

**Part I – Agency Profile**

**Agency Overview**

The Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board (“Board”) was created in 2014 within the Office of the Governor. The Board is tasked with “directing and managing funds” for the purpose of wolf depredation control within the State of Idaho. The law enacted in 2014 is based on the recommendation from the Fish and Game Advisory Committee to Governor Otter addressing wolf depredation funding in Idaho. The Fish and Game Advisory Committee identified four important elements that the law should encompass. First, a long-term solution should include a 3-way partnership between livestock owners, sportsmen, and the legislature (general funds). Second, a wolf depredation control program should provide for equivalent matching dollars from Idaho sportsman for contribution made by livestock producers, up to \$110,000. Third, funds should be made available to eligible agency partners that will implement wolf depredation control actions within Idaho. Finally, funding dedicated to wolf depredation control should not be used for compensation purposes.

**Core Functions/Idaho Code**

**Fund Administration:** The Board is responsible for the administration of the wolf control fund. The management of the fund includes setting procedures and standards for payment from the fund, entering into contracts and agreements with federal, state, or other political subdivision of the state.

**Revenue and Expenditures**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
Wolf Control – Livestock	\$105,300	\$95,400	\$93,700	\$110,000
Wolf Control – Fish & Game	\$54,600	\$105,300	\$95,400	\$93,700
Wolf Control – Other Subaccount	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,400
General Fund Match	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Interest	(700)	3,300	7,000	\$14,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$559,200</b>	<b>\$604,000</b>	<b>\$596,100</b>	<b>\$629,100</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
Personnel Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenditures	\$195,800	\$412,200	\$461,900	\$758,600
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$195,800</b>	<b>\$412,200</b>	<b>\$461,900</b>	<b>\$758,600</b>

**Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided**

<b>Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided</b>	<b>FY 2015</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
Depredation investigations	73	93	121	217
Confirmed wolf depredations	51	65	84	140
Wolf removal for livestock protection	29	65	42	75
Wolf removal for ungulate protection	21	20	0	10

**Cooperative Service Agreement:** The Board signed a Cooperative Service Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (“Wildlife Services”) in August of 2014 which has been extended through July, 2019. The purpose of the agreement is to facilitate the authorized expenditures of funds by the Board from the Wolf Control Fund to Wildlife Services to be used by Wildlife Services to conduct a program for the management and control of depredating gray wolves in Idaho for the protection of livestock and wild ungulates, utilizing integrated wildlife damage management methodologies.

The Board signed a Work/Financial Cooperative Agreement with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to provide services to protect elk from unacceptable predation levels caused by gray wolves in areas where

populations are not meeting management objections and wolf predation is a significant contributor to overall mortality. The Board has an agreement with ISDA to provide fiscal services to the Board.

**Part II – Performance Measures**

Performance Measure		FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>Goal 1</b>						
Effectively manage and allocate funds in order to continue the service of wolf depredation control within the State of Idaho.						
1. Distribute available funds to eligible contractors in Idaho to address depredations of livestock and wild ungulates						
Wildlife Services	actual	\$194,051	\$410,617	\$460,791	\$664,317	-----
	target	\$225,000	\$600,000	\$582,583	\$650,000	\$670,000
Idaho Fish and Game	actual	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$100,829	-----
	target	N/A	\$75,000	\$40,000	\$100,000	\$212,000

**Performance Measure Explanatory Notes**

Idaho Fish and Game contract for FY 2017 was paid in July 2016 so is reflected in FY 2018 numbers. Some of the Wildlife Services work at the end of the quarter is paid in the following fiscal year, which distorts the comparisons with the targets.

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