

August 24, 25 and 26, 2012

# Welcome to the Idaho Wildlife Summit



Idaho's Wildlife Belongs To You



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# I do my part for wildlife!

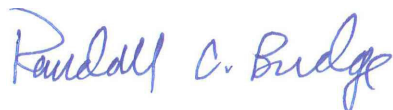
Welcome to Idaho's first Wildlife Summit! It is exciting to see the enthusiasm that this event is generating around our state. This reminds me of how important wildlife is to Idahoans. After all, it was Idaho citizens who spearheaded the 1938 initiative that created the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and changed how wildlife was managed.

Now, 74 years later, we realize that the challenges to wildlife and wildlife management have changed significantly. Meeting these challenges means bringing together diverse interests to foster common understanding and renew the enthusiasm for and commitment to the 1938 mission for all of Idaho's wildlife. This renewed enthusiasm and common understanding will help us consider the important question:

***“What kind of wildlife legacy do we want to leave for our children and grandchildren?”***

When the Summit concludes, we hope that all participants will have a clearer understanding of the challenges facing wildlife management in Idaho, and how we can work together to ensure a lasting wildlife legacy for our state, a legacy that will benefit both wildlife and generations of Idahoans to come. Rest assured this will not be the end of the conversation. It is the springboard for our future work together. Your participation here at the Summit as well as the generous support of our sponsors will begin this important work.

Idahoans care about their wildlife. We all have a shared responsibility in protecting and managing Idaho's wildlife. After all, diverse and abundant wildlife makes Idaho... Idaho. Thank you for being a part of the future of wildlife in Idaho.



Randy Budge  
Chairman, Idaho Fish and Game Commission



## **Idaho Fish and Game: Our Mission**

*(Idaho Code Section 36-103)*

All wildlife, including all wild animals, wild birds, and fish, within the state of Idaho, is hereby declared to be the property of the state of Idaho. It shall be preserved, protected, perpetuated, and managed. It shall only be captured or taken at such times or places, under such conditions, or by such means, or in such manner, as will preserve, protect, and perpetuate such wildlife, and provide for the citizens of the state and, as by law permitted to others, continued supplies of such wildlife for hunting, fishing and trapping.

# Agenda

## Friday, August 24th: 3:00pm to 9:30pm (Mountain Daylight Time)

Start (MDT)	End (MDT)	Event	Speaker / Guest
3:00		Trading Posts and Registration open	
6:30	6:40	Videos: Welcoming Message from Governor Otter Idaho's Wildlife Belongs to <i>You</i>	Dick Gardner, Master of Ceremonies
6:40	7:15	The Past, Present, and Future of Wildlife Management in Idaho	Virgil Moore, Fish and Game Director
7:15	7:25	Fishing Poll: Information about You	Wendy Green Lowe, Facilitator
7:25	7:45	Fishing Poll: Your Perspectives on Wildlife	Wendy Green Lowe
7:45	8:20	Perspectives: The Future of Wildlife: Finding the Conservation Ethic and Nourishing the Democracy of the Wild	Jim Posewitz, Orion: The Hunters' Institute
8:20	8:30	Fishing Poll: Perspectives from Jim Posewitz	Wendy Green Lowe
8:30	8:45	Preview of Saturday	Dick Gardner
8:45	9:30	Trading Posts & Social Mixer	

## Saturday, August 25th: 8:00am to 6:00pm (Mountain Daylight Time)

Start (MDT)	End (MDT)	Event	Speaker / Guest
8:00		Coffee / Registration / Trading Posts	
9:00	9:10	Video : Our Wildlife Heritage; Continuing the Legacy	Dick Gardner, Master of Ceremonies
9:10	9:20	Video: Governor Otter's Summit Challenge	C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of Idaho
9:20	9:30	Observations & Reflections	Virgil Moore, Fish and Game Director
9:30	10:05	Perspectives: Conservation Successes in Idaho: Working Together for Wildlife	Toni Hardesty, The Nature Conservancy - Idaho
10:05	10:15	Fishing Poll: Perspectives from Toni Hardesty	Wendy Green Lowe, Facilitator
10:15	10:45	<b>Break</b>	
10:45	11:20	Perspectives: Shifting Streams of Thought as the Basis for Conflict in Wildlife Management	Tara Teel, Colorado State University
11:20	11:30	Fishing Poll: Perspectives from Tara Teel	Wendy Green Lowe
11:30	12:20	Perspectives: A Nation's Legacy and Enduring Responsibility of Citizenship: Ensuring a Future for Wildlife and Human Engagements with It	Shane Mahoney, Conservation Force
12:20	12:30	Fishing Poll: Perspectives from Shane Mahoney	Wendy Green Lowe
12:30	1:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:30	1:40	Video: Voices for Tomorrow	Dick Gardner
1:40	4:00	Idaho Café: Conversations with fellow Idahoans about what's important to me, to you, for our grandchildren, what I can do and what we can do	Wendy Green Lowe
4:00	4:30	Preview of Sunday	Dick Gardner
4:30	6:00	Trading Posts & Social Mixer	

