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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 230

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND GAME; AMENDING SECTION 36-107, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT FROM CERTAIN LICENSES TO BE USED FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF MONEYS FOR FISHING ACCESS; AMENDING SECTION 36-111, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING MONEYS PAID INTO THE FISH AND GAME SET-ASIDE ACCOUNT AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF MONEYS DERIVED FROM CERTAIN LICENSE ENDORSEMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 36-115, IDAHO CODE, TO REFERENCE PAYMENTS TO THE SECONDARY DEPREDATION AC-COUNT FROM THE SET-ASIDE ACCOUNT, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS FROM THE EXPENDABLE BIG GAME DEPREDATION FUND AND TO REVISE CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS REGARDING PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN DAMAGES DUE TO DEPREDATION; AMENDING SECTION 36-406, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE CERTAIN DEPOSIT PROVISIONS REGARDING THE FISH AND GAME SET-ASIDE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTION 36-407, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THREE YEAR NONRESIDENT JUNIOR FISHING LICENSES; AMENDING CHAPTER 4, TITLE 36, IDAHO CODE, BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 36-414, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSE ENDORSEMENTS TO FUND WILDLIFE DEPREDATION COMPENSATION AND PREVENTION AND SPORTSMEN ACCESS PROGRAMS; AMENDING SECTION 36-416, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE CERTAIN LICENSE FEES; AMEND-ING SECTION 36-1108, IDAHO CODE, TO CLARIFY REFERENCES TO ANTELOPE AS PRONGHORN ANTELOPE, TO PROVIDE FOR VERBAL OR ELECTRONIC REPORTING OF DAMAGE AND TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH DEPREDATION CLAIMS; AMENDING SECTION 36-1110, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR VERBAL OR ELECTRONIC REPORTING OF DAMAGE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIREC-TOR MAY RESPOND PURSUANT TO SPECIFIED LAW AND TO PROVIDE THAT METHODS OF DETERMINING FORAGE UTILIZATION AND DAMAGE OR LOSS DUE TO WILDLIFE MAY INCLUDE EXCLOSURE CAGES OR OTHER DEVICES; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE IN-

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

SECTION 1. That Section 36-107, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

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36-107. FISH AND GAME ACCOUNT. (a) The director shall promptly transmit to the state treasurer all moneys received by him, from the sale of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses, tags and permits or from any other source connected with the administration of the provisions of the Idaho fish and game code or any law or regulation for the protection of wildlife, including moneys received from the sale of predatory animal furs taken under the provisions of this chapter, and the state treasurer shall deposit all such moneys in the fish and game account, which is hereby established, reserved, set aside, appropriated in the state treasury, and made available until expended as may be directed by the commission in carrying out the purposes of

the Idaho fish and game code or any law or regulation promulgated for the protection of wildlife, and shall be used for no other purpose. Pending expenditure or use, surplus moneys in the fish and game account shall be invested by the state treasurer in the manner provided for idle state moneys in the state treasury by section 67-1210, Idaho Code. Interest received on all such investments shall be paid into the account. The state controller shall annually, by August 1 of each year, transfer the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the fish and game account to the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Department of Animal and Veterinary Science for disease research regarding the interaction of disease between wildlife and domestic livestock. Said moneys shall be expended on projects agreed upon by the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Department of Animal and Veterinary Science and the director of the department of fish and game.

- (b) The commission shall govern the financial policies of the department and shall, as provided by law, fix the budget for the operation and maintenance of its work for each fiscal year. Said budget shall not be exceeded by the director.
- (c) The sum of $\underline{\text{two}}$ $\underline{\text{five}}$ dollars (\$25.00) from each license authorized in sections 36-406(a) and 36-407(b), Idaho Code, which entitles a person to fish, shall be used for the construction, repair, or rehabilitation of state fish hatcheries, fishing lakes, or reservoirs or for fishing access.
- (d) The department is authorized to expend up to one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) from each resident deer and elk tag sold and five dollars (\$5.00) from each nonresident deer and elk tag sold to fund the department's big game landowner-sportsman's relations program.
- SECTION 2. That Section 36-111, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 36-111. FISH AND GAME SET-ASIDE ACCOUNT. (1) There is hereby established the fish and game set-aside account in the dedicated fund. The account shall have paid into it moneys as follows:
 - (a) Four dollars (\$4.00) of each steelhead trout or anadromous salmon permit sold, except that class 7 permits shall be exempt from this provision. Moneys from this source shall be used for the acquisition, development and maintenance of parking areas, access sites, boat ramps and sanitation facilities in salmon and steelhead fishing areas, for management of and research on steelhead trout and anadromous salmon problems, and for technical assistance with litigation concerning steelhead and anadromous salmon originating in Idaho.
 - (b) Two dollars (\$2.00) from each combination hunting and fishing license, or each hunting license sold, as provided in sections 36-406 and 36-407, Idaho Code, except that class 4 and class 7 licenses shall be exempt from this provision. Moneys from this source shall be used for the purposes of acquiring access to and acquiring and rehabilitating big game ranges and upland bird and waterfowl habitats. Unless it is inconsistent with the goals of the commission, it is the intent of the legislature that the commission negotiate lease arrangements as compared with outright purchase of private property.

