

## SPECIAL AUCTION AND RAFFLE TAGS

Table 1. Income from Oregon Bighorn Auction (1987-2012) and Raffle (1992 – 2012) tag sales.

A number of unique big game hunting opportunities are available in Oregon through the use of special auction and raffle tags. These tags offer both an expanded hunt area and extended season dates. As a result, special auction and raffle tags have become very popular.

The primary purpose of the tags is to generate funding for specific programs. Auction and raffle tags for bighorn sheep, pronghorn, and Rocky Mountain goats generate funding for management and research for the respective species. Auction and raffle tags for deer and elk generate funding for the Access and Habitat Program.

**Bighorn Sheep**

The Oregon Bighorn Sheep Auction and Raffle tag program has been the cornerstone of funding for bighorn management and research in Oregon since its inception in 1987 (Table 1).

Year	Auction Tag			Raffle Tag	
	Bid Price	Net	Host	Sales	Host
1987	\$56,000	\$56,000	OHA		
1988	\$35,000	\$35,000	OHA		
1989	\$47,000	\$47,000	OHA		
1990	\$46,000	\$46,000	OHA		
1991	\$25,000	\$25,000	OHA		
1992	\$57,000	\$51,300	FNAWS	\$26,207	OHA
1993	\$102,000	\$91,800	FNAWS	\$45,000	OHA
1994	\$110,000	\$99,000	FNAWS	\$45,683	OHA
1995	\$73,000	\$65,700	FNAWS	\$40,019	OHA
1996	\$50,000	\$45,000	FNAWS	\$41,043	OHA
1997	\$30,000	\$27,000	FNAWS	\$22,945	OHA
1998	\$59,000	\$53,100	FNAWS	\$16,682	OHA
1999	\$87,500	\$78,750	FNAWS	\$39,962	OHA
2000	\$76,000	\$68,400	FNAWS	\$47,716	OHA
2001	\$67,500	\$60,750	FNAWS	\$42,029	OHA
2002	\$74,000	\$66,600	FNAWS	\$77,085	OHA
2003	\$78,000	\$70,200	FNAWS	\$40,300	OHA
2004	\$86,000	\$77,400	FNAWS	\$31,479	OHA
2005	\$130,000	\$117,000	FNAWS	\$53,841	OHA
2006	\$120,000	\$108,000	FNAWS	\$85,351	OHA
2007	\$120,000	\$108,000	FNAWS	\$69,144	OHA
2008	\$87,500	\$78,750	FNAWS	\$68,353	OHA
2009	\$95,000	\$85,500	FNAWS	\$69,024	OHA
2010	\$110,000	\$99,000	FNAWS	\$62,696	OHA
2011	\$130,000	\$117,000	WSF	\$68,057	OHA
2012	\$110,000	\$99,000	WSF	\$27,984 <sup>a</sup>	OHA
Total	\$2,061,500	\$1,876,250		\$1,020,600	
<b>Grand Total Net Income from Special Bighorn Tags:</b>				<b>\$2,896,850</b>	

<sup>a</sup> Raffle ticket sales as of 4/30/12. Raffle ticket sales will end on 5/19/12.

The 2012 Oregon bighorn auction tag sold for a bid price of \$110,000 in February 2011. Overall individual bid prices for state tags at the 2012 Wild Sheep Foundation auction were stable. The 2012 bighorn raffle tag was drawn at the May 19, 2012 Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) convention in Redmond, OR. Proposals for the 2013 bighorn sheep auction and raffle tags will be presented to the Commission in October 2012.

## Pronghorn Antelope

The Commission is authorized to annually issue one pronghorn auction tag and one pronghorn raffle tag. Patterned after the bighorn sheep auction and raffle tags, funding generated from these tags is dedicated to pronghorn management and research. After nine years, these tags have generated nearly

\$200,000. The 2012 auction tag sold for \$6,000 at the Eastern Chapter of the Wild Sheep Foundation banquet on February 18, 2012 (Table 2). Raffle sales for the 2012 pronghorn tag were slightly more than \$9,000 as of April 30, 2012. The raffle tag was drawn at the May 19, 2012 OHA convention. Proposals for the 2013 pronghorn auction and raffle tags will be presented to the Commission in October 2012.

