

## **Agenda Item Summary**

### **BACKGROUND**

At their June 4, 2010 meeting, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission set tag numbers for 2010 big game seasons and approved, in principle, 2011 big game seasons. At that time, staff was asked to develop Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) for 2011 seasons for Commission consideration at their September 30, 2010 meeting. During that meeting staff will provide a draft copy of the publication, "2011 Oregon Big Game Regulations," which, if adopted, will become Oregon Administrative Rules by reference.

Contained within this packet are 2011 Oregon big game and western gray squirrel season dates, bag limits, and open areas; dates and locations of cooperative travel management areas; statewide youth hunting opportunities; and other miscellaneous regulations.

The Branson Creek Bighorn Sheep Re-Introduction and Monitoring Plan providing information regarding the relocation of bighorn sheep to a new area of the Upper John Day River, in Grant County, OR, is provided as Attachment 4 for Commission review and approval.

In addition, the packet contains highlights from the June 2010 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-six 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**

#### **2011 Big Game and Western Gray Squirrel Hunting Regulations**

### **ANALYSIS**

Staff will propose formal adoption of the 2011 Big Game Regulations and associated Oregon Administrative Rules. The Commission adopted these proposals, in principle, at their June 2010 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 for 2011 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 the use of lighted arrow nocks, cameras mounted on bows and crossbows for some hunters with disabilities with an additional special use permit.
- Allow any legal weapon during “rifle” pronghorn, deer, and elk hunts.
- Allow Sport Pac hunters to use the deer voucher for 600 series hunts.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Approve staff proposals for 2011 big game seasons.
2. Amend staff proposals.
3. Reject staff proposals.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1.

<b>DRAFT MOTION</b>	I move to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 008, 010, 045, 060, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 075, and 080 as proposed by staff, and to adopt the document titled “2011 Oregon Big Game Regulations” as proposed by staff.
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b>	Upon Filing