T

003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS.

IDAPA 04.11.01, “Idaho Rules of Administrative Procedure of the Attorney General,” govern administrative appeals under this chapter. (6-30-19)T

004. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE.

This chapter incorporates no documents by reference. (6-30-19)T

005. OFFICE — OFFICE HOURS — MAILING ADDRESS AND STREET ADDRESS.

The main office of the Department is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. The mailing address is P.O. Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707. The street address is 600 S. Walnut Street, Boise, Idaho. (6-30-19)T

006. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE.

The agency promulgates rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Title 67, Chapter 52, Idaho Code), as provided in Section 36-105, Idaho Code, and they are public records. (6-30-19)T

007. DEFINITIONS.

01. Bait (Hunting). Bait for hunting purposes is any substance placed to attract big game animals, except synthetic liquid scent for deer and elk. (6-30-19)T

02. Bait (Trapping). Bait for trapping purposes is defined as any animal parts; except bleached bones or liquid scent. (6-30-19)T

03. Established Roadway. A roadway open to the general public for motorized traffic and capable of being traveled by full-sized automobiles. (6-30-19)T

04. Ground Set. Any foothold trap, body-gripping trap, or snare originally set in or on the land (soil, rock, etc.), which includes any traps elevated up to a maximum of thirty-six (36) inches above the natural ground level. (6-30-19)T

05. Public Trail (Trapping). Any trail designated by any city, county, state, or federal transportation or land management agency on the most current official map of the agency. (6-30-19)T

008. -- 099. (RESERVED)

100. USE OF BAIT FOR HUNTING BIG GAME.

Bait may be used to hunt ONLY black bear and ONLY under the following conditions, EXCEPT gray wolf may be taken incidentally to bear baiting. (6-30-19)T

- 01. Time.** (6-30-19)T
- a.** No bait or bait container may be placed for the purpose of attracting or taking black bear prior to the opening of black bear take season EXCEPT bait may be placed one (1) week prior to the opening of bear season in Units 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26 and 27. (6-30-19)T
- b.** All bait, bait containers and materials must be removed and all excavations refilled no later than seven (7) days after the close of each season (spring, fall, or black bear dog training); EXCEPT bait, bait containers, and materials may remain in Units 10 and 12 between the dog training season and the fall season. (6-30-19)T
- 02. Location.** (6-30-19)T
- a.** No bait site may be located within two hundred (200) feet of any water (lake, pond, reservoir, year round free flowing spring and year round free flowing stream). (6-30-19)T
- b.** No bait site may be located within two hundred (200) yards from any maintained trail or any established roadway; except in the Panhandle and Clearwater Regions, no bait site may be located within two hundred (200) feet from any maintained trail or any established roadway. (6-30-19)T
- c.** No bait site may be located within one-half (1/2) mile of any designated campground or picnic area, administrative site, or dwelling. (6-30-19)T
- 03. Types.** (6-30-19)T
- a.** No person may use any part of a domestic or wild origin game bird, big game animal, upland game animal, game fish, or protected nongame wildlife for bait or scent. (6-30-19)T
- b.** The skin must be removed from any mammal parts or carcasses used as bait. (6-30-19)T
- c.** No person shall use salt in any form (liquid or solid) for bait. (6-30-19)T
- 04. Containers.** (6-30-19)T
- a.** No bait may be contained within paper, plastic, glass, metal, wood or other non-biodegradable materials, except that a single, metal container with a maximum size of fifty-five (55) gallons may be used if securely attached at the bait site. (6-30-19)T
- b.** No bait may be contained in any excavated hole greater than four (4) feet in diameter. (6-30-19)T
- 05. Establishment of Bait Sites.** (6-30-19)T
- a.** Any structures constructed at bait sites using nails, spikes, ropes, screws, or other materials must be removed by the permit holder within seven (7) days after the close of each season; spring, fall, or black bear dog training. (6-30-19)T
- b.** All bait sites must be visibly marked at the nearest tree or on the bait container using a tag supplied by the Department. (6-30-19)T
- 101. -- 199. (RESERVED)**
- 200. BAITING PERMIT.**
- 01. Baiting Permit.** (6-30-19)T
- a.** Baiting permits are issued by mail or in person from Department offices beginning March 1 of each year. (6-30-19)T

