

Background for Motion

On October 18, 2010 Governor Otter ended Idaho's agreement with the Department of Interior to serve as designated agent for statewide wolf management. It is uncertain when the State of Idaho and the Department of Fish and Game will be allowed full management authority, including hunting. Continued expansion of the wolf population and conflict levels are beyond those forming the basis for the 2008 plan. Keeping the 2008 plan active during this period of uncertainty does not serve any useful purpose and only contributes to confusion on the subject of wolf management in Idaho.

MOTION

Therefore, I move the Department:

- (1) Continue the pursuit of control actions under 10j for the protection of ungulate herds while wolves remain listed under the Endangered Species Act;
- (2) Suspend immediately the 2008-2012 Idaho Wolf Population Management Plan; and
- (3) Postpone consideration, until delisting resumes, as to the specifics of day-to-day state wolf management and upon delisting of gray wolves in Idaho; the Commission will direct the Department to prepare an appropriate wolf species management plan, consistent with the 2002 Idaho Wolf Conservation and Management Plan approved by the Idaho Legislature and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.