



Idaho Wildlife Federation 2023 Legislative Voting Record





The Idaho Wildlife Federation is a nonprofit organization that advocates for the conservation of Idaho's fish and wildlife, habitat and sporting opportunity.

What Makes the Legislative Voting Record Important to Sportsmen? Accountability

Few public institutions are more important than legislatures. Whether it is the U.S. Congress, a state legislature, city council, county commission or school board, legislative bodies have the power to impact our lives in profound ways. Representatives are chosen by the public to decide on its behalf the policies we live by and to act in the best interests of their constituents.

In doing so, representatives are accountable to their constituents for their actions. Accountability is only possible with adequate information about legislative performance; an indispensable element of democratic governance.

Conversely, voting records can also be used by legislators to improve their performance.

That is the purpose of IWF's legislative voting record: to arm you with information for legislative accountability and improve the performance of the Idaho legislature. Ultimately, it is up to you to examine the information and take action in a way you believe is necessary and consider sharing this document with like-minded individuals.

IWF's Breadth of Legislative Work is Much More Than This Document

A voting record is important for educating the public on legislation impacting fish, wildlife, public lands, and sporting opportunity, but it is only one component of a fully integrated legislative advocacy program employed by IWF.

Of course, a lobbyist is key, and IWF has multiple staff on hand as registered lobbyists, but lobbying is only a discussion with a lawmaker in hopes of persuading a vote. A lawmaker rarely, if ever, decides a vote based on requests from a single person. There must be implicit or explicit backing for such requests and there are several ways IWF does this:

Prove social support for a vote. IWF speaks as a unified voice of 29 affiliate groups and over 40,000 affiliate members and supporters. Those numbers carry weight!

Elevate the topic publicly: using social media and traditional media outlets, IWF ensures sportsman issues and legislation receive maximum exposure so lawmakers understand the importance of the vote and that people are watching.

Provide direct advocacy opportunity. Our email, phone bank, and petition software gives Idahoans the ability to easily express their views directly to legislators.

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Bills IWF Opposed

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Opposed Bills Not Passed

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Bills IWF Engaged On

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Bills IWF Supported

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Supported Bills Passed

2023 Legislative Session: Overview

The 2023 legislative session surprised many by ending relatively close to the March 24th goal. Like the previous year, this session was dominated by issues unrelated to natural resources. It was largely dominated by hotly debated culture war issues, which resulted in putting off the more basic functions of the legislature like passing budgets until the final weeks. These languishing budget bills were kept as bargaining chips of sorts to trade in exchange for votes on other issues. It's not a new tactic, but this kind of legislating tends to elevate certain issues over others, raising the stakes and temperature in the capitol building.

This final outcome for this session was a net positive for natural resource bills. Even though some unsupported bills made it through there were other defensive victories. We were able to amend a bill that would've exempted certain wildlife facilities from Chronic Wasting Disease testing, so that testing must continue. A legislator simply thought all doe mule deer hunting should stop for two years and brought a bill to do just that - a dramatic violation of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. Coincidentally, the day it was to be introduced was the same day as Camo at the Capitol when about two dozen hunting organizations would be present to testify against. With proper warning of the incoming conflict and severe opposition to the bill, it was pulled.

Two agency budgets were of particular interest to anyone who supports land access. First, the Department of Lands budget increased staff capacity for the Forest Legacy Program, which uses federal Land Water Conservation Fund dollars to permanently keep private timber lands from development, keeping local lumber mills fed, forest habitat from turning into condos or subdivisions, and public access open. The Department of Parks and Recreation budget included \$90m for maintenance backlog projects, and \$5m for a first-of-its-kind investment in access. This money will be put on the ground in partnership with other agencies, specifically for the purpose of increasing and enhancing access for recreation. Though other states have such programs, this was a first for Idaho. It's a program that can have funding added to it for years to come- a major win for all who love the outdoors.

