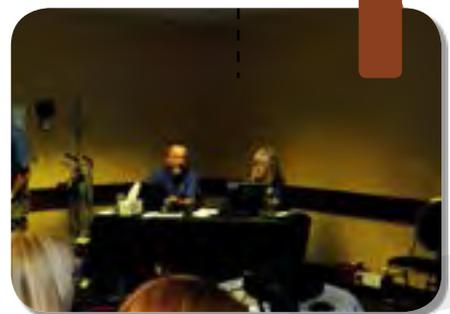


# Chatroom

## SUMMIT LIVE CHAT

“People are connected to nature – physically, intellectually, and spiritually.”



Using Internet-based live chat capabilities, people unable to participate in the Idaho Wildlife Summit in person, were able to offer comments throughout the three-day event.

Here's a breakdown:

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
<b>Participants:</b>	45	404	799	1,248
<b>Comments:</b>	287	529	824	1,640

An additional **363 participants** were able to review chat transcripts after the event closed.

In general, the conversation within the chat followed the speakers and events. Participants discussed points made by the speakers in real time. The chat dialog was placed next to the video presentation. The comments ranged from discussing ideas for generating additional funds for wildlife conservation to predator and prey management. Much of the discussion centered on finding common ground and various segments of Idaho's wildlife heritage, including hunting, fishing and wildlife viewing.

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## TYPICAL COMMENTS

Here are some of the chat comments that are somewhat representative of the various discussions:

### Comment from SteveR

“Focus on the big issues that unite us. Not doing that guarantees we all lose.”

### Comment from Cass

“#1, I am participating in the Summit to have a voice in how future management is decided, and to talk about the importance of public education of conservation for all users.”

### Comment from Rich

“It does appear that we have an impasse. We need more money in the kitty to manage wildlife both hunted and nonhunted. And we have torn feelings about wolves. So where do we get funds? Through hunt tags or through taxes? Do we really want more out of state hunters? Do we want more access to view the wild lands? Do we argue for our views or for the state or IDF& G? Seems to be no end?”

### Comment from Richard

“I would hope IDFG would bring Mr. Mahoney back and sit down and take heart to what he has to say.”

### Comment from Bob

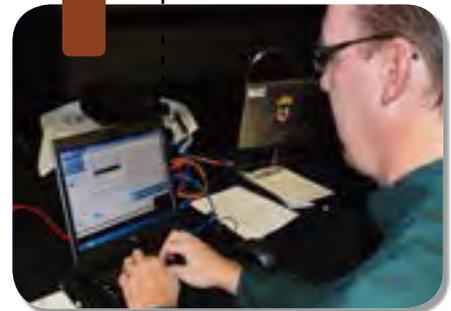
“Mr. Mahoney is the best thing that has come before the public since sliced bread. All his comments have been on track, he should be a speaker brought in to talk to our legislature on wildlife and conservation issues.”

### Comment from ell bow

“Listen to Mr. Mahoney. He is our common voice.”

### Comment from Joyce

“I have a hard time understanding what benefits this Summit is going to have on managing Idaho’s wildlife. IDFG has held town meetings for years in small towns across Idaho to supposedly get Idahoan’s opinions on changes they are already implementing, or plan on implementing. IDFG holds these town meetings to make it appear that the changes are supported by Idaho’s sportsmen and women, where in reality they are making the changes regardless of what the people of Idaho think or want. This Summit is just another town meeting on a much grander scale, and I would rather have seen the money used to put this Summit on go towards actually managing our wildlife. However this is not ever going to happen so long as Idaho is in bed with environmentalists who want to totally put a stop to hunting.”



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## SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

“A culture of concern and regard for the natural world.”

### Comment from SarahC

“Just because there are more wildlife viewers than hunters, does not mean IDFG will take priority on something over hunting. They are merely acknowledging this fact. Hunting will never be an extinct sport, I assure you.”

### Comment from Martin

“This is all very simple: My kids love to watch and see Idaho’s wildlife. However, even they realize that when dad goes out to hunt, food is put on the table. That is what made us who we are today. Remember our settlers founded this area on the same behalf!!”

### Comment from Wilderwest

“We purchase hunting and fishing licenses, wildlife plates, and contribute directly to non-game programs too. An Idaho wildlife stamp seems like a great idea. I don’t understand why we cannot give general funds to IDFG though. We do it for every other state department, right?”

### Comment from JackieM

“What if every IDFG employee took a 10 percent pay cut? They keep a vehicle a year or two longer.”

### Comment from Diane

“So happy to hear someone who seeks to build bridges and find common ground! Kudos to Tara Teel!”