# Agenda

**Sunday, August 26th: 8:00am to 12:00pm (Mountain Daylight Time)**

Start (MDT)	End (MDT)	Event	Speaker / Guest
8:00		Coffee & Trading Posts	
8:30	8:40	Video: Reflections	Dick Gardner, Master of Ceremonies
8:40	8:55	Observations & Reflections	Virgil Moore, Fish and Game Director
8:55	9:20	Fishing Poll: Calibrating Results from Idaho Café	Wendy Green Lowe, Facilitator
9:20	9:45	Fishing Poll: What Issues are Important to Address?	Wendy Green Lowe
9:45	10:15	Break	
10:15	11:30	Panel Discussion: A Path Forward	Virgil Moore Jim Posewitz Toni Hardesty Shane Mahoney  Moderated by Dick Gardner
11:30	12:00	Next Steps & Closing	Virgil Moore Shane Mahoney Dick Gardner

# Your Involvement

**Trading Posts:** These are booths similar to booths the Department sets up at fairs and conferences. You will have face-to-face time with Fish and Game staff in order to gain a better understanding of how current Fish and Game programs benefit wildlife and of existing and future challenges facing wildlife conservation. Please stop by and talk with us!

**The Idaho Café:** This is a simple, high-energy technique for hosting conversations among people with different perspectives. It includes a setting modeled after a café with small tables (four people per table), five compelling questions about what is important to participants, and a series of revolving, small group discussions at each table. Fish and Game will harvest the areas of agreement among those of you at the tables (on large poster paper) and your own personal perspectives (on 8.5 by 11 inch paper). Get ready to share what is important to you about wildlife in Idaho.

**Fishing Polls:** These quick polling sessions allow you to provide immediate and anonymous answers to a question by entering your responses through any device that has texting capabilities or an internet connection. These polls will be powerful and exciting by providing immediate summaries to the survey questions. The survey data will be saved and further analyzed after the Summit.

**Evaluation Forms:** Included in your registration packet is a pink evaluation form. Please complete this form and hand it in before you leave, or you may go to the Summit website and fill out the form online. This will help us understand what worked well, what didn't work so well, and how we can make the next event an even better experience.

**To participate, you will need a text capable phone or a device with internet access (smartphone, tablet or lab top).**

**Content and information is available at the Summit website:**

**<http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/wildlifesummit>**

**From here you can:**

- **View the Summit live via streaming video.**
- **Participate in live discussions.**
- **Participate in current Fishing Polls & view results of earlier polls.**
- **View Trading Post information.**

# Featured Speakers

## **Jim Posewitz** — *Founder, Orion: The Hunter's Institute*



Jim founded Orion: The Hunter's Institute in 1993 because he saw a need for education about the ethics of hunting. Orion is dedicated to the preservation of ethical hunting and wildlife resources. Born and raised in Wisconsin, Posewitz moved to Montana in 1953 to pursue wildlife management studies. He holds a master's degree in fish and wildlife management from Montana State University. He spent 32 years with the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and led the agency's ecological program for 15 years. He has published four books: *Beyond Fair Chase*, *Inherit The Hunt*, *Rifle in Hand – How Wild America Was Saved*, and his latest, *Taking a Bullet for Conservation*.

