



# Idaho Wildlife Federation 2024 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 their 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 25 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 opportunities: 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

4

Opposed Bills Not Passed

14

Bills IWF Engaged On

6

Bills IWF Supported

5

Supported Bills Passed

# 2024 Legislative Session: Overview

The 2024 legislative session ended as a net positive for natural resource issues with many beneficial bills passed and signed by the Governor, and several bills IWF opposed killed in the process. Yet again, the tenor of the session was dominated by culture war issues outside the realm of natural resources. And again the more basic functions of the legislature, like passing budgets, were hotly debated. The new budgeting process - splitting agency budgets into two separate bills so called maintenance and enhancement - was a bit convoluted and not entirely as transparent as some lawmakers, the press, and lobbyists would've liked. Discontent with the new budgeting process boiled up resulting in some internal leadership changes.

Through all the statehouse drama, work on wildlife and sporting issues continued. Ultimately, IWF engaged on 14 bills with hopes to improve them, send them along or put them in a drawer. Many of these bills did not make it far enough in the legislative process for recorded votes to take place (1e- bills did not make it past committee to be voted on by the House or Senate bodies) and therefore you will not see much information about them in this document. Among those bills were some IWF supported, but more that we did not.

The bills IWF did not support, and that were successfully shelved, continued a trend from the last few years of legislators taking wildlife and sporting issues into their own hands - circumventing the authority of the Fish and Game Commission and even the sentiment of sportsmen themselves. This year saw legislation attempting to prevent the Commission from modifying certain weapon technology use, adjusting season setting frequency, distributing once-in-a-lifetime species tags to outfitters for killing a single wolf, and preventing Conservation Officers from performing basic compliance checks on private property. Sportsmen, however, spoke up in opposition to these bills and only one made it to a committee vote where it was defeated. These types of bills are gaining in number with each year and I suspect more like them will be introduced next year.

Only one bill IWF did not support made it through the legislative process (two pieces of legislation technically, but one was a Memorial that makes no law). HB 591 eliminated certain chronic wasting disease mitigation measures for elk farms under quarantine. Though unfortunate, IWF will work with concerned legislators to button up the loopholes created by the bill.

I'd like to reiterate that overall, this was a successful legislative session for wildlife and sporting issues. The number of hunters and anglers who used their voices to influence policy that affects them was equal parts inspiring and reassuring for the future of our resources. Cheers to next year.

- Brian Brooks, Executive Director, Idaho Wildlife Federation

## IWF Affiliate Organizations

IDAHO CHAPTER SCI FIRST FOR HUNTERS - IDAHO DEER ALLIANCE - IDAHO WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION  
- AMERICAN BEAR FOUNDATION - IDAHO CONSERVATION OFFICERS ASSOCIATION- IDAHO STATE  
BOWHUNTERS -TREASURE VALLEY BOWHUNTERS -HIGH DESERT POINTING DOG CLUB -  
BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN OF IDAHO -IDAHO TRADITIONAL BOWHUNTERS -IDAHO FALCONERS  
ASSOCIATION - CHUKAR CHASER FOUNDATION IDAHO CHAPTER -IDAHO WHITETAILS FOREVER -  
IDAHO BRITTANY CLUB -BLACK CANYON BOWMEN -NAMPA BOW CHIEFS -INDIANHEAD BOWHUNTERS  
-NATIONALWILD TURKEY FEDERATION IDAHO -THE POACHERS CLUB -GOLDEN EAGLE AUDUBON  
SOCIETY -GERMAN SHORTHAIRED POINTER CLUB IDAHO -LATAH WILDLIFE ASSOCIATION -HENRYS  
FORK WILDLIFE ALLIANCE -WATERFOWLERS OF IDAHO - NORTH IDAHO FLY CASTERS

\*\*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 fourth 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 2024 Priority Bill Summary

### **H0404 - WILDLIFE DATA**

Status: Became Law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

Bill will exempt real-time tracking data (often obtained by satellite GPS collars) for terrestrial game species via public records request. The bill protects fair chase principles by preventing the utilization of tracking data to pinpoint locations of game species.

### **H0468- RANGELAND IMPROVEMENT**

Status: Became Law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

Allows ISDA to pursue funding for the rangeland improvements for state lands.

### **H0591- DOMESTIC CERVID FARM FENCING**

Status: Became Law **IWF: OPPOSED**

Severely weakens CWD regs for domestic cervid farms. Significantly loosens CWD mitigation regulations for captive elk farms under quarantine by allowing farms to continue operations like translocating animals and eliminating the double fence requirement.

### **H0592 - DEPREDATION FUNDING**

Status: Became law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

Provides general fund dollars to compensate for losses to grizzly bears and wolves, and also provides funding for conflict prevention measures, a first of its kind idea for Idaho.

