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**IDAHO WOLF DEPREDATION CONTROL BOARD  
Minutes of April 15, 2022 Meeting**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Schriever, Idaho Fish and Game (Co-chair)  
Celia Gould, ISDA (Co-chair)  
Richard Savage  
Butch Suor

**DEPARTMENT STAFF:** Dallas Burkhalter, Office of Attorney General – ISDA  
Chanel Tewalt, ISDA  
Kelly Nielsen, ISDA

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Tricia Hebdon, Idaho Fish and Game  
Jared Hedelius, Idaho Wildlife Services  
Brad Carlson, Capital Press  
Trevor Walch, Predator Control Corp

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Schriever at 1:31 p.m. MT.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Board members, staff members and others present introduced themselves.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (ACTION ITEM)**

Co-chair Gould made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2021 meeting with one correction. It was seconded by Richard Savage. Motion carried.

**REVIEW WILDLIFE SERVICES ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES**

Jared Hedelius presented the Review of Wildlife Services Activities for the second quarter of the fiscal year. See attached report.

Butch Suor asked about program support costs. Jared said they cover contract and pooled job costs, and billing of staff time. The federal standard is 5.15%.

Richard Savage asked about activity in Teton County. Jared spoke to the control efforts in Wyoming and that some wolves active in Teton County may not show up in Idaho's report if action was taken in Wyoming.

Richard asked about costs that seemed higher than usual. Jared explained that some of the costs were for earned comp time from the previous quarter but paid in the current quarter.

## **FISH AND GAME ACTIVITY REPORT**

Co-chair Schriever provided a verbal report about IDFG's facilitation of the Board's collaring contract. Collaring work took place in February and March – 2/24 to 2/28 and 3/3 to 3/4. Bare ground lowered some of the success rates but 12 wolves were collared across several GMUs. Some conditions were unworkable. Two helicopter vendors were utilized. Nationwide supply issues created challenges as well.

Collaring came in under the contract total. Invoices would be available at the next meeting.

Butch commented about the Board's current agreement with WS and felt there was a better way to get work done. Co-chair Schriever spoke to the objectives of hunters and WS controlling wolves, where WS specifically responds to conflict.

To date, 12 wolves had been removed from in the Lolo. This work includes the reimbursement to F4WM for control in chronic depredation areas. Reimbursement is tiered where units are not meeting objective. In FY21, 438 were taken in Idaho. Co-chair Schriever also provided the numbers for previous years:

- 2020 – 407 wolves
- 2019 – 417 wolves
- 2018 – 348 wolves
- 2017 – 404 wolves

## **INVOICES**

Kelly Nielsen provided an overview of the financials and went through WS invoices. Financials were documented in an Excel document (attached).

Co-Chair Gould moved to approve the WS invoices. It was seconded by Richard Savage. Motion carried.

IDFG did not having a billing for this meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Co-chair Schriever adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.