In the first session after over 40% turnover in the legislature, a solid foundation has been laid to continue making inroads with new and veteran legislators alike. We aim to continue positive outcomes for next year - **Brian Brooks, Executive Director, Idaho Wildlife Federation**

IWF Affiliate Organizations

Idaho Chapter SCI - Idaho Deer Alliance - Idaho Wild Sheep Foundation - American Bear Foundation
Idaho Conservation Officers Association - Idaho State Howhunter - High Desert Pointing Dog Club
Backcountry Horsemen of Idaho - Idaho Traditional Bowhunters - Treasure Valley Bowhunters
North Idaho Whitetails Forever - Idaho Brittany Club - National Wild Turkey Federation Idaho Chapters
The Poachers Club - Waterfowlers Of Idaho - Latah Wildlife Association - Golden Eagle Audubon
Society - North Idaho Fly Casters - German Shorthaired Pointers Club - Idaho Chukar Chasers
Idaho Falconers Association - Henry's Fork Wildlife Alliance

****IWF's opposition or support for bills does not necessarily reflect the view of all IWF Affiliates****

About the IWF Legislative Voting Record

The Legislative Voting Record is a compilation of how Idaho state legislators voted on key issues during the Legislative sessions. It is meant to provide information for the public on where legislators stand on issues affecting sportsmen, wildlife, habitat public lands and access. This report uses the vote on a given bill that is most reflective of a legislator's stance on the issue. This is IWF's third Legislative Voting Record, our first being published following the 2020 legislative session. Support for or opposition to any bill or resolution is not intended to provide endorsement or rejection of any state legislator.

IWF 2023 Priority Bill Summary

S1017 - Invasive Species Stickers

Status: Became Law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

Makes invasive species stickers for watercraft last 2 years. Discourages invasive species, protects fish and wildlife, infrastructure, agricultural and more.

S1021 - Priest Lake Outlet

Status: Became Law **IWF: OPPOSED**

Any changes to the Priest Lake outlet control structure would require approval by the Governor and the legislature.

S1049 - Endowment Land Crime

Status: Became Law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

Clarifies restrictions on state lands and requires proper posting at entry points with associated fines and other requirements outlined.

S1063 - Exposed Barbed Wire

Status: Failed to Pass House **IWF: SUPPORTED**

Addresses "careless exposure" of barbed wire fences for livestock but will have benefits for wildlife and big game movement.

S1143 - Shed Hunting Bill

Status: Became Law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

Gives IDFG Commission authority to set some regulations to prevent stressing wildlife in winter - most vulnerable areas in the most vulnerable time of year.

HB304 - 2023 IDFG Budget

Status: Became Law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

2023 budget for IDFG. Funds access, habitat, wildlife management, enforcement.

S1196 - Dept. Parks & Rec. Budget

Status: Became Law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

2023 budget for Parks and Rec. Includes first of its kind \$5-million budget to work with agencies to expand access for outdoor recreation.

S1174 - IDL Budget

Status: Became Law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

2023 budget for Department of Lands. Includes funding for Forest Legacy staff that will work to facilitate conservation of private timberlands.

2023 Voting Record - House (1 of 2)

REPRESENTATIVE	DISTRICT	S1017	S1021	S1049	S1063	S1143	HB304	S1196	S1174
Mark Sauter (R)	1	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sage G. Dixon (R)	1	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	N	A
Heather Scott (R)	2	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	N
Dale R. Hawkins (R)	2	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	N
Vito Barbieri (R)	3	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	N	N
Jordan Redman (R)	3	Y	Y	N	X	N	Y	N	N
Joe Alfieri (R)	4	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	N
Elaine Price (R)	4	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	N
Ron Mendive (R)	5	Y	Y	Y	X	A	Y	N	N
Tony Wisniewski (R)	5	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	N
Lori McCann (R)	6	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brandon Mitchell (R)	6	Y	Y	Y	X	N	Y	Y	Y
Mike Kingsley (R)	7	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	N
Charlie Shepherd (R)	7	Y	Y	Y	X	N	Y	Y	Y
Mathew Bundy (R)	8	Y	Y	A	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Megan Blanksma (R)	8	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jacyn Gallagher (R)	9	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	N
Judy Boyle (R)	9	Y	Y	Y	X	N	Y	Y	A
Mike Moyle (R)	10	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bruce D. Skaug (R)	10	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	N
Julie Yamamoto (R)	11	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Christopher M. Allgood (R)	11	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jeff Cornilles (R)	12	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jaron Crane (R)	12	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	A
Brent J. Crane (R)	13	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	N
Kenny Wroten (R)	13	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Edward H. Hill (R)	14	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Josh Tanner (R)	14	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	N
Steve Berch (D)	15	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dori Healey (R)	15	Y	Y	Y	X	N	Y	Y	Y
Sonia R. Galaviz (D)	16	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Colin Nash (D)	16	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Gannon (D)	17	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sue Chew (D)	17	Y	N	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Liana Rubel (D)	18	Y	N	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Brooke Green (D)	18	Y	N	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y