## Rocky Mountain Goat

The Commission is authorized to annually issue one Rocky Mountain goat auction tag and one Rocky Mountain goat raffle tag. Also patterned after the bighorn sheep auction and raffle tags, funding generated from these tags is dedicated to Rocky Mountain goat management and research. After eight years, this tag has generated over \$150,000 for Rocky Mountain goat management and research (Table 3). Due to the limited number of controlled Rocky Mountain goat tags, the Department does not issue an auction tag. The raffle tag was drawn at the May 19, 2012 OHA convention. Proposals for the 2013 Rocky Mountain goat raffle tag will be presented to the Commission in October 2012. Details of proposed 2013 auction and raffle hunts are in Attachments 3 and 4 of this Commission packet.

Table 2. Oregon Pronghorn Auction and Raffle tag sales (2004 – 2012).

Year	Auction Tag			Raffle Tag	
	Bid Price	Net	Host	Sales	Host
2004	\$13,000	\$11,700	Klamath OHA	\$7,934	State OHA
2005	\$34,000	\$30,600	Harney OHA	\$10,453	State OHA
2006	\$20,200	\$18,180	Lakeview OHA	\$8,473	State OHA
2007	\$4,200	\$3,780	Josephine OHA	\$12,479	State OHA
2008	\$10,000	\$9,000	Oregon FNAWS	\$14,942	State OHA
2009	\$5,000	\$4,500	Umpqua OHA	\$9,311	State OHA
2010	\$7,000	\$6,300	Klamath MDF	\$8,076	State OHA
2011	\$17,000	\$15,300	Eastern WSF	\$13,827	State OHA
2012	\$6,000	\$5,400	Eastern WSF	\$9,040 <sup>a</sup>	State OHA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$116,400</b>	<b>\$104,760</b>		<b>\$94,535</b>	
<b>Grand Total Net Income from Special Pronghorn Tags:</b>				<b>\$199,295</b>	

<sup>a</sup> Raffle ticket sales as of 4/30/12. Raffle ticket sales will end on 5/19/12.

Table 3. Oregon Rocky Mountain Goat Raffle tag sales (2004 – 2012).

Year	Sales	Host
2004	\$7,210	State OHA
2005	\$8,400	State OHA
2006	\$16,149	State OHA
2007	\$25,498	State OHA
2008	\$17,886	State OHA
2009	\$8,893	State OHA
2010	\$24,742	State OHA
2011	\$18,646	State OHA
2012	\$22,963 <sup>a</sup>	State OHA
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,387</b>	

<sup>a</sup> Raffle ticket sales as of 4/30/12. Raffle ticket sales will end on 5/19/12.

## **Access and Habitat, Deer and Elk Auction and Raffle Program**

The Access and Habitat (A&H) deer and elk auction and raffle program has been a valuable funding source, generating over \$4 million in revenue since 1995 (Table 4, following page). Auction and raffle proceeds account for approximately 20% percent of A&H Program revenue. These funds, together with a license surcharge and a portion of the Green Forage and Deer Enhancement and Restoration funds, have been used to implement over 450 hunter access and/or habitat projects in Oregon.

A&H deer and elk raffle tickets, along with other 2012 Department big game raffle tickets, were sold at Department offices and point-of-sales license agents beginning in December 2011. The raffle drawing took place at the 2012 OHA convention on May 19, 2012. Raffle tickets can be purchased singly or in multi-packs for deer (1 for \$4.50, 6 for \$11.50, 15 for \$21.50, 40 for \$51.50, and 100 for \$101.50), elk (1 for \$6.50, 6 for \$21.50, 15 for \$41.50, and 40 for \$101.50), and combination deer and elk (1 for \$11.50, 6 for \$31.50, 15 for \$61.50, and 40 for \$151.50).

A&H deer and elk tags are auctioned at the fundraising banquets of sponsoring sport groups. Each summer the Department solicits applications to sponsor an A&H auction tag. The A&H Board will select sponsoring organizations at their July 24, 2012, meeting in Salem. Sponsoring organizations receive up to 10 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the auction tag and the remainder is forwarded to the A&H Program.

### **A&H Board and Department Recommendations**

The Department proposes continuation of the bighorn sheep auction and raffle tag program for 2013. The Department recommends the bighorn sheep auction tag be auctioned during the 2013 FNAWS annual convention in Reno, NV, and the bighorn raffle tag to be drawn in conjunction with all raffle tags at the 2013 annual big game raffle drawing event.

