

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

At their June 5, 2009 meeting, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission set tag numbers for 2009 big game seasons and approved, in principle, 2010 big game seasons. At that time, staff was asked to develop Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) for 2010 seasons for Commission consideration at their October 2009 meeting.

Staff will provide a draft copy of the publication, "2010 Oregon Big Game Regulations," which, if adopted, will become Oregon Administrative Rules by reference.

Contained within this packet are 2010 Oregon big game and western gray squirrel season dates, bag limits, and open areas; dates and location of cooperative travel management areas; statewide youth hunting opportunities; and other miscellaneous regulations.

In addition, the packet contains highlights from the June 2009 Commission meeting.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Communication with local sports groups and other interested parties.
- Questions from other interested persons, including news media, were answered.
- Correspondence, both mail and email.
- Twenty-eight public meetings to review staff proposals were held throughout the state during May. These proposals were presented in concept at the June Commission meeting.

ISSUE 1

2010 Big Game and Western Gray Squirrel Hunting Regulations

ANALYSIS

Staff will propose formal adoption of the 2010 Big Game Regulations and associated Oregon Administrative Rules. The Commission adopted these proposals, in principle, at their June 2009 meeting.

Proposals include:

- Season dates and bag limits
- Changes to bag limits and hunt areas
- Deleted hunts and addition of new hunts
- Tag numbers and season changes for 2010 spring bear hunts
- Identifying units with bag limit changes for archery hunters and hunters with Oregon Disabilities Hunting And Fishing Permits
- 2010 cougar quotas

Staff proposals also include changes or additions to recommendations

made in June including:

- Allowing fiber optic sights on muzzleloaders
- Changes to tag sales deadlines for Additional SW Bear and Additional Cougar Tags
- Allowing hunters to continue to hunt for bear and/or cougar after filling their deer or elk tag
- Grand Ronde Ceremonial Hunting Rights Rule Amendment

OPTIONS

1. Approve staff proposals for 2010 big game seasons.
2. Amend staff proposals.
3. Reject staff proposals.

**STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 008, 010, 043, 045, 060, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 075, and 080 and to adopt the document entitled “2010 Oregon Big Game Regulations” as proposed by staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon Filing