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IWF: Supported

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IWF: Opposed

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Lauren Necochea (D)	19	Y	N	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chris Mathias (D)	19	Y	N	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	A
Joe A. Palmer (R)	20	Y	Y	Y	X	N	Y	Y	Y
James Holtzclaw (R)	20	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Petzke (R)	21	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jeff Ehlers (R)	21	Y	Y	Y	X	N	Y	Y	Y
John Vander (R)	22	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jason A. Monks (R)	22	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Melissa Durrant (R)	23	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tina Lambert (R)	23	Y	Y	N	X	N	N	N	N
Chenele Dixon (R)	24	Y	Y	N	X	A	N	Y	Y
Steve Miller (R)	24	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lance W. Clow (R)	25	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Greg L. Lanting (R)	25	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ned Burns (D)	26	Y	N	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jack Nelson (R)	26	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Douglas T. Pickett (R)	27	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clay Handy (R)	27	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Richard W. Cheatum (R)	28	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dan Garner (R)	28	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dustin Manwaring (R)	29	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nate Roberts (D)	29	Y	N	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
David M. Cannon (R)	30	Y	Y	Y	X	N	Y	N	N
Julianne Young (R)	30	Y	Y	Y	X	N	N	N	N
Jerald Raymond (R)	31	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rod Furniss (R)	31	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stephanie Jo Mickelsen (R)	32	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Wendy Horman (R)	32	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Barbara Ehardt (R)	33	Y	Y	N	X	A	Y	Y	A
Marco Adam Erickson (R)	33	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jon O. Weber (R)	34	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Britt Raybould (R)	34	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kevin Andrus (R)	35	Y	Y	Y	X	N	N	N	A
Josh Wheeler (R)	35	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Scott Herndon (R)	1	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Phil Hart (R)	2	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N
Doug Okuniewicz (R)	3	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y
Ben Toews (R)	4	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Carl J. Bjerke (R)	5	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Daniel D. Foreman (R)	6	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Cindy J. Carlson (R)	7	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Geoff Schroeder (R)	8	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Abby Lee (R)	9	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tammy Nichols (R)	10	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Chris T. Trakel (R)	11	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Ben Adams (R)	12	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Brian Lenney (R)	13	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
C. Scott Grow (R)	14	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James R. Just (D)	15	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Alison Rabe (R)	16	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carrie Semmelroth (D)	17	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Janie Ward-Engelking (D)	18	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Melissa Wintrow (D)	19	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chuck Winder (R)	20	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Treg A. Bernt	21	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lori Deb Hartog (R)	22	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Todd M. Lakey (R)	23	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Glenneda Zuiderveld (R)	24	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N
Linda Wright Hartgen (R)	25	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ron C. Taylor (D)	26	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kelly Arthur Anthon (R)	27	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jim Guthrie (R)	28	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
James D. Ruchti (R)	29	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Julie VanOrden (R)	30	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Van T. Burtenshaw (R)	31	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kevin Cook (R)	32	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dave Lent (R)	33	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Doug Ricks (R)	34	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Mark Harris (R)	35	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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