The Department recommends continuation of the pronghorn auction and raffle tags for 2013 and proposes that the raffle tag be drawn in conjunction with all other Department raffle tags (e.g. A&H hunts, bighorn, Rocky Mountain goat). The Department is soliciting bids from organizations wishing to sponsor the 2013 pronghorn auction tag through the summer. The Department will propose a recommended auction date and location in October 2012.

The Department recommends continuation of the Rocky Mountain goat raffle tag for 2013 and proposes that the raffle tag be drawn in conjunction with all other Department raffle tags (e.g. A&H hunts, bighorn, pronghorn antelope). Since controlled tags for Rocky Mountain goats continue to be limited at this time, the Department is not proposing implementation of an auction program for 2013.

The A&H Board recommends continuing the allocation of five deer and five elk raffle tags, and five deer and five elk auction tags, for 2013. Details of proposed 2013 auction and raffle hunts are in Attachments 3 and 4 of this Commission packet.

Table 4. Access and Habitat deer and elk auction and raffle program revenue (1995-2012).

Year	Auction Tags			Raffle Tags	
	Bid Price	Net	Host	Revenue	Host
1995	\$57,900	\$52,110	RMEF(8), OHA(1)	\$86,650	OHA
1996	\$107,950	\$97,155	RMEF(4), OHA, MDF(2), OFBD	\$62,339	OHA
1997	\$115,900	\$104,310	RMEF(4), OFBD, MDF(2), OHA	\$49,663	OHA
1998	\$124,250	\$111,825	RMEF(3), MDF(3), OHA(3)	\$48,455	OHA
1999	\$164,500	\$148,050	RMEF(3), OHA(3), MDF(2), SCI	\$87,535	OHA
2000	\$147,000	\$132,300	RMEF(2), OHA(3), FNAWS, MDF(2), SCI	\$73,806	OHA
2001	\$149,450	\$134,505	RMEF(2), OHA(3), FNAWS, MDF(2), SCI	\$81,332	OHA
2002	\$165,000	\$148,500	RMEF(2), OHA(2), FNAWS(2), CDA, MDF, SCI	\$100,558	OHA
2003	\$164,000	\$147,600	RMEF(2), MDF, FNAWS, CDA, SCI, NRA, OHA(2)	\$75,573	OHA
2004	\$179,000	\$161,100	RMEF(1), OHA(4), CDA, OBH, MDF, FNAWS	\$80,938	OHA
2005	\$218,000	\$196,200	RMEF(2), FNAWS, OHA(3), OBH, MDF, SCI	\$104,770	OHA
2006	\$230,000	\$207,000	RMEF(2), OHA(2), NWTF, OBH, SCI, FNAWS, MDF	\$99,404	OHA
2007	\$258,500	\$232,650	RMEF(2), OHA(2), NWTF, OBH, SCI, FNAWS, MDF	\$115,723	OHA
2008	\$246,500	\$221,850	RMEF(3), OHA(3), SCI, OBH, NWTF	\$114,142	OHA
2009	\$256,500	\$230,850	RMEF(2), OHA(2), MDF, OBH, NWTF, SCI, FNAWS	\$122,113	OHA
2010	\$251,000	\$225,900	RMEF(2), OHA(2), MDF(2), OBH, NWTF, SCI	\$83,675	OHA
2011	\$232,750	\$209,475	RMEF(2), OHA(2), MDF(2), SCI(2), WSF	\$89,170	OHA
2012	\$188,000 <sup>1</sup>	\$169,200 <sup>1</sup>	RMEF(2), OHA(2), SCI(2), FNAWS, MDF, OBH	\$52,262 <sup>2</sup>	OHA
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,256,200</b>	<b>\$2,930,580</b>		<b>\$1,528,108</b>	
<b>Grand Total Net Revenue from Deer and Elk Auction and Raffle Tags: \$4,458,688</b>					

<sup>1</sup> 7 of 9 tags have been auctioned as of 5/1/12. The last auction will be held on 5/19/12

<sup>2</sup> Raffle ticket sales as of 4/25/12. Raffle ticket sales will end on 5/19/12.