- (c) One Three dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) from each pronghorn antelope, elk and deer tag sold as provided in section 36-409, Idaho Code, except that class 7 tags shall be exempt from this provision. Not less than one dollar and seventy-five cents (75¢\$1.75) of each one three dollars and fifty cents (\$43.50) collected shall be placed in a separate account to be designated as a feeding account. Moneys in this account shall be used exclusively for the purposes of actual supplemental winter feeding of pronghorn antelope, elk and deer. Moneys shall be used solely for the purchase of blocks, pellets and hay for such winter feeding purposes and/or for the purchase of seed or other material, labor or mileage that can be shown to directly provide feed or forage for the winter feeding of pronghorn antelope, elk and deer. The balance of moneys realized from this source may be used for the control of depredation of private property by pronghorn antelope, elk and deer and control of predators affecting pronghorn antelope, elk and deer. Moneys in the feeding account shall not be used for any purpose other than winter feeding as herein specified. Moneys in the feeding account may not be expended except upon the declaration of a feeding emergency by the director of the department of fish and game. Such emergency need not exist on a statewide basis but can be declared with respect to one (1) or more regions of the state. The department shall by rule establish the criteria for a feeding emergency. The department shall submit a yearly report to the senate resources and environment committee and the house resources and conservation committee of the legislature on or before July 31, detailing how funds in the feeding account have been expended during the preceding fiscal year.
- (d) Those amounts designated by individuals in accordance with section 63-3067A(3) (a), Idaho Code, and from fees paid under the provisions of section 49-417, Idaho Code. Moneys from these sources shall be used for a nongame management and protection program under the direction of the fish and game commission.
- (e) Money derived from the assessment of processing fees. Moneys derived from this source shall be used as provided in section 36-1407, Idaho Code.
- (f) Money derived from each license endorsement pursuant to the provisions of section 36-414, Idaho Code. Moneys derived from this source shall be spent as follows:
 - (i) The state controller shall annually, as soon after July 1 of each year as practical, transfer five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the expendable big game depredation fund established in section 36-115(b), Idaho Code.
 - (ii) The next five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) shall be used for control of depredation of private property by pronghorn antelope, elk and deer and control of predators affecting pronghorn antelope, elk and deer.
 - (iii) The balance shall be used for sportsmen access programs. Provided however, that none of these moneys shall be used to purchase private property.
- (2) Moneys in the fish and game set-aside account and the feeding account established in subsection (1)(c) of this section are subject to appro-

priation and the provisions of section 67-3516, Idaho Code. Moneys in the fish and game set-aside account and the feeding account shall be invested by the state treasurer in the manner provided for investment of idle state moneys in the state treasury by section 67-1210, Idaho Code, with interest earned on investments from each account to be paid into that account.

 SECTION 3. That Section 36-115, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 36-115. NONEXPENDABLE BIG GAME DEPREDATION FUND -- EXPENDABLE BIG GAME DEPREDATION FUND. (a) The nonexpendable big game depredation fund is hereby established in the state treasury. On July 1, 2005, the state controller shall transfer two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,250,000) from the big game secondary depredation account, created pursuant to section 3, chapter 370, laws of 1990, to the nonexpendable big game depredation fund. Moneys in the fund shall be invested as provided in section 67-1210, Idaho Code, and interest earned on investment of idle moneys in the fund shall be paid to the expendable big game depredation fund. The principal amount in the fund shall not be appropriated, but only the interest earned on investment of the moneys in the fund shall be available for appropriation to the expendable big game depredation fund.
- (b) The big game secondary depredation account was created in the state treasury pursuant to section 3, chapter 370, laws of 1990, and shall, from the date of enactment of this act, be known and referred to as the expendable big game depredation fund. In addition to payments to the fund from the nonexpendable big game depredation fund as provided for in subsection (a) of this section and from the set-aside account as provided for in section 36-111(f), Idaho Code, the state controller shall annually, as soon after July 1 of each year as practical, transfer into the fund two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) from the fish and game account. Moneys in the fund are subject to appropriation for the purposes recited in section 36-122, Idaho Code, section 36-1108(a)3., Idaho Code, section 36-1108(b), Idaho Code, section 36-1109 and section 36-1110, Idaho Code. Moneys in the fund shall be invested as provided in section 67-1210, Idaho Code, and interest earned on investment of idle moneys in the fund shall be paid to the fund. The expendable big game depredation fund shall be under the administrative direction of the state controller.
- (c) The state controller shall annually report to the legislature, the division of financial management, the director of the department of agriculture and the director of the department of fish and game the amount of interest earnings and the availability of moneys in the expendable big game depredation fund for appropriation. At the close of each fiscal year, any unexpended and unencumbered balance that exceeds seven hundred fifty two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$750,0002,500,000), shall be transferred as follows: one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to the fish and game set—aside account to be earmarked for sportsmen access programs with the remaining amount transferred to the animal damage control account fish and game set—aside account to be earmarked for control of depredation of private property by pronghorn antelope, elk and deer and control of predators affecting pronghorn antelope, elk and deer established pursuant to section 36-112111, Idaho Code. Transferred funds to the set—aside account shall be

spent pursuant to the respective appropriations for the set-aside account and the animal damage control account.

- (d) Any payment for damages pursuant to section 36-1108(b), Idaho Code, is limited by the following conditions and requirements:
 - 1. The full amount of any approved claim will not be paid at the time of approval, but shall be subject to the following conditions and requirements:
 - (A) The director of the department of fish and game may order not more than one-half (1/2) of the amount of the approved claim that is to be paid from the expendable big game depredation fund to be paid immediately, if, in the judgment of the director, such payment is within the estimated total claims liability for that fiscal year from the expendable big game depredation fund.
 - (B) The balance of all unpaid approved claim amounts, including claims submitted under the provisions of sections 36-1109 and 36-1110, Idaho Code, shall be accumulated to a total as of June 30. If the balance in the expendable big game depredation fund appropriation is sufficient to pay the balance of all approved claims, the director shall pay them. If the balance is not sufficient to pay all approved claims, the director shall authorize a proportionate amount to be paid to each claimant.
 - (C) The director shall encumber the balance of moneys appropriated from the expendable big game depredation fund, or moneys sufficient to pay the approved claims, whichever is the lesser.
 - 2. Each claimant must submit a statement of total damages sustained per occurrence. For each such statement, the following conditions and requirements apply:
 - (A) The amount of one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,000750) must be deducted from each such statement. This deductible is a net loss to the owner or lessee, and will not be compensated for from the expendable big game depredation fund, but the owner or lessee is required to absorb only a single one thousand seven hundred fifty dollar (\$1,000750) deductible per claim.
 - (B) Provided however, that for claims in subsequent years for damage to standing or stored crops in the same location as the first occurrence, the one thousand seven hundred fifty dollar ($\frac{1,000750}{1}$) deductible will be waived if the department failed to prevent property loss following the first occurrence.
 - 3. Each approved claim must contain a certification by the director of the department of fish and game, or his designee, that:
 - (A) All statutory requirements leading up to approval for payment have been met.
 - (B) The claimant has certified that he will accept the amount approved as payment in full for the claim submitted, subject to the conditions and requirements of this subsection.
- (e) Any claim for damages pursuant to section 36-1109, Idaho Code, is limited by the following conditions and requirements:
 - 1. The full amount of any approved claim will not be paid at the time of approval, but shall be subject to the following conditions and requirements:

