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TO: Members of Idaho Fish and Game Commission

FROM: Idaho Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Council

Subject: Changes to Landowner Appreciation Tag Program

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission is considering changing the Landowner Appreciation Tag program including authorizing the sale of these tags by the landowners. There may be other changes being considered as well.

The Idaho Sportsman's Caucus Advisory Council requests that the Idaho Fish and Game Commission prepare more than one option in this matter including a "do nothing" option. The options also should include reviews of the effects and realities of landowner tag programs in other western states. This would allow a review of the impacts of each option. These options and their impacts should be offered to the sportsmen and citizens of Idaho for review and comment in at least four geographically convenient locations around the state at convenient times (weekday evenings or Saturdays).

There have been indications that the Commission is concerned about the usefulness of gathering public input because there is the impression that "hunters would be against" expansion of the landowner's appreciation tag program. The sportsmen of Idaho are the major stakeholders in wildlife issues because their dollars are the revenue that funds the Department and programs that this Commission is empowered to oversee.

We believe it is incumbent on the Commission to seek public input on issues and potential plans which could significantly affect the availability of big game tags to Idaho hunters