- b. Baiting permits are valid for the calendar year in which they are issued. (6-30-19)T
- 02. Use of Baiting Permit.** (6-30-19)T
- a. All persons placing bait must possess a baiting permit issued by the Department. (6-30-19)T
- b. Each hunter may possess only one (1) baiting permit each year and may maintain up to three (3) bait sites, except the number of bait sites maintained by outfitters will be that specified by the land management agency in the outfitter's operating plan. (6-30-19)T
- c. No person may hunt over an unlawful bait site. (6-30-19)T
- d. Guides and clients of outfitters are not required to obtain a baiting permit, but they must have a copy of the outfitter's permit in their possession while hunting over a bait site. (6-30-19)T
- 201. -- 399. (RESERVED)**
- 400. TRAPPING BIG GAME ANIMALS.** (6-30-19)T
- Trapping may be used to take ONLY gray wolf and ONLY under the following conditions. (6-30-19)T
- 01. Methods of Take When Trapping.** No person trapping gray wolf may: (6-30-19)T
- a. Use any set, EXCEPT a ground set. (6-30-19)T
- b. Use for bait or scent, any part of a domestic or wild origin game bird, big game animal, upland game animal, game fish, or protected nongame wildlife; EXCEPT: (6-30-19)T
- i. Gray wolves may be trapped near a big game animal that has died naturally and the carcass has not been repositioned for trapping purposes. Natural causes shall not include any man-caused mortality. (6-30-19)T
- ii. Gray wolves may be trapped using a carcass of a legally taken gray wolf with the hide removed. (6-30-19)T
- iii. Gray wolves may be trapped using the parts of accidentally killed wildlife salvaged in accordance with IDAPA 13.01.10, "Rules Governing the Importation, Possession, Release, Sale or Salvage of Wildlife," Subsections 300.02.c. and 300.02.d. in Game Management Units as identified by the Commission's Big Game Season Proclamation, adopted and published in accordance with Section 36-105(3), Idaho Code. (6-30-19)T
- c. Use any set within thirty (30) feet of any visible bait; including bait allowed in Subsection 400.01.b. (6-30-19)T
- d. Use a dirt hole ground set with bait unless the person ensures that the bait remains covered at all times to protect raptors and other meat-eating birds from being caught accidentally. (6-30-19)T
- e. Use live animals as a bait or attractant. (6-30-19)T
- f. Place any ground set on, across, or within ten (10) feet of the edge of any maintained unpaved public trail. (6-30-19)T
- g. Place any ground set on, across, or within any public highway as defined in Section 36-202, Idaho Code; EXCEPT ground sets may be placed underneath bridges and within and at culverts that are part of a public highway right-of-way. (6-30-19)T
- h. Place any ground set incorporating snare, trap, or attached materials within three hundred (300) feet of any designated public campground, trailhead, paved trail, or picnic area, except cage or box live traps may be placed within these areas as allowed by city, county, state, and federal law. (6-30-19)T

i. Place or set any ground set snare without a diverter; or without a break-away device or cable stop incorporated within the loop of the snare. (6-30-19)T

j. Place any ground set incorporating a foothold trap with an inside jaw spread greater than nine (9) inches. (6-30-19)T

k. Trap any gray wolf within one-half (1/2) mile of any active Department of Fish and Game big game feeding site. (6-30-19)T

l. Trap gray wolf within two hundred (200) yards of the perimeter of any designated dump ground or sanitary landfill. (6-30-19)T

02. Trapping Hours. Trapped gray wolves may be dispatched any time of day or night. (6-30-19)T

03. Wounding and Retrieving. No person may wound or kill any big game animal without making a reasonable effort to retrieve it and reduce it to possession. (6-30-19)T

04. Unlawful Methods of Take. No person may take big game animals in violation of IDAPA 13.01.08, “Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals in the State of Idaho” Section 410; EXCEPT trapped gray wolves may be dispatched with any rimfire rifle, rimfire handgun or any muzzleloading handgun. (6-30-19)T

401. -- 449. (RESERVED)

450. TRAPS.

The requirements for identification of traps, checking traps, removing trapped animals of another, and release of non-target catches, set forth in Sections 100 and 200 of IDAPA 13.01.16, Trapping of Predatory and Unprotected Wildlife and Taking of Furbearing Animals, apply to trapping gray wolf. However, only a licensed trapper with wolf trapper certification and written permission of the trap owner may remove a wolf from the trap or snare of another. (6-30-19)T

451. -- 459. (RESERVED)

460. MANDATORY CHECK AND REPORT REQUIREMENTS.

01. Harvest Report and Presentation of Animal Parts. Any trapper taking gray wolf must comply with mandatory check and report requirements as provided by IDAPA 13.01.08.420, “Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals.” (6-30-19)T

02. Trapping Report Completion. All trappers must fill out the mandatory fur-taking harvest report provided by the Department. Trappers shall return the completed mandatory report to the Department of Fish and Game, Box 25, Boise, Idaho 83707, by July 31. Any trapper failing to make such a report by July 31 will be refused a license to trap animals for the following year until a late report is submitted. (6-30-19)T

461. MANDATORY WOLF TRAPPER EDUCATION CLASS.

Individuals interested in trapping wolves must purchase a trapping license and successfully complete a wolf trapping education class held by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game prior to trapping for wolves. A certificate of completion and trapping license will be required to purchase tags for wolf trapping. Trappers who complete the class will not be required to take the class again in the future. (6-30-19)T

462. -- 499. (RESERVED)

500. TAG VALIDATION AND ATTACHMENT AND PROXY STATEMENT; IDENTIFICATION OF SEX, SIZE, SPECIES IN POSSESSION AND DURING TRANSPORTATION OR SHIPMENT.

Gray wolf may only be taken and possessed in accordance with Sections 300, 320, and 350, IDAPA 13.01.08, “Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals in the State of Idaho.” (6-30-19)T

501. -- 504. (RESERVED)

505. AREAS CLOSED TO HUNTING AND TRAPPING, AND TRAPPING ON GAME PRESERVES AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.

Gray wolf may only be taken and legally possessed in accordance with Section 500, IDAPA 13.01.08, “Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals in the State of Idaho,” and Sections 600 and 650, IDAPA 13.01.16, “The Trapping of Predatory and Unprotected Wildlife and the Taking of Furbearing Animals.” (6-30-19)T

506. -- 999. (RESERVED)

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