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Idaho Fish and Game Commission  
Statements of Policy Regarding Hunter Orange  
**Adopted November 6, 2008**

Whereas the Idaho Fish and Game Commission (“Commission”) is responsible by law to preserve, protect, perpetuate and manage wildlife in the state of Idaho.

Whereas the Commission has implemented a mandatory hunter education program pursuant to Idaho Code 36-412 and IDAPA 13.01.02 to provide instruction in firearms safety, wildlife management, wildlife law, hunter ethics and responsibility, first aid/survival and practical experience in the handling and shooting of firearms. The hunter education program includes education about hunting safety. Graduates leave these classes with a firm understanding of safe hunting practices.

Whereas the Commission adopts hunting safety rules for real property which is owned or controlled by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to provide the public access to public lands and waters.

Whereas the Commission recognizes safe hunting practices are a vital component of hunter education and property access.

Whereas the Commission accepts that hunter orange enhances hunting safety in many circumstances.

Whereas hunting safety rules for certain IDFG Wildlife Management Areas where a WMA upland game bird permit is required includes the wearing of hunter orange as a safety measure.

**Now therefore the Commission adopts the following policy statements with regards to hunter orange:**

1. The Commission strongly encourages wearing hunter orange as a voluntary safety measure when appropriate for the hunt.
2. The Commission will continue to direct the Department to require participants to wear hunter orange for Department-sponsored hunts, primarily youth hunts.
3. The Commission will continue to direct the Department to educate about the safety benefits of hunter orange, along with other hunter safety measures, in hunter education classes and in other educational forums.
4. The Commission will continue to consider hunter orange in the portfolio of potential safety measures when adopting hunting regulations for Department lands.