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Subject: Idaho Fish Consumption Rate Recommended Sample and Questions - Comments

Barry and Don,

After reviewing the BSU document dated October 10, 2013, we would like to offer the following comments:

Page 11: Idaho Recreational Angler – On the question of “can a holder of a fish license be considered a never fish eater?” The answer would be “yes.” Many anglers who hold Idaho Fishing licenses, only practice catch-and-release fishing and never harvest fish. We have no information as to whether this means they don’t consume fish.

Also, in this same section, there is a statement that says, “Boise State University recommends that any holder of an Idaho resident fishing license be considered an angler.” We recommend that you consider holders of combination (hunting and fishing) along with Sportsman’s Pack licenses, as “anglers,” as well. Antidotally, people who buy combination licenses are probably more avid outdoor people and have a higher likelihood to consume fish caught in Idaho waters than people who just buy a Fishing license. We offer a number of adult combination licenses and can help identify specific license groups to pull samples from once a vendor is selected.

Page 12, paragraph 2 – Clarification – You need to purchase a license to fish for game or nongame classified fish in Idaho. In the legal sense, fishing is defined as: “any effort made to take, kill, injure, capture, or catch any fish or bullfrog within Idaho.”

Page 19, Coding of Fish and Shell Fish Chart – Prompts – On the Idaho Fish Codes, we suggest the following changes to consolidate groups of fishes that are more closely related:

Code	Idaho Fish	Commercially Marketed Fish/Fish Products
A	*All trout and landlocked salmon (kokanee and coho)	Trout (hatchery or pen raised)
B	Ocean-going Chinook (spring, summer, fall), steelhead, coho	King, Chinook, steelhead, coho
C	Crayfish	Crayfish, crab (Dungenese, Snow, King, etc.), lobster, shrimp
D	Whitefish, arctic grayling, and cisco	Smelt, Tilapia, Sole/Flounder, Mackerel, Herring, Anchovies
E	Bluegill, crappie, pumpkinseed, warmouth, perch, walleye, muskie, pike, large and smallmouth bass	Bottom fish - cod, snapper, rockfish, bass, perch, walleye
F	Catfish, bullhead	Catfish
G	Nongame fish (carp, sucker, northern pikeminnow, shiners, chiselmouth)	Nongame fish (carp, sucker, northern pikeminnow, shiners, eel, chiselmouth, shiners, etc.)
H	Unknown	Unknown
I	All roe (eggs)	All roe (eggs, caviar)
J		Shark, swordfish, tuna, halibut, sturgeon

K	Freshwater mussels, clams	Mussels, clams (littleneck, soft shell, butter, cockles), snails
L		Oysters, geoduck, scallops, abalone
M		Octopus, squid, calamari
N		Sea urchin, sea cucumber, etc.

*Rainbow, cutthroat, lake, brown, brook

Page 19 – Portion Groupings – a “check-book” may not be an item that younger generations can relate with because most don’t carry a check book. You might want to add a second comparison item like a “smart phone” or describe the portion size as equal to “the palm of your hand.”

Page 20 – Don’t worry about a definition of a “sea run trout.” These are actually classified or called “steelhead” and the information should be captured under code B.

Page 25 – Idaho Caught Fish – We didn’t see in the survey a field for specific waterbody where Idaho fish were caught. If there is a goal, as stated in the section, “to identify the water from which the fish was caught,” then a field should be added to the survey for the information.

Page 34 – Idaho Fish Sample – There are some wording issues in this paragraph (i.e. IDEQ seeks to identify the consumption behavior of Idaho fish.).

Page 44 – Idaho Fish(ing) License holder – This should be defined as “an Idaho resident who has been domiciled in the state for at least 6-months and has purchased a fishing, hunting, or Sportsman’s Pack license.

Page 45 – Poacher – because we are looking solely at anglers, it should be defined as someone who violates or does not follow the rules presented in the 2013 – 2015 IDFG Fishing Seasons and Rules booklet. This would include failure to purchase a fishing license, exceeding bag limits, utilizing illegal gear, etc.

Page 48 – Recommend using the above Fish Coding chart.

Page 57 – Demographics – if an angler sample is pulled from the IDFG license database it will already show the age and weight of the person being surveyed – at least as reported the last time the individual purchased a fishing or drivers license. It may not be necessary to have individuals answer these questions.

Thanks,

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