Idaho Fish and Game Commission
Idaho Department of Fish and Game
November 17-18, 2026
Clearwater Regional Office
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Lewiston, Idaho 83501

Note: Times on the agenda are approximate and subject to change.

November 17

8:00 a.m. Commission Field Tour –
Tour of Clearwater Commercial Timber Lands: A review of current forest practices and impacts/benefits to big game habitats, populations, and hunting opportunities and access. Tour will focus on GMU 10A north of Dworshak Reservoir.

5:00 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Public Meeting

November 18

8:00 a.m. 1. Opening Comments
–Chairman Cheirrett

8:10 a.m. 2. Agenda Changes (Action)
–Chairman Cheirrett

8:15 a.m. 3. Review of Public Comment
–Chairman Cheirrett and Director Fredericks

8:30 a.m. 4. Consent Calendar (Action)
a. Meeting Minutes
b. Financial Report

5. Action Items for Commission Approval (Action Requested by Department)

8:45 a.m. A. Administrative Rules – Adoption of Pending Rules (Action)
- CWD Management Restrictions
- Electronic Tagging for Game Birds

–Amber Worthington, Deputy Director

9:00 a.m. B. Petition for Rulemaking: Establishment of Sacred Resource Protection Zone (Action)
–Amber Worthington, Deputy Director

9:15 a.m.	C. Petition for Rulemaking: Overturn Regulatory Restrictions Regarding Certain Controlled Hunt Applications, Tag Exchange, and Unused Tags (Action) –Amber Worthington, Deputy Director
9:30 a.m.	D. Petition for Rulemaking: Amend Enclosure Requirements for Snakes (Action) –Amber Worthington, Deputy Director
9:45 a.m.	E. Spring Season Modifications, Steelhead Fisheries (Action) –Chris Sullivan, Anadromous Fisheries Coodrinator
10:15 a.m.	F. Montpelier Reservoir Bag Limit Change for Illegally Introduced Bass (Action) –Lance Hebdon, Chief, Fisheries
10:25 a.m.	G. Mountain Lion, Black Bear, and Gray Wolf Nonresident Tag Discount Order (Action) –Rick Ward, State Wildlife Manager
10:35 a.m.	H. Selection of IFWF Commission Liaison (Action) –Hilarie Engle, Foundation Development Coordinator
10:40 p.m.	6. General IFWF Update –Hilarie Engle, Foundation Development Coordinator
10:45 p.m.	7. Final Update: Non-Resident Tag Draw –Tara Reichert, Chief, Communications
11:00 p.m.	8. Overview of Important Licensing Dates and Procedures –Tara Reichert, Chief, Communications
11:15 p.m.	9. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Update –Stacey Dauwalter, Wildlife Health Program Coordinator
11:30 p.m.	10. Moose Bighorn Sheep Mountain Goat Status Update and Season Setting Preview –Hollie Miyasaki, Wildlife Staff Biologist
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	11. Update on Captive Elk Facility Ingress and Egress –Eric Freeman, Upper Snake Regional Wildlife Manager
1:30 p.m.	12. Deer and Elk Scoping Results –Rick Ward, State Wildlife Manager
1:50 p.m.	13. Big Willow Elk Depredation Project Summary –Josh Royse, Regional Supervisor
2:10 p.m.	14. Craig Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Overview, Opportunities, and Challenges

	–Jessica Barker, Regional Wildlife Biologist
2:30 p.m.	15. Mule Deer Buck Vulnerability Project Update –Paul Atwood, Senior Wildlife Research Biologist
2:50 p.m.	16. Strategic Habitat Conservation Planning in the Magic Valley Region –Bradley Dawson, Regional Technical Assistance Manager –John Guthrie, Regional Habitat Manager
3:20 p.m.	Break
3:35 p.m.	17. Application of IDAPA 13.01.16.450.03.i.–Director or Regional Supervisor Authorization to Place Ground Sets on Snow-Covered Routes –Carson Watkins, Regional Supervisor
3:55 p.m.	18. Appoint Commissioner Representative to WAFWA (Action) –Chairman Cheirrett
4:00 p.m.	19. Set the 2027 Commission Calendar –Chairman Cheirrett
4:10 p.m.	20. Director's Report –Director Fredericks
4:20 p.m.	21. Commissioner Reports –Commissioners
4:30 p.m.	22. Planning for Next Meeting –Chairman Cheirrett
	23. Executive Session I.C. 74-206 (1) (c) (f) (Action Item–votes for convening/ending session; no final action will occur in executive session.)
4:35 p.m.	24. Litigation Position (Action)
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn

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