- (A) The director of the department of fish and game may order that not more than one-half (1/2) of the amount of the approved claim to be paid immediately, if, in the judgment of the director, such payment is within the estimated total claims liability for that fiscal year from the expendable big game depredation fund.
- (B) The balance of all unpaid approved claim amounts shall be accumulated to a total as of June 30. If the balance in the expendable big game depredation fund appropriation is sufficient to pay all approved claims, the director shall promptly pay them. If the balance is not sufficient to pay the balance of all approved claims, the director shall pay a proportionate share to each claimant.
- (C) The director shall encumber the balance of the appropriation, or moneys sufficient to pay the approved claims, whichever is the lesser.
- 2. Each claimant must submit a statement of total damages sustained per occurrence. For each such statement, the following condition applies: the amount of one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,000750) must be deducted from each such statement. Provided however, if an owner or caretaker suffers damage to or destruction of livestock in more than one (1) occurrence during the fiscal year, then only one (1) deductible must be subtracted from the claims and the deductible on subsequent claims will be waived. This deductible is a net loss to the owner or caretaker, and will not be compensated for from the expendable big game depredation fund.
- 3. Each approved claim must contain a certification by the director of the department of fish and game, or his designee, that:
 - (A) All statutory requirements leading up to approval for payment have been met.
 - (B) The claimant has certified that he will accept the amount approved as payment in full for the claim submitted, subject to the conditions and requirements of this subsection.
- (f) Any claim for damages to forage pursuant to section 36-1110, Idaho Code, is limited by the following conditions and requirements:
 - 1. The full amount of any approved claim will not be paid at the time of approval, but shall be subject to the following conditions and requirements:
 - (A) The director of the department of fish and game may order not more than one-half (1/2) of the amount of the approved claim to be paid immediately, if, in the judgment of the director, such payment is within the estimated total claims liability for that fiscal year from the expendable big game depredation fund.
 - (B) The balance of all unpaid approved claim amounts shall be accumulated to a total as of June 30. If the balance in the expendable big game depredation fund appropriation is sufficient to pay all approved claims, the director shall pay them. If the balance is not sufficient to pay all approved claims, the director shall authorize a proportionate amount to be paid to each claimant.

- (C) The director shall encumber the balance of the appropriation, or moneys sufficient to pay the approved claims, whichever is the lesser.
- 2. Each claimant must submit a statement of total damages sustained per occurrence. For each such statement, the following conditions and requirements apply:
 - (A) The amount of one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,000750) must be deducted from each such statement. This deductible is a net loss to the owner or lessee, and will not be compensated for from the expendable big game depredation fund.
 - (B) The total amount of all claims for damages to forage that may be paid from the expendable big game depredation fund shall not exceed twenty-five fifty percent (2550%) of the amount of interest earned from investments of moneys in that fund in any one (1) fiscal year.
- 3. Each approved claim must contain a certification by the director of the department of fish and game, or his designee, that:
 - (A) All statutory requirements leading up to approval for payment have been met.
 - (B) The claimant has certified that he will accept the amount approved as payment in full for the claim submitted, subject to the conditions and requirements of this subsection.
- SECTION 4. That Section 36-406, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 36-406. RESIDENT FISHING, HUNTING AND TRAPPING LICENSES -- FEES. (a) Adult Licenses -- Combination -- Fishing -- Hunting -- Trapping. A license of the first class may be had by a person possessing the qualifications therein described on payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a combined fishing and hunting license entitling the purchaser to hunt and fish for game animals, game birds, unprotected and predatory wildlife and fish of the state, a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a fishing license entitling the purchaser to fish in the public waters of the state, a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a hunting license entitling the purchaser to hunt game animals, game birds, unprotected and predatory wildlife of the state, and a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a trapping license entitling the purchaser to trap wolves, furbearing animals and unprotected and predatory wildlife of the state.
- (b) Junior Licenses -- Hunting -- Trapping. A license of the second class may be had by a person possessing the qualifications therein described on payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a hunting license, and a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a trapping license entitling the purchaser to the same privileges as the corresponding license of the first class provides.
- (c) Junior Combination -- Fishing Licenses. A license of the third class may be purchased by a person possessing the qualifications therein described on payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a combined fishing and hunting license, and a fee as specified in section

36-416, Idaho Code, for a fishing license entitling the purchaser to the same privileges as the corresponding license of the first class provides.

- (d) Senior Resident Combination. A license of the fourth class may be had by a person possessing the qualifications therein described on payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a combined fishing and hunting license entitling the purchaser to the same privileges as the corresponding license of the first class provides.
- (e) Lifetime Licenses -- Combination -- Hunting -- Fishing. A license of the fifth class may be obtained at no additional charge by a person possessing the qualifications therein described for a combined hunting and fishing license, for a hunting license, or for a fishing license, entitling the person to the same privileges as the corresponding license of the first class provides. Lifetime licensees must be certified under the provisions of section 36-413, Idaho Code, before being issued a license to hunt.
- (f) A license of the eighth class may be had by a person possessing the qualifications therein described on payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, entitling the purchaser to hunt and fish for game animals, game birds, fish, and unprotected and predatory wildlife of the state. With payment of the required fee, a person shall receive with this license a deer tag, an elk tag, a bear tag, a turkey tag, a mountain lion tag, a wolf tag, an archery hunt permit, a muzzleloader permit, a steelhead trout permit and an anadromous salmon permit. The director shall promptly transmit to the state treasurer all moneys received pursuant to this subsection for deposit as follows:
 - (i) Four dollars (\$4.00) in the fish and game set-aside account for the purposes of section 36-111(1) (a), Idaho Code;
 - (ii) Two dollars (\$2.00) in the fish and game set-aside account for the purposes of section 36-111(1)(b), Idaho Code;
 - (iii) One Three dollars and fifty cents ($$\frac{43}{5}$.50$) in the fish and game set-aside account for the purposes of section 36-111(1)(c), Idaho Code; and
 - (iv) The balance in the fish and game account.

