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Dear Ernie,

I'm sure you have been following in the press the flap between Governor Batt and Idaho Department of Fish and Game, especially his threat to dismember the Fish and Game Commission. The rhetoric has cooled in this evening's paper but I still feel there is chance that he will do irreparable harm to the department. As a long time member of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society, I would like to suggest that the chapter get into the act and support the department and commission in this crisis.

Briefly, what I am suggesting is that the executive committee write a strong letter to the governor, urging him to completely back off his threats and let the commission and department do their respective jobs. I just briefly reviewed the document "1994 Study of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game Recommendation", which came out today and find nothing in it that would suggest the department needs any kind of a major overhaul.

I talked to some of their regional people today and many are very upset and demoralized over this matter. I feel we should help them as a department just like we did a few years ago for individuals whose jobs were in jeopardy in the federal agencies. If you concur, I urge you and the committee send a letter as soon as possible. I would be glad to help review a letter but don't feel I know enough background material to intelligently write it.

Sincerely,

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