

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 549

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

AN ACT

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2 RELATING TO FISH AND GAME; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 36, IDAHO CODE, BY THE  
3 ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 36-506, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALVAGE  
4 OF CERTAIN ANIMALS UNINTENTIONALLY STRUCK AND KILLED BY A VEHICLE ON A  
5 ROADWAY, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN SEVERELY INJURED ANIMALS MAY BE DIS-  
6 PATCHED, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO  
7 APPLICABILITY.

8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Chapter 5, Title 36, Idaho Code, be, and the same is  
10 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-  
11 ignated as Section 36-506, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

12 36-506. WILDLIFE STRUCK WITH VEHICLE -- DISPATCH -- SALVAGE. (1) In  
13 the event a person unintentionally strikes and kills a big game animal, up-  
14 land game animal, upland game bird, furbearing animal, predatory wildlife or  
15 unprotected wildlife on a roadway with a vehicle, a person may salvage the  
16 animal.

17 (2) In the event a person unintentionally strikes a big game animal, up-  
18 land game animal, upland game bird, furbearing animal, predatory wildlife  
19 or unprotected wildlife on a roadway with a vehicle, leaving the animal se-  
20 verely injured, a person may immediately thereafter, in a safe and humane  
21 manner, dispatch the severely injured animal and may salvage the animal.

22 (3) Within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident in either subsection  
23 (1) or (2) of this section, the person shall report the incident to the de-  
24 partment of fish and game and, within seventy-two (72) hours of the incident,  
25 shall obtain a salvage permit from the department at no cost. The follow-  
26 ing wildlife must also be presented to the nearest fish and game office to  
27 satisfy mandatory check and reporting requirements: Moose, mountain goat,  
28 bighorn sheep, mountain lion, black bear, wolf, bobcat and river otter.

29 (4) The provisions of this section do not apply to protected nongame  
30 wildlife, threatened or endangered species, migratory birds including wa-  
31 terfowl, and other wildlife species not lawfully hunted or trapped.