

# Evaluations

## THOUGHTS & OPINIONS

### Thoughts and Opinions from the Summit Evaluation

**A**s part of the Wildlife Summit evaluation process, participants were asked to complete a Summit Evaluation form. This form asked a variety of questions ranging from how they learned about the event and whether they felt welcome, to their opinions about speakers and Summit activities. The following tables are a tally of responses from the completed evaluations.

Please answer the following questions.

Did you understand the overall purpose of the Idaho Wildlife Summit?	
Answer	Total
Yes	173
Somewhat	64
No	7
Left Blank	2
Total	246

Were you given enough opportunity to express your opinions?	
Answer	Total
Yes	180
Somewhat	53
No	7
Left Blank	6
Total	246

Were you treated fairly by Fish and Game staff?	
Answer	Total
Yes	244
Somewhat	0
No	0
Left Blank	2
Total	246

Would you participate in a public event/workshop like this again?	
Answer	Total
Yes	228
Somewhat	14
No	2
Left Blank	2
Total	246

“**W**hat is the future direction of Fish and Game?”

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Please rate the involvement elements of the Summit.

“Wildlife is the common ground – recognize it!”

Trading Posts	
Answer	Total
Terrible	0
Poor	5
Okay	61
Good	106
Great	37
Left Blank	37
Total	246

Fishing Polls	
Answer	Total
Terrible	1
Poor	7
Okay	34
Good	104
Great	74
Left Blank	26
Total	246

Idaho Café Conversations	
Answer	Total
Terrible	1
Poor	3
Okay	20
Good	92
Great	91
Left Blank	39
Total	246

“Be non-judgmental. Be open-minded and find common ground.”

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Please rate the Summit video presentations.

“Focus on conversations that matter.”

Idaho Wildlife Belongs to You	
Answer	Total
Terrible	1
Poor	5
Okay	31
Good	104
Great	44
Left Blank	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>

Reflections	
Answer	Total
Terrible	0
Poor	2
Okay	33
Good	93
Great	34
Left Blank	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>

Our Wildlife Heritage	
Answer	Total
Terrible	0
Poor	1
Okay	31
Good	104
Great	39
Left Blank	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>

Voices for Tomorrow	
Answer	Total
Terrible	0
Poor	2
Okay	30
Good	101
Great	37
Left Blank	76
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>

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**Please rate each of the Summit speakers.**

<b>Virgil Moore</b>	
Answer	Total
Terrible	0
Poor	1
Okay	18
Good	113
Great	66
Left Blank	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>

<b>Toni Hardesty</b>	
Answer	Total
Terrible	1
Poor	3
Okay	20
Good	103
Great	78
Left Blank	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>

<b>Tara Teel</b>	
Answer	Total
Terrible	2
Poor	6
Okay	51
Good	97
Great	51
Left Blank	39
<b>Total</b>	

<b>Jim Posewitz</b>	
Answer	Total
Terrible	0
Poor	7
Okay	32
Good	81
Great	66
Left Blank	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>

<b>Shane Mahoney</b>	
Answer	Total
Terrible	0
Poor	1
Okay	8
Good	21
Great	178
Left Blank	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>246</b>



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Please rate each of the logistical elements of the Summit.

Summit pre-registration	
Answer	Total
Terrible	0
Poor	2
Okay	15
Good	104
Great	99
Left Blank	26
Total	246

Check-in at the Summit	
Answer	Total
Terrible	0
Poor	0
Okay	12
Good	85
Great	129
Left Blank	20
Total	246

Master of Ceremonies	
Answer	Total
Terrible	1
Poor	4
Okay	33
Good	104
Great	77
Left Blank	27
Total	246

Refreshments that were provided	
Answer	Total
Terrible	0
Poor	1
Okay	18
Good	71
Great	132
Left Blank	24
Total	246

Program/Workbook	
Answer	Total
Terrible	0
Poor	0
Okay	19
Good	116
Great	86
Left Blank	25
Total	246

**Question 9: What can you do to support the wildlife legacy you want to leave?**

Statement
185 said: "I want to continue to be a part of this discussion."
97 said: "I want to become more involved in some way."
71 said: "I would like to learn more about volunteering for Idaho Fish and Game."

