IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 477

BY RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

1   AN ACT
2 RELATING TO FISH AND GAME; AMENDING CHAPTER 5, TITLE 36, IDAHO CODE, BY THE
3   ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION 36-506, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALVAGE
4   OF CERTAIN WILDLIFE UNINTENTIONALLY STRUCK AND KILLED BY A VEHICLE ON A
5   ROADWAY, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN SEVERELY INJURED WILDLIFE MAY BE DIS-
6   PATCHED, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO
7   APPLICABILITY.

8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9   SECTION 1. That Chapter 5, Title 36, Idaho Code, be, and the same is
10 hereby amended by the addition thereto of a NEW SECTION, to be known and des-
11 ignated as Section 36-506, Idaho Code, and to read as follows:

12   36-506. UNPROTECTED WILDLIFE STRUCK WITH VEHICLE -- DISPATCH --
13 SALVAGE. (1) In the event a person unintentionally strikes and kills unpro-
14 tected wildlife on a roadway with a vehicle, the person may salvage the meat.
15   (2) In the event a person unintentionally strikes unprotected wildlife
16 on a roadway with a vehicle, leaving the animal severely injured, the person
17 may immediately thereafter dispatch the severely injured animal and may sal-
18 vage the meat.
19   (3) Within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident in either subsection
20 (1) or (2) of this section, the person shall report the incident to the de-
21 partment of fish and game, and, within seventy-two (72) hours of the inci-
22 dent, shall obtain a salvage permit from the department at no cost. The fol-
23 lowing wildlife must also be presented to the nearest fish and game office to
24 satisfy mandatory check and reporting requirements: Moose, mountain goat,
25 bighorn sheep, mountain lion, black bear, wolf, bobcat and river otter.
26   (4) The provisions of this section do not apply to protected nongame
27 wildlife, threatened or endangered species, migratory birds including wa-
28 terfowl, and other wildlife species not lawfully hunted or trapped.