

## Agenda Item Summary

<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>This is a presentation of the annual Big Game Regulation proposals. Department staff will recommend 2012 big game controlled hunt tag numbers. Recommendations, in concept, will be presented for 2013 big game and western gray squirrel season dates and open areas, dates and locations of cooperative travel management areas, controlled hunts, and associated hunting regulations. If adopted in concept, these proposals will be returned to the Commission in OAR format for final consideration at the October 2012 meeting.</p>
<b>PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication with local sports groups and other interested parties.</li> <li>• Questions from interested persons, including the news media, were answered.</li> <li>• Public meetings (20 scheduled) to review staff proposals were held throughout the state in May 2012.</li> </ul>
<b>ISSUE 1</b>	<b>Proposed regulations and tag numbers for controlled big game hunts for 2012.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	<p>Overall, total controlled hunt tag recommendations for 2012 are proposed to decrease very slightly, by less than one percent from 2011. Proposed minor declines in deer (-1%) are offset by minor increases in the proposed number of bighorn sheep, pronghorn, and elk tags; Spring bear and Rocky Mtn. goat tags are proposed to be unchanged.</p>
<b>OPTIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt staff recommendations</li> <li>2. Amend staff recommendations</li> </ol>
<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION</b>	Option 1.
<b>ISSUE 2</b>	<b>Proposals, in concept, for 2013 game mammal seasons including 2013 spring bear tag numbers, and associated hunting regulations.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	<p>Staff will present, in concept, proposals for 2013 big game and western gray squirrel seasons. Controlled hunt proposals for 2013 include deletion of 19 hunts and addition of 15 new hunts. Most of the changes are to elk hunts.</p>
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<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION</b>	Option 1.
<b>DRAFT MOTIONS</b>	<p>I move to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 065, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 073 and 075 as proposed by staff; and</p> <p>I move to approve in concept the staff proposals for 2013 general and controlled big game and western gray squirrel seasons.</p>
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	Upon Filing