

Meeting Date: March 24, 2009

Agenda Item No. 11

**Agenda Item: Idaho Fish and Wildlife
Foundation Report**

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

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Background: Commission has requested updates about the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Foundation activities.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues: None

Public Involvement Process: None

Staff Recommendation: Present update as follows:

Justification: Requested by the Commission

1. The 2009 Online Trip Auction will end March 9, 2009. Bidding started February 27, 2009 at 9:00 am with some trips receiving unusually active bidding.
2. During the February 7, 2009 board meeting teleconference, the Foundation Board of Directors authorized completion of a land exchange with a private individual near King Hill in Elmore County, Idaho. The exchange provides more beneficial wildlife habitat to the Foundation and facilitates a homesite for the private individual.
3. In addition to the above motion, the Board of Directors authorized acceptance of a private land donation with mineral rights in Camas County, Idaho.
4. The Foundation has requested final project funding reports from applicants whose projects were funded in 2008. Reports are due May 2009.
5. The annual board meeting will be held near Sandpoint on April 24, 25, 2009. The agenda includes election of new officers and preliminary discussion of five-year strategic planning slated for December 2009.