

Idaho Wolf Depredation Board

Regular Meeting

July 16, 2014

Boise, Idaho

Board members participating were Virgil Moore, Celia Gould, Richard Savage, Tony McDermott, and Carl Rey. Chairman Moore presided over the meeting from Boise and other members participated via conference call.

Staff members from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), and Governor's Office were present or participating via telephone.

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Chairman Moore asked Angela Kaufmann and Kathleen Trever, deputy attorneys general for ISDA and IDFG respectively, to address the draft proposal from USDA Wildlife Services (WS). Ms. Kaufmann and Ms. Trever both suggested some changes including the addition of IDFG in the agreement. Director Gould asked about the rate for pooled costs in the agreement. She was not comfortable with the proposed rate. Mr. Savage expressed the need for more detail in the draft agreement. The Board collectively expressed the need for revision of the agreement in order for the Board to consider it. Mr. McDermott asked why two plans were proposed. One included tagging and collaring, while the other did not. Mr. McDermott also inquired as to the areas of the state with approved predation management plans. Brad Compton, IDFG, indicated that there are four areas: the Clearwater, Panhandle, Middle Fork, and Sawtooth.

The Board collectively agreed to IDFG and ISDA staff working with WS to get more detail in a draft for the Board to consider on the following Monday. Director Gould made a motion to that effect. Mr. Rey seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Moore asked for any additional wrap-up items. Mr. McDermott reported that he had been invited to speak to the Bonner County Resources Committee. He would be giving a brief report and would relay information back to the Board. Mr. McDermott also briefly introduced the idea that the Board may be able to appropriate funds to counties. Ms. Kaufmann asked that the item be properly introduced on a future agenda and discussed at a later meeting.

Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 9:32 a.m.