



# Idaho Department of Fish and Game A Report to Our Citizens

FY 2020

## Who are we?

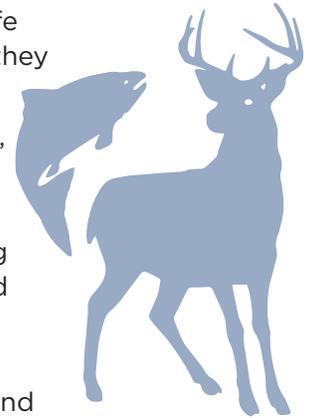
### Our Mission

(Idaho Code Section 36-103)

All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall only be captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of the state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping.

To fulfill this mission, the Department has four goals:

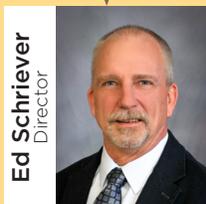
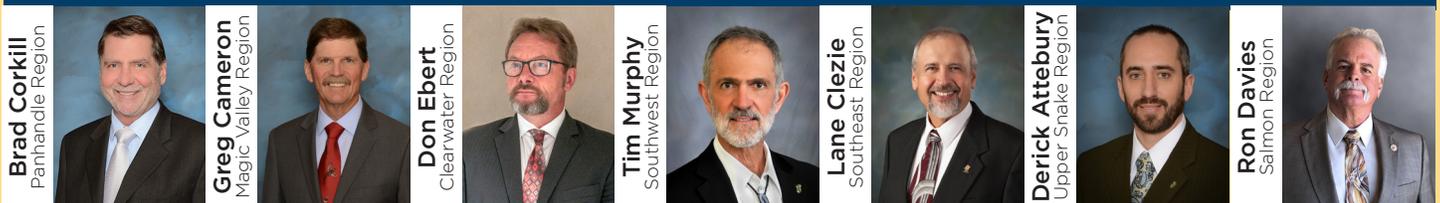
1. Sustain Idaho's fish and wildlife and the habitats upon which they depend.
2. Meet the demand for hunting, fishing, trapping and other wildlife recreation.
3. Improve public understanding of and involvement in fish and wildlife management.
4. Enhance the capability of the Department to manage fish and wildlife and serve the public.



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### COMMISSIONERS



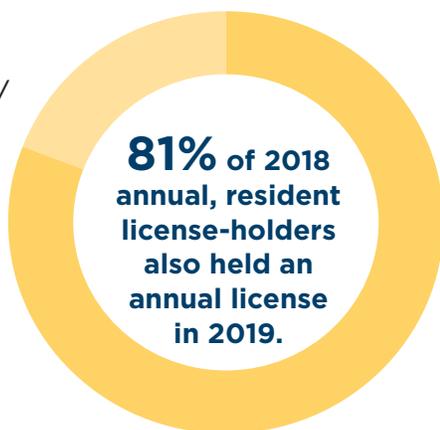
553 Classified Employees.

# FY20 Highlights (July 1, 2019–June 30, 2020)

- ✓ Increased Pheasant Stocking Program
- ✓ Expanded Sportsman's Access Program
- ✓ Maintained Strong License Revenue
- ✓ Expanded Wildlife Population Monitoring Programs (camera-based monitoring)
- ✓ Completed Southwest Region Office
- ✓ Higher Number of Hunter Education Graduates
- ✓ Expanded Steelhead Research Programs
- ✓ Expanded Predator/Prey Research Programs
- ✓ Completed Wildlife Migration Route Mapping

## Key Metrics

651,511 Hunting/  
combo/fishing  
licenses sold



### Communication

3 Million unique website visitors  
6.1 Million emails delivered  
8.9 Million views on Facebook posts



**45,369** checked licenses  
resulting in 3,727 Citations.



### Access

**4,015,945** Acres available for hunting, fishing, trapping and wildlife viewing through IDFG access programs.

### Agricultural Depredation by Wildlife

Responded to **1,017** wildlife depredation complaints to agriculture and **paid 84** claims.



