

SPECIAL AUCTION AND RAFFLE TAGS

Table 1. Income from Oregon Bighorn Sheep Auction (1987-2013) and Raffle (1992 – 2013) tag sales.

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	\$42,653	OHA
2013	\$135,000	\$121,500	WSF	\$28,903	OHA
2014	\$155,000	\$139,500	WSF	\$46,754	OHA
Total	\$2,351,500	\$2,137,250		\$1,113,356	
Grand Total Net Income from Special Bighorn Tags:				\$3,250,605	

^a Raffle ticket sales as of 5/2/14.

A number of unique 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 respective species. Auction and raffle tags for deer and elk generate funding for the Access and Habitat (A&H) 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 (Table 1).

The 2014 Oregon bighorn auction tag sold for an Oregon record bid price of \$155,000 in January 2014.

Overall individual bid prices for state tags at the 2014 Wild Sheep Foundation auction were stable. The 2014 bighorn raffle tag was drawn at the May 17, 2014

Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) convention in Canyonville, OR. Proposals for the 2015 special bighorn sheep tags will be presented to the Commission in October 2014.

Pronghorn Antelope

The Commission is authorized to annually issue one special pronghorn auction tag and one special 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 11 years, these tags have generated over \$240,000. The 2014

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	State OHA
2013	\$11,500	\$10,350	OHA Bend	\$11,725	State OHA
2014	\$10,000	\$9,000	RMEF Hood R.	\$10,409	State OHA
Total	\$136,900	\$123,210		\$118,245	
Grand Total Net Income from Special Pronghorn Tags:				\$241,455	

^a Raffle ticket sales as of 5/2/14.

special auction tag sold for \$10,000 at the N Central Chapter of RMEF in Hood River (Table 2). Raffle sales for the 2014 pronghorn tag were about \$10,500 as of May 2, 2014. The raffle tag was drawn at the May 17, 2013 OHA convention. Proposals for the 2014 special pronghorn tags will be presented to the Commission in October 2014.

Rocky Mountain Goat

The Commission is authorized to annually issue one special Rocky Mountain goat auction tag and one special 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 11 years, this tag has generated about \$175,000 for Rocky Mountain goat management and research (Table 3). Due to the very limited number of controlled Rocky Mountain goat tags, the department does not issue an auction tag. The raffle tag was drawn at the May 17, 2014 OHA convention. Proposals for the 2015 special Rocky Mountain goat tags will be presented to the Commission in October 2014.

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	State OHA
2013	\$11,612	Sate OHA
2014	\$12,920	State OHA
Total	\$174,924	

^a Raffle ticket sales as of 5/2/14.

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 \$5 million in revenue since 1995 (Table 4). Auction and raffle proceeds account for approximately 25% 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 2014 Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife (Department or ODFW) big game raffle tickets, were sold at ODFW offices and point-of-sales license agents beginning in December 2013. The raffle drawing took place at the 2014 OHA annual convention on May 17, 2014. 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 22, 2014, meeting in Salem. Sponsoring organizations receive 10 percent of the proceeds from the sale of the auction tag and the remainder is forwarded to the A&H Program.

Table 4. Access and Habitat deer and elk auction and raffle program revenue (1995-2014).

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	\$231,000	\$207,900	RMEF (2), OHA (2), SCI (2), MDF, OBH	\$98,054	OHA
2013	\$230,500	\$207,450	RMEF (2), OHA (2), SCI, MDF(2), DU, FNAWS	\$112,129	OHA
2014	\$224,750 ¹	\$202,275 ¹	RMEF, OHA(2), MDF(2), SCI, DU, OBH, NWTF	\$104,169 ²	OHA
Totals	\$3,754,450	\$3,379,005		\$1,790,198	
Grand Total Net Revenue from Special Deer and Elk Tags: \$5,169,203					

¹ 8 of 9 tags have been auctioned as of 5/2/14. The last auction will be held on 5/17/14.

² Raffle ticket sales as of 5/2/14. Raffle ticket sales will end on 5/17/14.

A&H Board and Department Recommendations

The Department proposes the Commission reauthorize one bighorn sheep auction and one bighorn sheep raffle tag in concept for 2015. The Department recommends one special bighorn tag be auctioned to the highest bidder during the 2015 FNAWS annual convention in Reno, NV, and one special bighorn raffle tag to be drawn in conjunction with all raffle tags at the 2015 annual big game raffle drawing event.

The Department recommends continuation of the special pronghorn auction and raffle tags for 2015 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 2015 pronghorn auction tag through the summer. ODFW will propose a recommended auction date and location in October 2014.

The Department recommends continuation of the special Rocky Mountain goat raffle tag for 2015 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 extremely limited, the Department is not proposing implementation of an auction program for 2015.

The A&H Board recommends continuation of the allocation of five deer and five elk raffle tags and five deer and five elk auction tags for the 2015 season. The Board recommends that the A&H auction and raffle tags remain unchanged from the 2014 season.