All persons purchasing a license pursuant to this subsection shall observe and shall be subject to all rules of the commission regarding the fish and wildlife of the state.

If the purchaser of this license does not meet the archery education requirements of section 36-411(b), Idaho Code, then, notwithstanding the provisions of section 36-304, Idaho Code, the archery hunt permit portion of this license is invalid. The fee for this license will not change and the license must be issued without the archery permit validation.

(g) Disabled Persons Licenses -- Combination -- Fishing. A license of the first class may be had by any resident disabled person on payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a combined fishing and hunting license, and a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a fishing license, entitling the purchaser to the same privileges as the corresponding license of the first class provides. A disabled person means a person who is deemed disabled by one (1) or more, but not necessarily all, of the following: the railroad retirement board pursuant to title 45 of the United States Code, or certified as eligible for federal supplemental security income (SSI); or social security disability income (SSDI); or a nonser-

vice-connected veterans pension; or a service-connected veterans disability benefit with forty percent (40%) or more disability; or certified as permanently disabled by a physician. Once determination of permanent disability has been made with the department, the determination shall remain on file within the electronic filing system and the license holder shall not be required to present a physician's determination each year or prove their disability each year.

- (h) Military Furlough Licenses -- Combination -- Fishing. A license of the first class may be had by a resident person engaged in the military service of the United States, while on temporary furlough or leave, possessing the qualifications therein described on payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a combined fishing and hunting license, and as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a fishing license.
- $(\dot{\neg}\dot{=}1)$ Adult Licenses -- Three Year -- Combination -- Fishing -- Hunting. A license of the first class may be had by a person possessing the qualifications therein described on payment of three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a combined fishing and hunting license entitling the purchaser to hunt and fish for game animals, game birds, fish, unprotected and predatory wildlife of the state, three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a fishing license entitling the purchaser to fish in the public waters of the state, or three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a hunting license entitling the purchaser to hunt game animals, game birds, unprotected and predatory wildlife of the state. The expiration date for said licenses shall be December 31 of the third year following the date of issuance.
- (*j) Junior Licenses -- Three Year -- Hunting. A license of the second class may be had by a person possessing the qualifications therein described on payment of three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a hunting license. The expiration date for said license shall be December 31 of the third year following the date of issuance.
- $(\pm k)$ Junior Licenses -- Three Year -- Combination -- Fishing Licenses. A license of the third class may be purchased by a person possessing the qualifications therein described on payment of three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a combined fishing and hunting license and three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a fishing license entitling the purchaser to the same privileges as the corresponding license of the first class provides. The expiration date for said licenses shall be December 31 of the third year following the date of issuance.
- (\underline{ml}) Senior Resident Combination License -- Three Year. A license of the fourth class may be had by a person possessing the qualifications therein described on payment of three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a combined fishing and hunting license entitling the purchaser to the same privileges as the corresponding license of the first class provides. The expiration date for said license shall be December 31 of the third year following the date of issuance.
- $(\underline{n}\underline{m})$ Disabled Persons Licenses -- Three Year -- Combination -- Fishing. A license of the ninth class may be had by any resident disabled person possessing the qualifications therein described on payment of three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a combined fishing

and hunting license, and a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a fishing license entitling the purchaser to the same privileges as the corresponding license of the first class provides. The expiration date for said licenses shall be December 31 of the third year following the date of issuance.

 SECTION 5. That Section 36-407, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 36-407. NONRESIDENT COMBINATION, FISHING, HUNTING, AND TRAPPING LICENSES -- FEES -- RIGHTS UNDER. Licenses of the sixth class shall be issued to nonresidents in the several kinds and for fees as follows:
- (a) Nonresident Hunting with Three Day Fishing License. A license issued only to a person twelve (12) years of age or older entitling said person to hunt game animals, game birds and unprotected and predatory wildlife and to purchase game tags as provided in section 36-409(b), Idaho Code, and to fish in the waters of the state for a period of three (3) consecutive days for any fish during an open season for those fish, excluding steelhead trout and anadromous salmon. Provided, that a license may be issued to qualified persons who are eleven (11) years of age to allow the application for a controlled hunt tag; however, said persons shall not hunt until they are twelve (12) years of age. A license of this kind may be had upon payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.
- (b) Nonresident Season Fishing License. A license entitling a person to fish in the public waters of the state. A license of this kind may be had upon payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.
- (c) Nonresident Trapping License. A license entitling a person to trap wolves, furbearing, unprotected and predatory wildlife. A license of this kind may be had upon payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, providing the state of residence of said person grants similar trapping license privileges to residents of Idaho.
- (d) Nonresident Nongame License. A nonresident nongame license to hunt is a license entitling a person to hunt unprotected birds and animals and predatory wildlife of this state. A license of this kind may be had by a nonresident person who is twelve (12) years of age or older upon payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.
- (e) Nonresident Small Game Hunting License. A license issued only to a person twelve (12) years of age or older, entitling the person to hunt upland game birds (to include turkeys), migratory game birds, upland game animals, huntable furbearing animals, and unprotected and predatory wildlife of this state. A person holding this license shall purchase the appropriate required tags and permits, and may not hunt pheasants in an area during the first five (5) days of the pheasant season in that area. A license of this type may be had upon payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.
- (f) Falconry Meet Permit. The director may issue a special permit for a regulated meet scheduled for a specific number of days upon payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code. Only trained raptors may be used under the special permit issued under the provisions of this subsection.
- (g) Daily Fishing License -- Resident May Purchase. A license entitling a person to fish in the waters of the state on a day-to-day basis. A

license of this kind may be had by a resident or nonresident person (the provisions of section 36-405, Idaho Code, notwithstanding), upon payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for the first effective day and a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for each consecutive day thereafter.

