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Mr. J. Vard Chatburn, Chairman
House Resources and Conservation Committee
Room 412, Statehouse

Dear Mr. Chatburn:

I understand that your committee will soon be considering House Bill 58. This bill increases the fee for State Fish and Game licenses. This bill is very important and our State Fish and Game Department sorely needs the additional financial support if they are to be fully responsive to the States wildlife resource needs.

I wish to stress that this action is not an ordinary tax type increase. The increase in fees will be voluntarily paid by users of our wildlife resources, by hunters and fishermen. Sportsmen have traditionally supported wise use of the countries resources and have been at the forefront in stepping forward with their pocketbooks to pay for wildlife management needs.

On behalf of the over 125 professional wildlife society members in Idaho, I sincerely urge you and all the committee members to actively work for the quick passage of House Bill 58. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of over 125 members of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society, I would like to introduce our organization. Our Chapter is composed of professionally trained scientists specializing in wildlife ecology. Our profession has been practicing applied ecology for over 40 years. Our job is to understand the relationship of land, air and water and how these elements are the beginning components of plant and animal life forms.

We are not preservationists, although in some cases preserving the status quo may be the only avenue to saving an ecosystem upon which many life forms depend. Our philosophy lies more in promoting wise use of natural resources.

There will be many basic land management decisions you'll face in the coming session of legislature. I urge you to carefully consider the advice of professional land ecologists before rendering final opinions. After all - if mother earth is not wisely taken care of, her bounty will be lost forever.

Members of our Chapter are very concerned about wildlife-related issues. Indeed, wildlife will not continue to exist and thrive if the land and vegetative base is abused. You will be hearing from us on various issues that relate to Idaho and the West.