

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) is authorized to allocate bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, pronghorn, deer, and elk tags to be auctioned and raffled annually to benefit wildlife management, habitat projects, and hunter access in Oregon. Auction and raffle tags provide unique hunting opportunities with expanded hunt areas and extended season dates. The auction and raffle of bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, and pronghorn tags generate funding for management and research for the respective species. Deer and elk tags generate revenue for the Access and Habitat (A&H) Program.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Communication with local sports groups and other interested parties.
- Questions from interested persons, including the news media, were answered.
- The Access and Habitat Board reviewed the number and type of auction tags to be allocated for 2013 during their April 24, 2012 meeting in Lincoln City; there was an opportunity for interested parties to provide public comment.

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2013 Auction and Raffle Tag Allocations

ANALYSIS

The A&H Board and Department staff recommends that Auction and Raffle hunts for 2013 remain unchanged from 2012 seasons.

OPTIONS

- 1) Adopt staff recommendations
- 2) Amend staff recommendations

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option 1: Adopt staff recommendations.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to approve the 2013 auction and raffle big game tag allocations as proposed by staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

June 7, 2012