- (h) Nonresident Three Day Fishing License with Steelhead or Salmon Permit. A license entitling a nonresident to fish in the waters of the state for a period of three (3) consecutive days for any fish, including steelhead trout or anadromous salmon during an open season for those fish may be had upon payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code. The three (3) day license holder may fish for any species of fish, steelhead trout and anadromous salmon subject to the limitations prescribed in rules promulgated by the commission. A nonresident may purchase as many of the licenses provided in this subsection as he desires provided that the nonresident is otherwise eligible to do so.
- (i) Nonresident Junior Fishing License. A license entitling a nonresident who is less than eighteen (18) years of age to fish in the waters of this state may be had upon payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.
- (j) Nonresident Combination Licenses. A license entitling the person to hunt and fish for game animals, game birds, fish and unprotected and predatory wildlife of the state and to purchase game tags as provided in section 36-409(b), Idaho Code, may be had by a person twelve (12) years of age or older upon payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code. A license may be issued to a qualified person who is eleven (11) years of age to allow the application for a controlled hunt tag; however, the person shall not hunt until he is twelve (12) years of age.
- (k) Nonresident Junior Mentored Hunting License. A license entitling a nonresident between ten (10) and seventeen (17) years of age, inclusive, to hunt big game animals, upland game birds (including turkeys), migratory game birds, upland game animals, huntable furbearing animals and unprotected and predatory wildlife of this state only when accompanied in the field by the holder of an adult Idaho hunting license. A person holding this license shall purchase the appropriate required tags as provided in section 36-409(b), Idaho Code, and permits. Provided, that a license may be issued to qualified persons who are nine (9) years of age to allow the application for a controlled hunt big game tag or turkey permit; however, said persons shall not hunt until they are ten (10) years of age. A license of this kind may be had upon payment of a fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code.
- (1) Nonresident Disabled American Veteran Hunting with Three Day Fishing License. A license entitling a person with a service-connected veterans disability benefit with forty percent (40%) or more disability to hunt game animals, game birds and unprotected and predatory wildlife and to purchase game tags provided in section 36-409(b), Idaho Code, and to fish in the waters of the state for a period of three (3) consecutive days for any fish during an open season for those fish, excluding steelhead trout and anadromous salmon.
- (m) Nonresident Hunting License -- Three Year. A license issued only to a person twelve (12) years of age or older entitling said person to hunt game birds, game animals, unprotected and predatory wildlife and to purchase game

tags as provided in section 36-409(b), Idaho Code, and to fish in the waters of the state for a period of three (3) consecutive days in each license year for any fish during an open season for those fish, excluding steelhead trout and anadromous salmon. Provided, that a license may be issued to qualified persons who are eleven (11) years of age to allow the application for a controlled hunt tag; however, said persons shall not hunt until they are twelve (12) years of age. A license of this kind may be had upon payment of three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code. The expiration date for said license shall be December 31 of the third year following the date of issuance.

- (n) Nonresident Season Fishing License -- Three Year. A license entitling a person to fish in the public waters of the state. A license of this kind may be had upon payment of three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a fishing license. The expiration date for said license shall be December 31 of the third year following the date of issuance.
- (o) Nonresident Combination Licenses -- Three Year. A license entitling the person to hunt and fish for game animals, game birds, fish and unprotected and predatory wildlife of the state may be had by a person twelve (12) years of age or older upon payment of three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a combined hunting and fishing license. A license may be issued to a qualified person who is eleven (11) years of age to allow the application for a controlled hunt tag; however, the person shall not hunt until he is twelve (12) years of age. The expiration date for said license shall be December 31 of the third year following the date of issuance.
- (p) Nonresident Junior Mentored Hunting License -- Three Year. A license entitling a nonresident between ten (10) and seventeen (17) years of age, inclusive, to hunt game animals, upland game birds (including turkeys), migratory game birds, and unprotected and predatory wildlife of this state only when accompanied in the field by the holder of an adult Idaho hunting license. A person holding this license shall purchase the appropriate required tags as provided in section 36-409(b), Idaho Code, and permits. Provided, that a license may be issued to qualified persons who are nine (9) years of age to allow the application for a controlled hunt turkey permit; however, said persons shall not hunt until they are ten (10) years of age. A license of this kind may be had upon payment of three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a junior mentored hunting license. The expiration date for said license shall be December 31 of the third year following the date of issuance.
- (q) Nonresident Junior Fishing License -- Three Year. A license entitling a nonresident who is less than eighteen (18) years of age to fish in the waters of this state. A license of this kind may be had upon payment of three (3) times the fee as specified in section 36-416, Idaho Code, for a nonresident junior fishing license. The expiration date for said license shall be December 31 of the third year following the date of issuance.

SECTION 6. That Chapter 4, Title 36, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by the addition thereto of a $\underline{\text{NEW SECTION}}$, to be known and designated as Section 36-414, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

- 36-414. DEPREDATION AND SPORTSMAN ACCESS PROGRAMS -- LICENSE ENDORSE-MENT. (a) To purchase an annual hunting, fishing, combination or trapping license, a person shall purchase a license endorsement to fund wildlife depredation compensation and prevention, and sportsmen access programs as hereinafter provided.
 - 1. A person purchasing a resident license pursuant to section 36-406 (a) or (f), Idaho Code, shall pay five dollars (\$5.00).
 - 2. A person purchasing a resident license pursuant to section 36-406 (b), (c), (d), (g) or (h), Idaho Code, shall pay two dollars (\$2.00).
 - 3. A person purchasing a license pursuant to section 36-406 (i), Idaho Code, shall pay ten dollars (\$10.00).
 - 4. A person purchasing a license pursuant to section 36-406 (j), (k), (l) or (m), Idaho Code, shall pay four dollars (\$4.00).
 - 5. A person purchasing a nonresident license pursuant to section 36-407(a), (b), (c), (e) or (j), Idaho Code, shall pay ten dollars (\$10.00).
 - 6. A person purchasing a nonresident license pursuant to section 36-407 (i), (k) or (l), Idaho Code, shall pay four dollars (\$4.00).
 - 7. A person purchasing a nonresident license pursuant to section 36-407 (m), (n) or (o), Idaho Code, shall pay twenty dollars (\$20.00).
 - 8. A person purchasing a nonresident license pursuant to section 36-407(p) or (q), Idaho Code, shall pay eight dollars (\$8.00).
- (b) The director shall promptly transmit to the state treasurer all moneys received pursuant to this section for deposit into the fish and game set-aside account for the purposes of section 36-111(1) (f), Idaho Code.
- SECTION 7. That Section 36-416, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 36-416. SCHEDULE OF LICENSE FEES. As used in this section, "N/A" means "not available."

