

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

### RS27089

This is a FY 2020 appropriation bill that transfers \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Wolf Control Fund Other Money Subaccount.

Enabling legislation passed in 2014 found that additional financial resources are needed to continue the implementation of Idaho's Wolf management plan administered by the Department of Fish and Game. It established a five-member Wolf Depredation Control Board in the Governor's Office and created a set of new funds and subaccounts to be administered by the Department of Agriculture. The law established fees from the livestock industry, to be matched up to \$110,000 per year by sportsmen, to be transferred into the Wolf Control Fund. The responsibility of the Wolf Control Board is to allocate the money for control actions for wolves where there is a depredation conflict between wolves and wildlife or between wolves and livestock. The board has a cooperative services agreement and a work plan with both the Department of Fish and Game and Wildlife Services. Fish and Game authorizes control actions when wolves are causing conflicts with people and domestic animals or causing significant measured deer and elk population declines.

Wildlife Services reported to the board that it had conducted 217 depredation investigations as a result of wolf complaints from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. The investigations confirmed 65% of the depredations were caused by wolves. As a result of the confirmed wolf depredations on livestock, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game authorized Wildlife Services to initiate the lethal removal of 85 wolves.

### FISCAL NOTE

	FTP	Gen	Ded	Fed	Total
FY 2019 Original Appropriation	0.00	0	0	0	0
Noncognizable Funds and Transfers	0.00	0	1,106,500	0	1,106,500
FY 2019 Estimated Expenditures	0.00	0	1,106,500	0	1,106,500
Removal of Onetime Expenditures	0.00	0	(1,106,500)	0	(1,106,500)
FY 2020 Base	0.00	0	0	0	0
1. Wolf Control Program	0.00	200,000	0	0	200,000
Cash Transfers	0.00	(200,000)	0	0	(200,000)
FY 2020 Total	0.00	0	0	0	0
Chg from FY 2019 Orig Approp	0.00	0	0	0	0
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