

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

Idaho Fish and Game's staff and facilities are found throughout the state from Boundary County to Bear Lake. The agency is headquartered in Boise and has eight regional offices, as well as numerous fish hatcheries and wildlife management areas found in cities, rural areas, and backcountry.

In a nutshell, this is Fish and Game's mission:

All wildlife within Idaho belongs to the state. Fish and Game's job is to preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage the state's wildlife and provide citizens with a continued supply for hunting, fishing, and trapping.

On the fish side, Fish and Game manages over 40 species of game fish that range from palm-sized bluegill to 10-foot sturgeon. The department raises and releases about 30 million fish annually, mostly for anglers to catch.

On the wildlife side, Fish and Game manages about 500 nonhunted species and 70 hunted species that range from doves to moose. Big game hunters alone typically harvest about 74,000 deer and elk annually in Idaho, so game provides millions of pounds of healthy, organic meat for hunters and their families.

Fish and Game receives no state general-fund tax money. It relies on a variety of funding sources with roughly half its budget coming from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and permits.

Idaho is renowned worldwide for its hunting and fishing and attracts lots of hunters and anglers to the state. In 2022, Fish and Game sold hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses to residents of all 50 states and four U.S. territories, as well as citizens from 61 other countries. All totaled, Fish and Game sold about 2.1 million licenses, tags and permits worth \$58 million.