(a) Sport Licenses

31	License	Resident	Non-Resident
32	Combination License	\$ 31.75 <u>37.00</u>	\$ 238.25
33	Hunting License	11.00 14.00	N/A
34	Hunting License with		
35	3 Day Fishing License	N/A	153.00
36	Fishing License	24.00 28.75	96.50
37	Sr. Combination License		
38	(65 and Older)	10.00 12.00	N/A
39	Sportsman's Pak License	114.65 135.00	N/A
40	Jr. Combination License	15.75 18.00	N/A

1	Jr. Hunting License	5.50 6.50	N/A
2	Jr. Mentored Hunting License		
3	or Disabled American Veteran		
4	Hunting License with 3 Day		
5	Fishing License	N/A	30.00
6	Jr. Fishing License	12.00 14.25	20.00
7	Disabled Combination License	3.25 <u>4.00</u>	N/A
8	Disabled Fishing License	3.25 4.00	N/A
9	Military Furlough Combination		
10	License	15.75 18.75	N/A
11	Military Furlough Fishing		
12	License	15.75 18.75	N/A
13	Small Game Hunting License	N/A	96.00
14	3 Day Small Game Hunting		
15	License	N/A	33.75
16	Daily Fishing (1st-day)		
17	License	9.75 11.75	11.00 13.25
18	Consecutive Day Fishing		
19	License	5.00 <u>6.00</u>	6.00 <u>7.00</u>
20	3 Day Fishing with Salmon/Steelhead		
21	Permit	N/A	35.75
22	Nongame Hunting License	N/A	33.75
23	Jr. Trapping License	<u>6.50</u>	N/A
24	Trapping License	28.00	300.00
25	(b) Sport Tags		
26	Deer Tag	\$ 18.00 23.00	\$ 300.00
27	Controlled Hunt Deer Tag	18.00 23.00	300.00
28	Jr. or Sr. or Disabled American		
29	Veteran Deer Tag	9.00 10.75	N/A
30	Jr. Mentored or Disabled		
31	American Veteran Deer Tag	N/A	22.00
32	Elk A Tag	29.00 35.00	415.00
33	Elk B Tag	29.00 35.00	415.00
34	Controlled Hunt Elk Tag	29.00 35.00	415.00
35	Jr. or Sr. or Disabled American		
36	Veteran Elk Tag	14.75 17.00	N/A
37	Jr. Mentored or Disabled		
38	American Veteran Elk Tag	N/A	38.00

1	Black Bear Tag	9.75 12.00	184.25
2	Jr. or Sr. or Disabled American		
3	Veteran <u>Black</u> Bear Tag	5.00 <u>6.00</u>	N/A
4	Jr. Mentored or		
5	Disabled American Veteran		
6	Black Bear Tag	N/A	22.00
7	Turkey Tag	18.00 21.00	78.25
8	Jr. or Sr. or Disabled American		
9	Veteran Turkey Tag	9.00 10.75	N/A
10	Jr. Mentored or		
11	Disabled American Veteran		
12	Turkey Tag	N/A	18.00
13	Mountain Lion Tag	9.75 12.00	184.25
14	Gray Wolf Tag	9.75 12.00	184.25
15	Pronghorn Antelope Tag	29.50 34.75	310.00
16	Moose Tag	165.00 198.00	2,100.00
17	Bighorn Sheep Tag	165.00 198.00	2,100.00
18	Mountain Goat Tag	165.00 198.00	2,100.00
19	Grizzly Bear Tag	<u>198.00</u>	2,100.00
20	Sandhill Crane Tag	18.00 21.00	65.75
21 22 23 24	For purposes of this subsection, dis nonresidents shall be limited to how veterans hunting license. (c) Sport Permits		
25	Bear Baiting Permit	\$ 11.00 13.25	\$ 30.00
26	Hound Hunter Permit	11.00 13.25	168.00
27	WMA Upland Game Bird Permit	22.00 27.00	50.00
28	Archery Permit	$\frac{16.50}{17.75}$	18.25
29	Muzzleloader Permit	16.50 17.75	18.25
30	Salmon Permit	11.00 13.50	24.00
31	Steelhead Permit	11.00 13.50	24.00
32	Federal Migratory Bird Harvest I	nfo.	
33	Permit	0.00 1.00	3.00
34	Disabled Archery Permit	0.00	0.00
35	2-Pole Fishing Permit	12.00 13.25	13.75
36	Turkey Controlled Hunt Permit	6.00	6.00
37	Sage/Sharptail Grouse Permit	3.00 <u>4.00</u>	<u>3.00</u> 4.00