### **H0586- LICENSE REQUIREMENT FOR NONRESIDENT SHED HUNTING**

Status: Became Law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

Bill will require nonresidents to procure a license prior to collecting, possessing, or transporting certain antlers or horns and to provide an exception.

### **S1322 - INVASIVE SPECIES FUNDING**

Status: Became Law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

Provides new rules for invasive species mitigation in light of quagga mussels getting into Idaho waters. (Bill does not necessarily provide funding.)

### **S1382 - IDAHO FISH AND GAME BUDGET**

Status: Became Law **IWF: SUPPORTED**

Funds the 2025 Idaho Fish and Game Budget

### **SJM103 - SNAKE RIVER DAMS RESOLUTION**

Status: Passed **IWF: OPPOSED**

Memorializes benefits of Snake River dams, which are fewer than the drawbacks they create, including extinction trend of Idaho's fish.

# 2024 Voting Record - House (1 of 2)

REPRESENTATIVE	DISTRICT								
		H0404	H0468	H0591	H0592	H0586	S1322	S1382	SJM103
Sage Dixon (R)	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	X	N/A
Mark Sauter (R)	1	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Dale Hawkins (R)	2	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	N/A
Heather Scott (R)	2	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	N/A
Vito Barbieri (R)	3	Y	Y	Y	X	X	X	X	N/A
Jordan Redman (R)	3	X	X	Y	X	Y	X	X	N/A
Joe Alfieri (R)	4	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	N/A
Elaine Price (R)	4	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	N/A
Ron Mendive (R)	5	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	N/A
Tony Wisniewski (R)	5	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	N/A
Lori McCann (R)	6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Brandon Mitchell (R)	6	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	N/A
Mike Kingsley (R)	7	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	N/A
Charlie Shepherd (R)	7	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	X	N/A
Megan Blanksma (R)	8	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	N/A
Matt Bundy (R)	8	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Judy Boyle (R)	9	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	N/A
Jacyn Gallagher (R)	9	Y	X	Y	X	X	X	X	N/A
Mike Moyle (R)	10	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Bruce Skaug (R)	10	X	A	Y	Y	X	X	X	N/A
Chris Allgood (R)	11	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Julie Yamamoto (R)	11	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Jeff Comilles (R)	12	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Jaron Crane (R)	12	Y	A	A	A	X	X	X	N/A
Brent Crane (R)	13	Y	Y	Y	X	X	X	X	N/A
Kenny Wroten (R)	13	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Ted Hill (R)	14	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	N/A
Josh Tanner (R)	14	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	N/A
Steve Berch (D)	15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Dori Healey (R)	15	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	N/A
Todd Achilles (D)	16	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Sonia Galaviz (D)	16	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	N/A
John Gannon (D)	17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Marjorie Wilson (D)	17	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Brooke Green (D)	18	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A
Ilana Rubel (D)	18	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A

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 IWF: SUPPORTED

**SJM103**  
**SNAKE RIVER DAMS RESOLUTION**  
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# 2024 Voting Record - House (2 of 2)

## REPRESENTATIVE

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

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Senator	DISTRICT	H0404	H0468	H0591	H0592	H0586	S1322	S1382	SJM103
Scott Herndon (R)	1	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	Y
Phil Hart (R)	2	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	Y
Doug Okuniewicz (R)	3	Y	X	Y	X	Y	Y	X	Y
Ben Toews (R)	4	Y	X	Y	X	Y	Y	X	Y
Carl Bjerke (R)	5	Y	X	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y
Dan Foreman (R)	6	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	Y
Cindy Carlson (R)	7	X	Y	Y	X	X	X	X	Y
Geoff Schroeder (R)	8	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A	Y	Y
Abby Lee	9	Y	A	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y
Tammy Nichols (R)	10	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	Y
Chris Trakel (R)	11	Y	Y	Y	X	X	X	X	Y
Ben Adams (R)	12	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y
Brian Lenney (R)	13	X	X	Y	X	X	X	X	Y
Scott Grow (R)	14	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rick Just (D)	15	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	X
Ali Rabe (D)	16	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	X
Carrie Semmelroth (D)	17	Y	Y	X	Y	A	Y	Y	X
Janie Ward-Engelking	18	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Melissa Wintrow (D)	19	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	X
Chuck Winder (R)	20	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Trent Bernt (R)	21	Y	A	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lori Den Hartog (R)	22	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y
Todd Lakey (R)	23	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y
Glenneda Zuiderveld (R)	24	Y	X	Y	X	X	X	X	Y
Linda Hartgen (R)	25	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ron Taylor (D)	26	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	X
Kelly Anthon (R)	27	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Jime Guthrie (R)	28	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
James Ruchtie (D)	29	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Julie VanOrden (R)	30	Y	Y	A	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Van Burtenshaw (R)	31	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kevin Cook (R)	32	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Dave Lent (R)	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Mark Harris	35	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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