**1,220** wildlife GPS collars deployed on eleven big game species.

**Processed 25 million** photos from 1,377 remote game cameras to detect wildlife and create population estimate models.

**87%** of Deer Units and Elk Zones are meeting biological objectives established in Management Plans.

**65,761**

Deer & Elk Harvested



**1,534,402**

Deer & Elk Hunter Days



**15,355** Hunter education students certified.



**29,699,863**

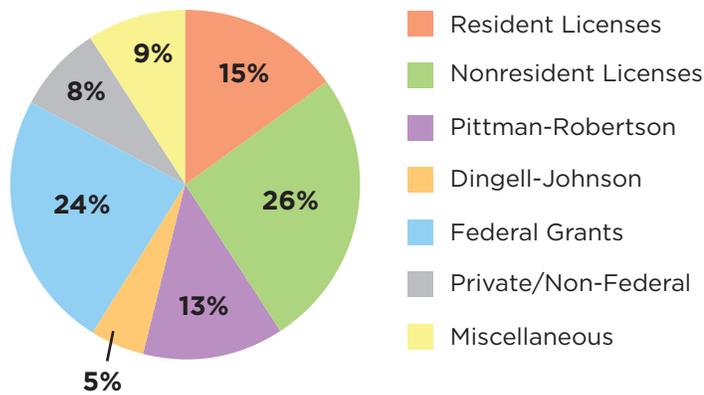
Resident & Anadromous fish released

# Did You Know?

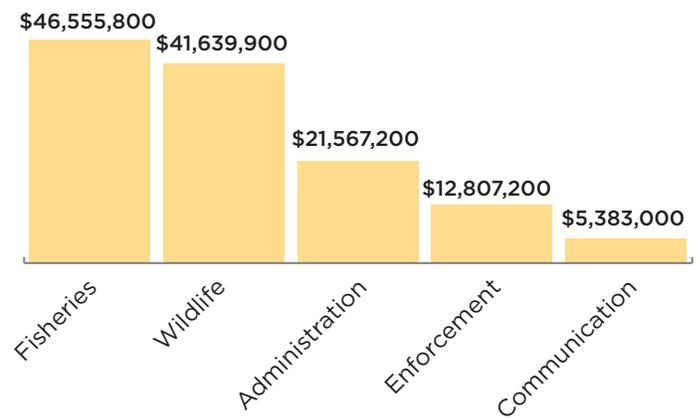
Idaho Fish and Game does not receive any general funds from State tax dollars. Primary revenue sources comes from the sale of licenses, tags, and permits; federal taxes on hunting and fishing equipment; and mitigation payments from hydroelectric dam construction.

## Budget & Revenue

### Revenue Budget



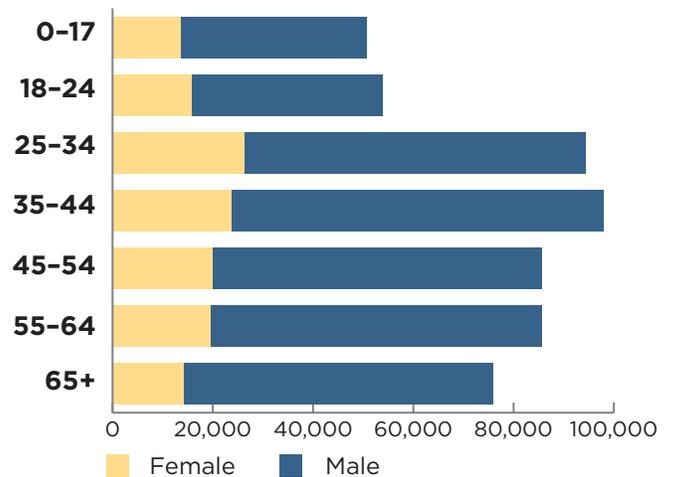
### Bureau Expenditure Budget



Sportsman License and Excise Tax Dollars at Work	
Activity	Amount
Population & Habitat Management	\$18M
Enforcement	\$12M
Fish Hatchery Operations	\$6M
Health & Research (Fish and Wildlife)	\$6M
Sportsman's Access	\$4M
Depredation / Winterfeeding	\$2M
Hunter/Aquatic Education Programs	\$1.7M
Shooting Range Development	\$1M

\*Includes license revenue and Federal excise tax on hunting equipment and boat fuel.

### Age and Gender of License Buyers



## PRICE LOCK

In 2018 the **Price Lock** program was implemented allowing residents to "lock in" 2017 prices with repeat-license purchases. Annual reports provided to the Idaho Legislature demonstrate success in meeting the goal to retain hunters, anglers, and trappers.

In 2019 the Idaho Legislature approved a **nonresident fee increase**, which was implemented concurrently with a Commission rule change allowing for further management of nonresident participation in general deer and elk hunts. The fee increase was approved to offset the expected loss in revenue due to anticipated reduction participation from nonresident hunters.