1	Disabled Hunt Motor Vehicle		
2	Permit	0.00	0.00
3	(d) Commercial Licenses and Permits		
4	Raptor Captive Breeding		
5	Permit	\$ 65.75 78.75	\$ 78.75 94.50
6	Falconry Permit	27.25 78.75	N/A
7	Falconry Capture Permit	N/A18.50	168.00
8	Peregrine Capture Permit	30.00	200.00
9	Jr. Trapping License	5.50	N/A
10	Trapping License	25.00	300.00
11	Taxidermist-Fur Buyer License		
12	5 <u>-Y</u> year l License	175.00	N/A
13	1 <u>-Y</u> year 1 License	38.25	168.25
14	Shooting Preserve Permit	329.75	N/A
15	Commercial Wildlife Farm		
16	License	137.50	N/A
17	Commercial Fishing License	110.00	265.00
18	Wholesale Steelhead License	165.00	198.25
19	Retail Steelhead Trout Buyer's		
20	License	33.00	39.25
21	(e) Commercial Tags		
22	Bobcat Tag	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
23	Otter Tag	3.00	3.00
24	Net Tag	55.00	65.75
25	Crayfish/Minnow Tag	1.25	3.00
26	(f) Miscellaneous-Other Licenses		
27	Duplicate License	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.50
28	Shooting Preserve License	11.00	22.00
29	Captive Wolf License	22.00 32.00	N/A
30	(g) Miscellaneous-Other Tags		,
31	Duplicate Tag	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.50
32	Wild Bird Shooting Preserve		
33	Tag	5.50	6.50
34	(h) Miscellaneous-Other Permits-Poir		
35	Falconry In-State Transfer		
36	Permit	\$ 5.50	\$ N/A
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1	Falconry Meet Permit	N/A	26.25
2	Rehab Permit	3.00	3.00
3	Educational Fishing Permit	0.00	0.00
4	Live Fish Importation		
5	Permit	3.00	3.00
6	Sport Dog and Falconry Training		
7	Permit	3.00	3.00
8	Wildlife Transport Permit	3.00	3.00
9	Scientific Collection Permit	50.00	50.00
10	Private Park Permit	21.75	26.25
11	Wildlife Import Permit	21.75	26.25
12	Wildlife Export Permit	11.00	13.25
13	Wildlife Release Permit	11.00	13.25
14	Captive Wildlife Permit	21.75	26.25
15	Fishing Tournament Permit	21.75	25.00
16	Dog Field Trial Permit	33.00	40.00
17	Live Fish Transport Permit	21.75	26.25
18	Controlled Hunt Application Fee		
19	Moose, Sheep, Goat, Grizzly Bear	<u>15.00</u>	40.00
20	Controlled Hunt Application Fee	4.50	13.00
21	Fee for Application for the Purchase of		
22	Controlled Hunt Bonus or Preference		
23	Points	4.50	4.50
24	Nursing Home Fishing Permit	33.00	N/A

SECTION 8. That Section 36-1108, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

36-1108. CONTROL OF DAMAGE BY <u>PRONGHORN</u> ANTELOPE, ELK, DEER OR MOOSE -- COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGES. (a) Prevention of depredation shall be a priority management objective of the department, and it is the obligation of landowners to take all reasonable steps to prevent property loss from wildlife or to mitigate damages by wildlife. When any <u>pronghorn</u> antelope, elk, deer or moose is doing damage to or is destroying any property or is about to do so, the owner or lessee thereof may make complaint and <u>verbally or electronically</u> report the facts to the director or his designee who shall, within seventy-two (72) hours, investigate the conditions complained of. If it appears that the complaint is well founded and the property of the complainant is being or is likely to be damaged or destroyed by such <u>pronghorn</u> antelope, elk, deer or moose, the director may:

- 1. Send a representative onto the premises to control, trap, and/or remove such animals as will stop the damage to said property. Any animals so taken shall remain the property of the state and shall be turned over to the director. The director may provide written authorization for possession of animals so taken.
- 2. Grant properly safeguarded permission to the complainant to control, trap and/or remove such animals. Any animals so taken shall remain the property of the state and shall be turned over to the director. The director may provide written authorization for possession of animals so taken.
- 3. Make an agreement with the owner or lessee to allow continued use of lands by the animals where damage by them has occurred to stored, growing or matured crops on private property whether owned or leased. This agreement may be transacted only after department attempts to resolve the problem by other means have proven unsuccessful. The agreement made under the provisions of this subsection may provide for financial compensation to the owner or lessee. If made, financial compensation under the provisions of this subsection shall be governed by the provisions of section 36-115, Idaho Code, and shall not be in addition to any payments for the same crop losses from any other source. Compensation for damages under the provisions of this subsection shall be available for damages done to private lands, whether owned or leased, if the owner or lessee allowed hunters reasonable access to the property or through the property to public lands for hunting purposes during the preceding hunting season or as a measure of response to depredation. This provision shall not negate the provisions of section 36-1602, Idaho Code, relating to the necessity of obtaining permission to enter private land. If necessary, the arbitration panel provided for in subsection (b) of this section shall determine the reasonableness of access allowed.
- (b) 1. In order to establish eligibility for submission of claims for damages, persons suffering crop damages on privately owned or leased land caused by pronghorn antelope, elk, deer or moose must:
 - (A) Notify the department within seventy-two (72) hours of discovery of damage.
 - (B) Follow up verbal notification with a written, which may be electronic, notice within ten twenty (± 20) days of the discovery of damages.
 - (C) The department shall not be held liable or accountable for any damages occurring more than $\frac{1}{2}$ 0 days prior to the initial notification of damage. However, the department may extend the period up to thirty (30) days under exceptional circumstances.

The owner or lessee must have allowed hunters reasonable access to the property or through the property to public lands for hunting purposes during the preceding hunting season or as a measure of response to depredation, provided such access does not impact on their operations, or the claim for damages shall may be disallowed. Compensation for crop damages claims shall not be in addition to any payments for the same crop losses from any other source and shall not include fence or other types of property damage. While fences and irrigation equipment are not subject to claim for payment, the department is allowed to provide

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support and assistance, including provision of materials to design, construct, and maintain fences for control of depredation. The notice of damages caused must be in written form, shall be in the form of a claim for damages substantially the same as required by section 6-907, Idaho Code, shall be attested to by the claimant under oath, and the claim shall be at least one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars (\$1,000750). The claim shall not be amended after it is filed, provided however, that a claimant may file an additional claim in the event additional damage occurs subsequent to filing the initial claim. The department shall prepare and make available suitable forms for notice and claim for damages. Claims may be submitted only for the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30) in which they occurred, with allowance for submission within the first sixty (60) days of the following fiscal year if the claim occurred within the last sixty (60) days of the previous fiscal year. Any person submitting a fraudulent claim shall be prosecuted for a felony as provided in section 18-2706, Idaho Code. For purposes of this subsection, crop damages shall mean damage to plants grown or stored for profit and exclude ornamental plants.