## **Toni Hardesty** — *Director, The Nature Conservancy – Idaho*



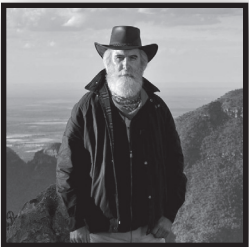
Toni is the recently appointed Director of The Nature Conservancy – Idaho. An Idaho native and Boise State graduate from Kimberly, Idaho, Hardesty served as Director of Idaho's Department of Environmental Quality since 2004, when she was appointed by Gov. Dirk Kempthorne. As Director, she was responsible for leading efforts to preserve the quality of Idaho's air, land and water for the use and enjoyment today and in the future.

## **Tara Teel** — *Associate Professor, Colorado State University*



Tara's work focuses on improving conservation decision-making through understanding human thought and behavior. Much of her research has been devoted to examining human-wildlife relationships, with a particular focus on human values toward wildlife, attitudes toward wildlife-related issues, and the social factors underlying human-wildlife conflict. She works closely with natural resource agencies and organizations in the application of social science to inform their planning, management, and communication efforts. Dr. Teel received her Ph.D. in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources from Colorado State University with emphasis in social psychology, and M.S. and B.S. degrees in Fisheries and Wildlife Management from Utah State University.

## **Shane Mahoney** — *Conservation Visions, Inc.*



Shane, born and raised in Newfoundland, is a research biologist and writer and is widely known internationally as a lecturer on environmental and resource conservation issues. A committed hunter and fisherman, Shane lectures widely in the United States and Canada on the future of hunting and sport fishing and the role hunters and anglers have played in conserving our wildlife legacy. He frequently addresses resource management agencies and professionals concerning their roles as conservation leaders in the 21st century and conducts workshops on this theme throughout North America.

# Master of Ceremonies

## **Dick Gardner** — *Bootstrap Solutions*



Dick Gardner is the principal consultant at Bootstrap Solutions, a firm specializing in rural development, economics, strategic planning, and group facilitation. He is also a Senior Fellow at the RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. Dr. Gardner spent ten years as executive director of the Idaho Rural Partnership, and nine years prior to that as a policy economist in the Idaho Division of Financial Management, working on agricultural, natural resource, rural development, and tax issues. Dick has facilitated the creation and delivery of over fifty collaborative rural programs and projects. He was born and raised in the little town of Vicksburg, Michigan, before becoming an Idahoan by choice in 1977. Dick tries to keep up with his wife and four children and enjoys rural Idaho via white water raft, horse, ski, or backpack.

# Facilitator

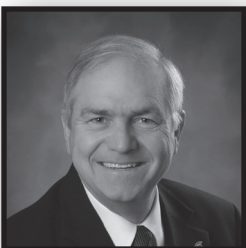
## **Wendy Green Lowe** — *P2 Solutions, Inc.*



Wendy Green Lowe has over 25 years of experience in group process facilitation and public participation support. She has managed large- and small-scale public participation programs on highly controversial issues. She is thoroughly familiar with the policy-making process and how to design a program for involving the public in that process. In addition, Ms. Lowe achieved the status of Certified Professional Facilitator under the auspices of the International Association of Facilitators in 2006; is a long-standing member, former International Board member, and licensed trainer for the International Association for Public Participation; and has been on the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution's roster of environmental facilitators since 2001.

# Director

## **Virgil Moore** — *Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game*



Virgil has 35 years of experience in fish and wildlife management. Before taking his current position, he served as deputy director for field operations at Idaho Fish and Game and has held numerous executive management positions including Fisheries Bureau Chief, Information and Education Bureau Chief, and various management positions within the Fisheries Bureau. Moore also worked briefly as the Director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife before returning to Idaho in 2007.



# Workbook

**Speaker:** Virgil Moore  
**Presentation:** The Past, Present, and Future of Wildlife Management in Idaho

*Main Points and Interesting Ideas:*

*3 Take-home Insights*

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**Presentation:** Governor Butch Otter's Summit Challenge

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## Panel Discussion: A Path Forward

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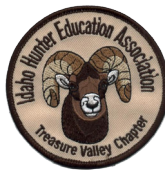
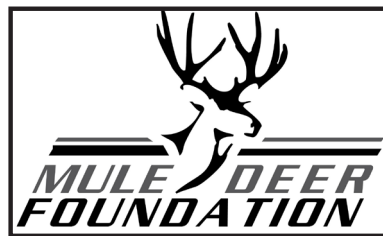




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## *The Idaho Wildlife Summit - A Conversation About Idaho's Wildlife*

A recent June salmon fishing trip with family and friends on the Salmon River brought many things including my wife's first Chinook salmon. Waiting for "the bite" also brought us western tanagers feeding on emerging caddis flies; river otters frolicking near our boat; a cow elk nursing her new calf. As the soft glow of evening draped shadows across the water, our group spotted some white-tailed deer does and fawns feeding in a field along the river. On a bench above them, several curious coyotes nosed their way along, watching the deer. This scene captured our attention and we watched the animals until the evening light faded into night.



