

These regional Twitter accounts will not decrease the use of our traditional media outlets like newspaper, TV news, radio and public meetings-but will be an expansion of our efforts.

To receive "tweets" about regional happenings, you can follow Dave at IDFG-5Fishing and Toby at IDF-G5Wildlife. They will try to "tweet" at least once a week.

"Our goal is to get more information out quickly and easily to as many interested people as possible," said Toby Boudreau, wildlife manager for the southeast region.

Twitter, launched nationally in 2006, is an Internet-based information sharing website. It can be accessed using a computer or cell phone with internet access. Twitter is limited to 140 characters on any "tweet." So the messages aren't long, but you can get people enough information or a link to more information if they have further interest.

Twitter works by "following" a user-you yourself can even be "followed." When a person follows someone or some organization, they receive a copy of everything that person posts on Twitter. Imagine finding out about an upcoming big game meeting or changes in ice conditions on a local reservoir through a simple "tweet" on your phone.

So if you want to get current

and interesting information from Fish and Game on a local level, please follow the south-east region on Twitter. Still confused? Give Toby Boudreau or Dave Teuscher a call at the southeast regional Fish and Game office at 232-4703 for help getting started.

### **Upland game rules book hot off the press**

The new upland game, turkey and furbearer seasons and rules books are back from the printer and will available later this week.

The 2012-2013 & 2013-2014 Upland Game, Furbearer and Turkey seasons and rules brochure includes some changes that affect some spring turkey controlled hunts.

The new rules books includes several changes to turkey seasons.

In the Southeast Region, general fall turkey seasons in units 73, 74, 75, 77 and 78 have been replaced with a controlled hunt with 150 permits. In addition, permit numbers were reduced in Unit 71:

Spring controlled hunts 9015 and 9016 were each reduced to 50 permits, from 75.

Fall controlled hunts 9021 and 9022 were each reduced to 75 permits, from 100.

And hunt 9021 was shortened by a month to run from September 15 to November

30. The season had been from September 15 to December 31.

General fall turkey seasons in units 22, 23, 24, 31, 32 and 32A in the Southwest Region have been replaced with two controlled hunts: one in units 22, 32 and 32 A with 125 permits, and one in unit 30 with 20 permits.

The application period for spring turkey controlled hunts began February 1 and will run through March 1. The application fee is \$6.25 per person for residents and \$14.75 for nonresidents.

Hunters may apply for controlled hunts at any hunting and fishing license vendor, Fish and Game office; with a credit card by calling 1-800-55HUNT5; or online at <http://fishand-game.idaho.gov>. An additional fee is charged for telephone and Internet applications.

If drawn a hunter must also purchase a turkey controlled hunt permit and turkey tag. Hunters must have a valid 2012 Idaho hunting license to apply.

### **Other upland game changes:**

Increased the possession limit for upland birds and game species to three times the daily limit, up from twice the limit.

Returned the opening day of the chukar, gray partridge and quail seasons to the third Saturday in September. This year that would fall on September 15 and run through January 31, 2013.