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BEFORE THE IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCOUNTING
FEES FOR CONSECUTIVE ANNUAL
LICENSE PURCHASE**

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) **ORDER NO. 22-20**
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The Commission supports stable funding adequate for the Department to carry out Idaho's Wildlife Policy, Idaho Code section 36-103(a), while keeping license prices reasonable. Idaho Code section 36-415 authorizes the Commission to order a discount in fees to encourage the purchase of licenses in consecutive years. Pursuant to this authority, in June, 2017, the Commission authorized the Price Lock discount for Idaho residents for sport license, tag, and permit purchases for license years through 2022, ending December 31, 2022. At its March 2022 meeting, the Commission reviewed license sales information from the previous five years. The Commission determined renewal of the Price Lock discount is warranted based on the increase in multi-year license sales, growth in resident license sales, and overall license and tag revenue.

The Commission determined that eligibility for Idaho residents for the Price Lock discount for 2023 license year purchases is the holding of a valid license, through purchase of an annual or multi-year license (hunting, fishing, combination, Sportsman's Pak, trapping, 3-year, or lifetime) each year since 2017. Eligibility for Idaho residents for the Price Lock discount for subsequent license years (2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027) requires obtaining, without revocation, a license for each consecutive year, through purchase of annual or multi-year licenses.

Additionally, any Idaho resident who purchases a three-year license or lifetime license certificate at any time during the effective date of this Order becomes eligible for the Price Lock discount for the remaining term of the Order, with eligibility for subsequent years dependent on obtaining, without revocation, licenses for consecutive years.

Consistent with legislative intent, the Commission finds it beneficial to apply the provisions of the Price Lock discount to residents of Idaho that are absent from the state for religious purposes, not to exceed two (2) years, or full-time educational purposes, not to exceed five (5) years, who do not claim residency in any other state or country for any purpose, irrespective of whether such individuals purchase any form of season license during the period of allowed absence. Further, the Commission finds it beneficial to apply the provisions of the Price Lock discount to Idaho residents who are in the military service of the United States, together with their spouse and children under eighteen (18) residing in the household, who have been officially transferred, stationed, domiciled and on active duty in another state or country, and maintain Idaho as their official state of residence as shown on their current leave and earnings statement, irrespective of whether such individuals have purchased any season license during the period of allowed absence.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION HEREBY ORDERS:

Idaho residents will receive a Price Lock discount (*i.e.*, items at 2017 prices) for sport license, tag, and permit purchases for license years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027 as set forth herein.

An Idaho resident will receive the Price Lock Discount for license year 2023 purchase (annual license, permit, tag, or Sportsman's Pak; multi-year license; or lifetime certificate) if the resident has held an Idaho license, through purchase of an annual or multi-year license (hunting, fishing, combination, trapping, Sportsman's Pak, 3-year license, or lifetime certificate) each year since 2017. An Idaho resident will receive the Price Lock Discount for purchases for each subsequent consecutive license year (2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027), during which the resident obtains, without revocation, an Idaho license, through annual, multi-year, or lifetime license purchase.

Any Idaho resident who has not held a valid license each year since 2017 will receive a Price Lock Discount by purchasing a three-year hunting, fishing or combination licenses or lifetime license certificate for license years covered by this Order. Such Idaho resident will receive a Price Lock discount for subsequent purchases (including license, permit, and tag) for each license year thereafter through license year 2027, so long as the resident obtains, without revocation, an Idaho license, through annual, multi-year or lifetime license certificate.

An Idaho resident that is absent from the state for religious purposes, not to exceed two (2) years, or full-time educational purposes, not to exceed five (5) years, who does not claim residency in any other state or country for any purpose, will not have to obtain an annual license for a season during which the resident is absent from the state to remain eligible for the Price Lock discount under this Order.

Any person, who is in the military service of the United states, together with that person's spouse and children under eighteen (18) residing in the household, who has been officially transferred, stationed, domiciled and on active duty in another state or country, and maintains Idaho as their official state of residence as shown on the current leave and earnings statement, will not have to obtain an annual license for a season during which that person is absent from the state to remain eligible for the Price Lock discount under this Order.

This Order is effective December 1, 2022, and expires December 31, 2027. This Order does not authorize any discount for the 2028 license year, for which licenses, tags, and permits go on sale as of December 1, 2027.

DATED this 27th day of January 2022.



Greg Cameron, Chairman