

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1275

BY RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO WOLVES; AMENDING SECTION 36-201, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS THE EXPECTATION OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT WOLF COLLARING WILL BE CONTINUED AS A MANAGEMENT TOOL FOR CERTAIN PACKS.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 36-201, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

36-201. FISH AND GAME COMMISSION AUTHORIZED TO CLASSIFY WILDLIFE. With the exception of predatory animals, the Idaho fish and game commission is hereby authorized to define by classification or reclassification all wildlife in the state of Idaho. Such definitions and classifications shall include:

- (a) Game animals
- (b) Game birds
- (c) Game fish
- (d) Fur-bearing animals
- (e) Migratory birds
- (f) Threatened or endangered wildlife
- (g) Protected nongame species
- (h) Unprotected wildlife

Predatory wildlife shall include:

1. Coyote
2. Jackrabbit
3. Skunk
4. Weasel
5. Starling
6. Raccoon

Notwithstanding the classification assigned to wolves, all methods of take including, but not limited to, all methods utilized by the United States fish and wildlife service and the United States department of agriculture wildlife services, shall be authorized for the management of wolves in accordance with existing laws or approved management plans. It is the expectation of the legislature that wolf collaring will be continued as one of the proactive management tools for packs that are predisposed to depredation on domestic livestock.