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**02.04.27 RULES GOVERNING THE IMPORTATION OF ANIMALS**  
**Minutes of June 17, 2021 Meeting**

**HOSTS/FACILITATORS:** Lloyd Knight, ISDA  
Dr. Scott Leibsle, ISDA  
Chanel Tewalt, ISDA

**STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT:** Tricia Hebdon, Idaho Fish & Game  
Cheryl Anderson, Permit Holder

**DEPARTMENT STAFF:** Katy Devries, Office of Attorney General – ISDA  
Debra Lawrence, ISDA  
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Scott Barnes, ISDA  
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Lloyd Knight called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM MDT. He stated that this is the third and final meeting for rule making and drafts of all the rules are available online. He mentioned there was one stakeholder on the phone besides staff of ISDA and Fish & Game. The final comment period ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>, after which the final proposed rule will be sent to DFM. Lloyd then turned the meeting over to Dr. Leibsle.

Dr. Leibsle stated that there had been no comments received for this rule and the current draft of the rules is exactly the same as the draft for the May meeting. The rule changes are as follows:

- Definitions were struck that were redundant or no longer used in the rule.
- Some language in the rule has been struck for simplification or redundancy.
- In section 100, to breed an exotic a deleterious exotic animal you must be AZA accredited. All other requirements were struck.
- In section 101, for possession permits, there will be a form approved by the Administrator. Some unnecessary language was struck because the AZA document it was based on is no longer being used and is not available.
- Section 111 regarding import permits were struck because it is covered in a different rule.
- Section 112, regarding health certifications was also struck because it is located in another rule.
- Sections 200 and 201 were simplified to simply state that confinement areas/facilities should be constructed to prevent escape.
- Section 300 regarding recordkeeping is being simplified. There will be a form available online for annual inventories.
- Section 310 was struck because it is redundant.

The list of deleterious exotic animals (Rules 400-412) had the following changes:

- Red Deer and Sika Deer were removed. They fall under the domestic Cervidae rule and did not need to be in this rule.
- Felidae were split into two categories, large and small. Large Felidae must be possessed on a facility that is AZA accredited. Geoffroy's Cat, Margay, Ocelot, and Serval were moved to the small Felidae group.
- All non-human primates must be possessed on a facility that is AZA accredited with the following exceptions: Capuchin, Marmoset, Spider monkeys and squirrel monkeys. Several people in the state own the exempted animals and they pose little risk to public safety.
- Capybara was taken off the list.

Dr. Leibsle asked Dr. Lawrence if the exempted primates should be listed with genus and species. The genus and species will be added to the draft. Dr. Leibsle then asked for further questions. Upon hearing none, he reiterated the June 20<sup>th</sup> deadline for comments. The final version of the rules would be submitted next week for publication. After publication there will be a comment period only to petition for a formal hearing. He thanked everyone for the participation and turned the time over to Lloyd Knight.

Lloyd adjourned the meeting at 1:43 PM MDT.