

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. Four important elements encompass the Board’s role. 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 to compensate livestock owners for losses due to wolf depredations.

The Board has no management authority for wolves, only a fiduciary role for managing funding used to resolve wolf depredations. See Idaho Code section 22-5304. Wolf management, including decisions on how to respond to depredations, is under authority of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). The Board contracts with USDA Wildlife Services (WS) who investigates livestock depredations. The Board also contracts with IDFG to perform work related to ungulate depredation actions. Upon receiving confirmation of wolves causing the depredation, IDFG will issue a lethal removal order to WS for wolves responsible for the depredations. WS carries out these IDFG orders and reports back to both IDFG and the Board. In summary, the Board was created to administer funding so the level of wolf depredation control service in Idaho functionally remained unchanged following delisting and loss of federal funding. The Board exercises no oversight authority over the Idaho Fish and Game Commission or the IDFG as it relates to authorizing or implementing depredation activities in Idaho.

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

Revenue	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Wolf Control – Livestock	\$95,400	\$93,700	\$110,000	\$113,100
Wolf Control – Fish & Game	\$105,300	\$95,400	\$93,700	\$110,000
Wolf Control – Other Subaccount	\$0	\$0	\$11,400	\$0
General Fund Match	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000
Interest	<u>3,300</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>	<u>\$14,000</u>	<u>\$19,100</u>
Total	\$604,000	\$596,100	\$629,100	642,200
Expenditures	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Personnel Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Expenditures	\$412,200	\$461,900	\$758,600	\$684,100
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trustee/Benefit Payments	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total	\$412,200	\$461,900	\$758,600	\$684,100

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Depredation investigations	93	121	217	264
Confirmed wolf depredations	65	84	140	175
Wolf removal for livestock protection	65	42	75	76
Wolf removal for ungulate protection	20	0	10	7

Cooperative Service Agreements: 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 June 30, 2024. 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 objectives and wolf predation is a significant contributor to overall mortality. The Board has an agreement with ISDA to provide fiscal services to the Board.

Red Tape Reduction Act

Each agency shall incorporate into its strategic plan a summary of how it will implement the Red Tape Reduction Act, including any associated goals, objectives, tasks, or performance targets. This information may be included as an addendum. The Wolf Depredation Control Board does not have the authority to promulgate rules. Therefore, the Red Tape Reduction Act is not applicable to the Board’s activities.

	As of July 1, 2019
Number of Chapters	0
Number of Words	0
Number of Restrictions	0

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	
Goal 1						
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	\$410,617	\$460,791	\$664,317	\$522,732	-----
	target	\$600,000	\$582,583	\$650,000	\$670,000	\$715,000
Idaho Fish and Game	actual	\$0	\$0	\$100,829	\$188,891	-----
	target	\$75,000	\$40,000	\$100,000	\$212,000	\$110,000

Performance Measure Explanatory Notes

Some of the contract 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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