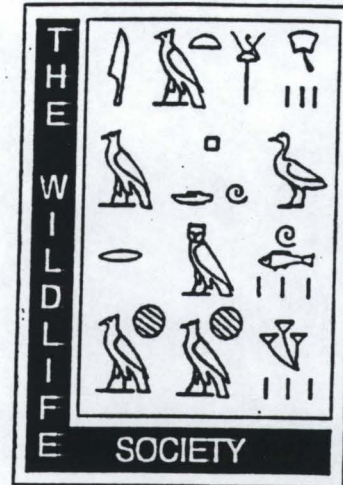


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Hon. Laird Noh, Senate
Idaho State Legislature
State Capitol Building
P.O. Box 83720
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Idaho Chapter

Dear Senator Noh:

We strongly encourage you to support the proposed Idaho Department of Fish and Game's hunting and fishing fee increase.

The Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society is a group of over 250 professional wildlife biologists, administrators, managers and educators. We represent a diverse workforce in federal and state agencies, private industry, and educational institutions and we are all concerned with the sound management and stewardship of all of Idaho's wildlife.

We are also hunters, anglers, trappers, bird and animal watchers, and participate in other forms of outdoor recreation. Our members recognize the value of a hunting and fishing license as a small cost of outdoor experiences.

It is clear to us, after a number of years of public issue review, discussion, and the cost-cutting actions taken by Idaho Fish and Game, that current funding of the Department's fish and wildlife management programs remains inadequate. The proposed fee increases, although modest, are needed to carry out the broad biological and social mandate that the people of Idaho gave our state's fish and game agency.

Sincerely,

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