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### What Participants Told Us

In addition to asking participants to rate various aspects of the Summit, they were asked to provide feedback to specific questions. They were not shy about providing that feedback. We received many positive comments as well as some equally important criticisms. Many offered suggestions for moving forward with our conversation about the future of wildlife management in Idaho. All the comments help us make this conversation more meaningful to all who care to participate. Here are some representative responses for each question:

#### What worked well for you during the Idaho Wildlife Summit?

“The opportunity to interact with other citizens and seeing that others are just as passionate as I am about Idaho’s wildlife.”

“Ability to hear many voices.”

“I enjoyed the Idaho Café and the chance to discuss important issues with other Idahoans.”

“Fishing polls could have fished deeper.”

“Having the satellite programs was great. We could just go to a local spot instead of Boise.”

“Café was a nice way to get people talking.”

“Great speakers! Public participation via technology.”

#### How might we improve future public events/workshops?

“Strive for more participation: consider your timing of the events, market, as much as possible – first to hunters/fishermen – than non-hunters/fishermen.”

“Reach out to younger audience participation.”

“More clarity of purpose.”

“Reach out to a broader audience, Audubon, local hunting groups, land trusts. Focus on them as leaders.”

“Condense summit to 2 days, and not on Sunday.”

“Involve more congressional, state legislators and youth.”

“Town hall meeting locally with volunteer help. Now how do you get people to attend?”

“Do workshop early in the year – Feb/March.”

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**What are the two or three interesting things you heard at the Idaho Wildlife Summit – things you might share with others who were not here?**

“The need to engage youth in the outdoors.”

“Importance for everyone to be involved and educated on all aspects of conservation.”

“Broad agreement that we want to get more people into nature, for consumption and non-consumptive activities.”

“Funding sources much more complex and fracture than I ever knew.”

“Sportsmen and environmentalists will have to work together as much as they don't like each other. No one else cares.”

“Fish and Game needs help in securing more funding, particularly for non-game and small game management.”

“Collaboration and its strength, the urgency of the need. How similar the goals of all the parties are and that we need to put conservation of wild places and wild things in the right ad first place it deserves.”

“The Summit, especially, Shane Mahoney's remarks, has given me the confidence that hunters and fishers must lead the third transition of wildlife conservation and that we should proceed with courage and not fear we will succumb to the California model.”

“Conservation is a citizen's responsibility - Shane Mahoney.”

“Wildlife does not only exist for consumptive use but it offers other values to Idaho citizens that are irreplaceable.”

“We are becoming more urban and less informed about wildlife and conservation.”

“Keep an open mind toward other groups that share common goals that I had previous ignored because of the belief that they are anti-hunting/fishing.”

“Just because you care about something does not mean you cannot lose it. The time is now to act!”

“Keep communication going.”

“I was drawn to the re-realization of our need to give attention and priority to involvement with developing passion for nature in our youth.”

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### Do you have any other comments on the workshop?

“Although it might have been logistically difficult, an opportunity for direct questioning of speakers/panelists would have been good in addition to the screened questions process you needed to follow.”

“Shane of course. But the missing piece was a panel of some or most of the organized groups and elected officials. That can happen in future events.”

“Shane Mahoney was worth whole weekend. I’m going to search for anything he has written and read it. I really appreciated that this was not a canned speech; it was specific for Idaho.”

“Recommend: Maintain link on IDFG website that contains Wildlife Summit materials. Establish K-12 Curriculum Wildlife Legacy Appreciation. Need to reduce the distanced and mutualist syndrome – IDFG

develop K-12 curriculum, best gatekeeper.”

“I thought the mix of speakers was well laid out. And ending with Shane Mahoney was good because he talks directly to people’s hearts.”

“Keep it coming! We have every reason to continue. We need to focus on wildlife conservation and commonalities.”

“Virgil Moore – excellent presentation of the reflections and his observations. His personal experiences. Wendy Lowe was a great facilitator.”

“The Idaho Fish and Game director did our state proud, and Shane Mahoney challenged us to protect and enhance. Toni Hardesty and Jim Posewitz were excellent choices to widen the discussion. The

Sunday panel discussion was excellent.”

“Mahoney was amazing; thanks for bringing him in for this. Really liked the Idaho Café session; just wished we had had a more diverse attendance – some different views but mostly preaching to the choir (not a bad thing just broader would be better).”

“When do you move on to the hard questions: public lands being land locked by private land – access – wolves – depredation to elk.”

“Across the board recognition we need to engage next generation.”

“Really want to see opportunities for productive follow-up involvement by Summit participants, at a deep and detailed level of issue exploration, discussion, resolution.”