

Part I – Agency Profile

Agency Overview

The Idaho Wolf Depredation Control Board (IWDCB) was created in 2014 within the Office of the Governor. The IWDCB is tasked with “directing and managing funds” for the purpose of wolf depredation control within the State of Idaho. IWDCB funding reflects a partnership among livestock owners, sportsmen, and the General Fund. These funds are made available to eligible partners that implement wolf depredation control actions within Idaho according to law. They are not used to compensate livestock owners for losses due to wolf depredations.

Wolf management is under authority of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). The IWDCB contracts with USDA Wildlife Services which investigates livestock depredations. The IWDCB 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 Wildlife Services for wolves responsible for the depredations. Wildlife Services carries out these IDFG orders and reports back to both IDFG and IWDCB. In summary, the IWDCB 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 IWDCB 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: IWDCB 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 eligible partners.

Revenue and Expenditures

Revenue	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Wolf Control – Livestock	\$83,300	\$113,800	\$113,100	
Wolf Control – Fish & Game	\$110,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	
Wolf Control – Other Subaccount	\$0	\$0	\$0	
General Fund Match	\$372,400	\$392,000		
Interest	\$2,180	\$1,900	\$392,000	
			\$16,000	
Total	\$567,880	\$807,700	\$821,100	
Expenditures	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Personnel Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Operating Expenditures	\$561,570	\$549,000	\$336,400	
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Trustee/Benefit Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total	\$561,570	\$549,000	\$336,400	

Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
Depredation investigations	187	157	142	99
Confirmed wolf depredations	108	85	95	45
Wolf removal for livestock protection	31	38	27	20 7 radio collared
Wolf removal for ungulate protection	22	12	15	20
Hunter/Trapper harvested wolves reimbursement by WDCB agreement in "Chronic Livestock Depredation" Units	0	24	32	44
Hunter/Trapper harvested wolves reimbursement by WDCB agreement in "Elk Below Objective" Units	0	84	74	106
Hunter/Trapper harvested wolves reimbursement by WDCB agreement in "Chronic Depredation" and "Elk Below Objective" Units	0	16	14	14
Total	53	174	162	

Cooperative Service Agreements: The IWDCB has a Cooperative Service Agreement with Wildlife Services which extends through June 30, 2025. The IWDCB and Wildlife Services also have a Work Plan for the current fiscal year. The purpose of the agreement is to facilitate the authorized expenditure of IWDCB funding 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 a revised agreement with ISDA to provide fiscal services to the Board.

Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure		FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
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 wildungulates						
Wildlife Services	actual	\$460,856	\$368,300	\$298,400	\$199,808	
	target	\$650,000	\$640,000	\$640,000	\$400,000	
Idaho Fish and Game	actual	\$97,536	\$304,628	\$160,200	\$268,402	
	target	\$110,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$400,000	\$300,000

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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