# Challenges

## Chronic Wasting Disease

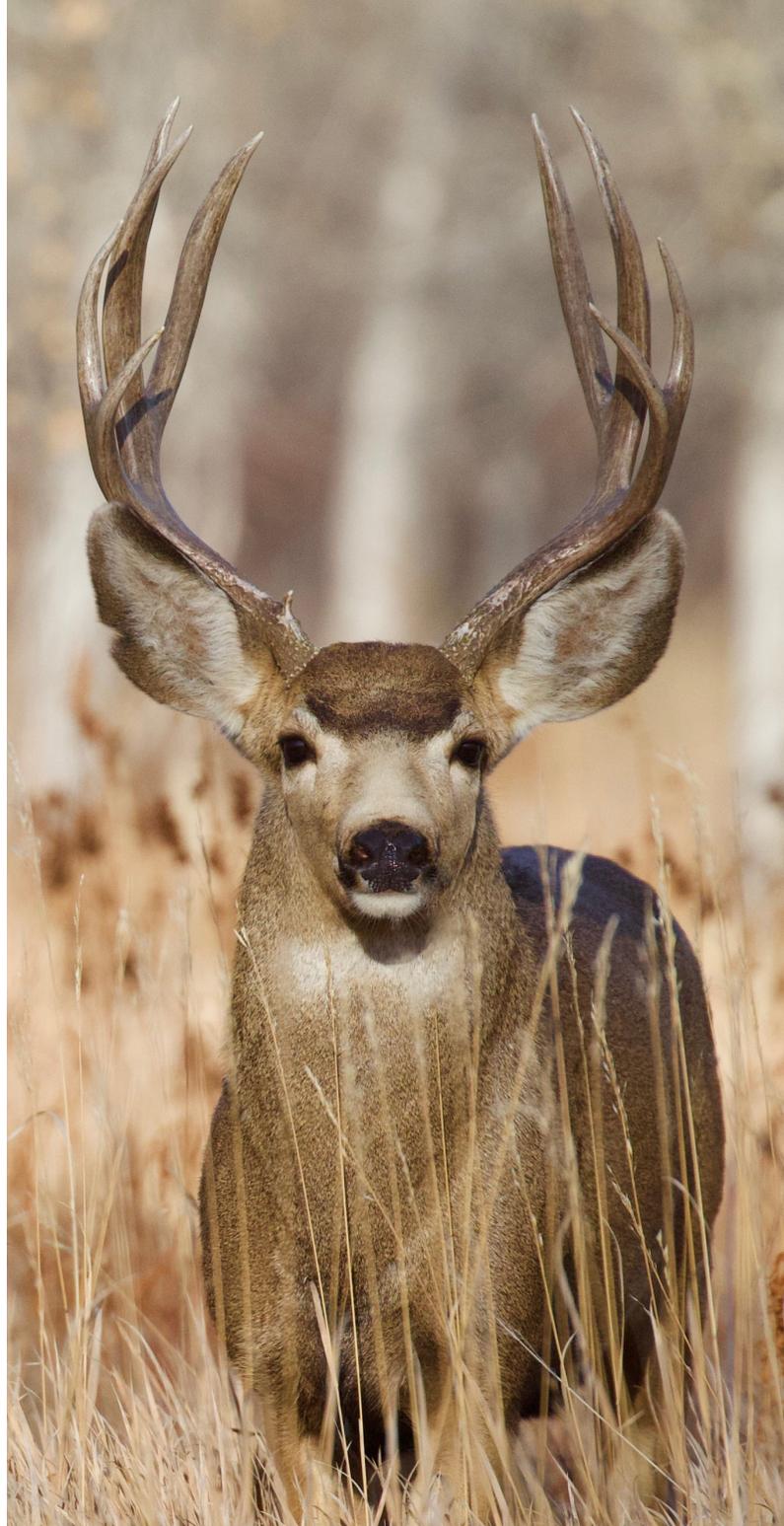
Prevention and management of disease continues to be a priority for establishing and maintaining wildlife populations that meet management objectives. For more information please visit [idfg.idaho.gov/cwd](http://idfg.idaho.gov/cwd).

## Depredation Claims

Depredation claims in FY20 exceeded \$856,000. Fish and Game will continue to work with landowners on solutions that focus on proactive and effective approaches to reduce wildlife impacts to agriculture.

## Deer and Elk Hunter Congestion

Resident hunters have expressed a growing concern about crowding in Idaho big game hunting. In response, the Commission implemented management to ensure a more even distribution of nonresident deer and elk hunters by limiting participation levels to 10-15% of hunters by elk zone or deer unit in general hunts as a first step to address concerns. Moving forward, the agency will continue to develop solutions to meet our mission as well constituent expectations.



Find more information online at [idfg.idaho.gov](http://idfg.idaho.gov) and [gooutdoorsidaho.com](http://gooutdoorsidaho.com)