VIRGIL MOORE, AGE 14

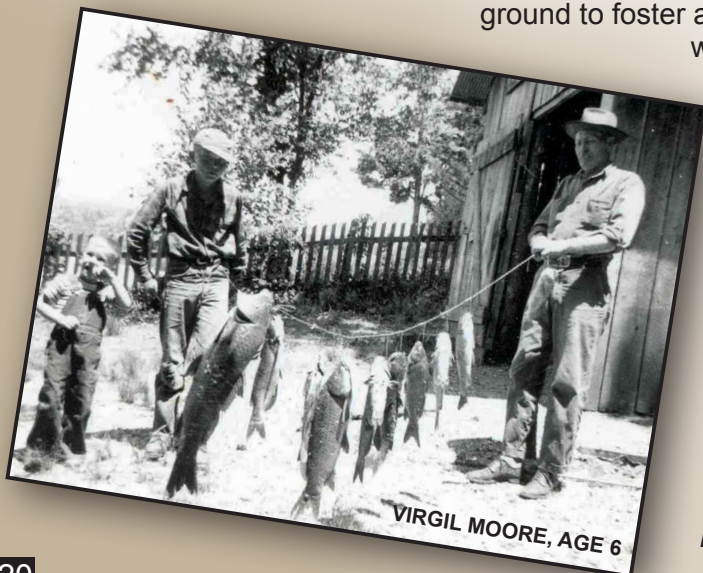
As I reflect on this fishing trip, it reminds me strongly about how all wildlife is such an important part of the fabric of our outdoor experiences. Seeing those deer and coyotes made a wonderful day of fishing even better. It is now a wildlife memory that I will carry and share with my grandchildren. It reminds me that no matter how Idahoans enjoy our wildlife, it is the wildlife that is our common ground, our shared responsibility. From hunters and anglers to bird watchers and wildlife photographers to hikers and campers, Idahoans value their wildlife. It is a rich legacy that we have inherited from the past. Today, the question is what we want that legacy to look like for our grandchildren.

This question is the fundamental focus we will explore this weekend here at the Wildlife Summit. Idaho has an abundant wildlife resource that has been enjoyed by many generations of Idahoans. Thanks to a citizen initiative in 1938, Idaho's wildlife has benefited from professional management through the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. However, much has changed since 1938, and our wildlife faces many challenges. Seventy-four years after the 1938 initiative, Idaho's population has tripled. Two-thirds of Idahoans live in cities. Important wildlife habitat has changed or disappeared. Invasive species compete with native wildlife, altering habitats and changing the landscape.

Wildlife-related recreation has changed as well. Idaho's population is increasing faster than Idahoans who hunt and fish, and wildlife watching is an increasingly popular recreational pastime in our state. While 80 percent of Idaho's wildlife is not hunted or fished, license and tag fees are directed primarily toward game species, leaving little funding for management of most of Idaho's wildlife. No general tax fees go to support management of the wildlife we all enjoy. The Summit is a starting point for exploring how to better support management of all our wildlife for all wildlife-related activities.

I am excited about this gathering. It is inspiring to see that so many of you have given up your weekend to attend. This is an important opportunity for us to discuss the future of our rich wildlife heritage of hunting, fishing and wildlife conservation. We will explore our common ground to foster a renewed enthusiasm and commitment for

wildlife conservation in Idaho. It is a commitment to discuss the future course for an abundant wildlife resource and its legacy for all Idahoans. It is a legacy that I hope will include my great-grandchildren fishing on a Salmon River ringed with the songs of canyon wrens, and the sun throwing shadows over some deer being watched by curious coyotes.



VIRGIL MOORE, AGE 6

**Virgil Moore**

*Director, Idaho Department of Fish and Game*