- 2. Upon receipt by the department, the department shall review the claim, and if approved, pay it as provided in section 36-115, Idaho Code, or order it paid as provided in section 36-115, Idaho Code. Failure on the part of the owner or lessee to allow on-site access for inspection and investigation of alleged losses shall void the claim for damages.
- 3. In the event the owner or lessee and the department fail to agree on the amount of damages within fifteen (15) business days of the written claim, either party may elect to retain the services of an independent certified insurance adjuster licensed in the state of Idaho to view the affected property and determine the amount of damages. In the event the owner or lessee and the department fail to agree on the amount of damages and neither party elects to retain the services of an independent certified insurance adjuster, provisions of subsection (b)4. of this section shall apply. The independent certified adjuster shall complete his review and determination within twenty (20) days from the date he is retained, and will report his determination in writing by certified mail to the department and to the owner or lessee. Neither the owner or lessee, nor the department, shall disturb the affected property prior to review and determination by the independent insurance adjuster. Costs associated with the services of the independent insurance adjuster shall be divided equally between the owner or lessee and the department, subject to reapportionment of the costs by an arbitration panel pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) 4. of this section. If the department, or the owner or lessee rejects the determination of the adjuster, they shall notify the other party in writing of the rejection within five (5) business days of receipt of the adjuster's determination. In the event that either party rejects the adjuster's determination, the provisions of subsection (b) 4. of this section shall apply. 4. Within five (5) business days of a rejection of an adjuster's determination of damages or failure of the owner or lessee and the department to agree on damages when a certified insurance adjuster is not used, the

director must convene an arbitration panel. To convene an arbitration panel, the director must, within five (5) business days, appoint the department's representative and notify the landholder of the appointment. The landholder(s) shall, within the next five (5) business days following such notice from the department, appoint his representative and notify the department of the appointment. Within the next five (5) business days, the department representative and the landholder must mutually appoint the third arbitrator. The arbitration panel shall consist of three (3) members, as follows:

- (A) The director of the department of fish and game or his designee;
- (B) The owner or his designee, or the lessee or his designee;
- (C) One (1) member selected by the two (2) members above.

The panel shall convene within thirty (30) days of the selection of the third arbitrator, and render its decision within fourteen (14) days after the hearing. When convened, the arbitration panel shall have the same authority to make on-site inspections as the department. The owner or lessee shall be responsible for payment of the expenses of his appointee; the director shall pay the expenses of his appointee from the expendable big game depredation fund; and the expenses of the third member shall be a joint responsibility of the owner or lessee, and the department. Provided however, the panel is authorized to review the costs associated with retaining the independent insurance adjuster and to determine whether those costs should instead be borne solely by the owner or lessee, solely by the department, or be apportioned between the owner or lessee and the department. In cases where an independent insurance adjuster was used, the party electing to use the adjuster shall assume the insurance adjuster's determination of damage as their estimate of damage. The panel shall consider the claim submitted by the owner or lessee, and the estimate of damages submitted by the department, and shall select one (1) amount or the other as being the closest to the actual damages sustained by the claimant. The arbitration panel shall report its decision in writing to both the owner or lessee and to the department within ten (10) days of the decision, and the decision of the panel shall be binding on the owner or lessee and the department. The fish and game advisory committee shall develop guidelines to govern arbitration procedures in accordance with chapter 52, title 67, Idaho Code.

(c) Any claim received by the department under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section must be processed by the department within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt. If the claim is approved for payment, payment must be made within forty-five (45) calendar days of such approval. Any damage claim determination by an independent insurance adjuster pursuant to subsection (b) 3. of this section, accepted by the parties, must be paid by the department within forty-five (45) calendar days of the determination. If the claim is arbitrated, the arbitration must be completed within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of filing the claim for such damages.

SECTION 9. That Section 36-1110, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

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CONTROL OF DAMAGE BY GRAZING WILDLIFE -- COMPENSATION FOR DAMAGE. (a) Prevention of depredation shall be a priority management objective of the department, and it is the obligation of landowners to take all reasonable steps to prevent property loss from grazing wildlife on private lands, whether owned or leased, or to mitigate damage by such. When any grazing wildlife is doing damage to or is destroying forage on private lands, whether owned or leased, the owner or lessee thereof may make a complaint and verbally or electronically report the facts to the director or his designee who shall, within seventy-two (72) hours, investigate the conditions complained of. The director may respond pursuant to section 36-1108(a)1. and 2., Idaho Code. If it appears that the complaint is well founded and the forage is being or is likely to be damaged or destroyed or consumed by grazing wildlife, the owner or lessee shall contract with a qualified range management consultant to prepare an estimate of depredation based on his inspection. The cost of the consultant shall be paid by the owner or lessee. After the initial complaint, it shall be the responsibility of both the department and the owner or lessee to jointly design and implement a mutually agreeable method of determining forage utilization and damage or loss due to wildlife through the, which may include use of exclosure cages or other devices. For purposes of this subsection, "forage damage" shall mean growing or matured plants grown for livestock feed.

(b) Claims submitted under the provisions of this section shall be limited to loss of forage on private lands, whether owned or leased, and shall be submitted and processed under the provisions of section 36-1108 (b), Idaho Code, and approved claims shall be paid under the provisions of section 36-115 (f), Idaho Code.

SECTION 10. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the Legislature that prior to the effective date of this act, the commission shall issue an order to discount sport licenses, sport tags and sport permits to the 2016 fees for eligible persons who purchase any form of annual license for 2017 and continue to purchase any form of annual license for every year thereafter through the duration of the order. The order shall be known as the "price lock discount order" and shall be in effect for at least five years and until legislative review is complete. Further, the price lock discount order shall apply to any resident of Idaho who is absent from the state for religious purposes, not to exceed two years, or full-time educational purposes, not to exceed five years, who does not claim residency in any other state or country for any purpose, irrespective of whether such persons purchase any form of annual license during the period of allowed absence. Further, the Legislature finds it beneficial to apply the provisions of the price lock discount order to Idaho residents who are in the military service of the United States, together with their spouses and children under the age of eighteen years residing in the household, who have been officially transferred, stationed, domiciled, and on active duty in another state or country, and maintain Idaho as their official state of residence as shown on their current leave and earnings statement, irrespective of whether such persons have purchased any annual license during the period of official absence. Also, the commission shall submit a report to the Senate Resources and Environment Committee and the House of Representatives Resources and Conservation Committee reflecting the results of implementation of the provisions of the price lock discount order during each legislative session that the order is in effect.

SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this act are hereby declared to be severable and if any provision of this act or the application of such provision to any person or circumstance is declared invalid for any reason, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this act.

SECTION 12. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 11 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after May 1, 2017. Sections 7 and 10 of this act shall be in full force and effect on and after December 1, 2017.