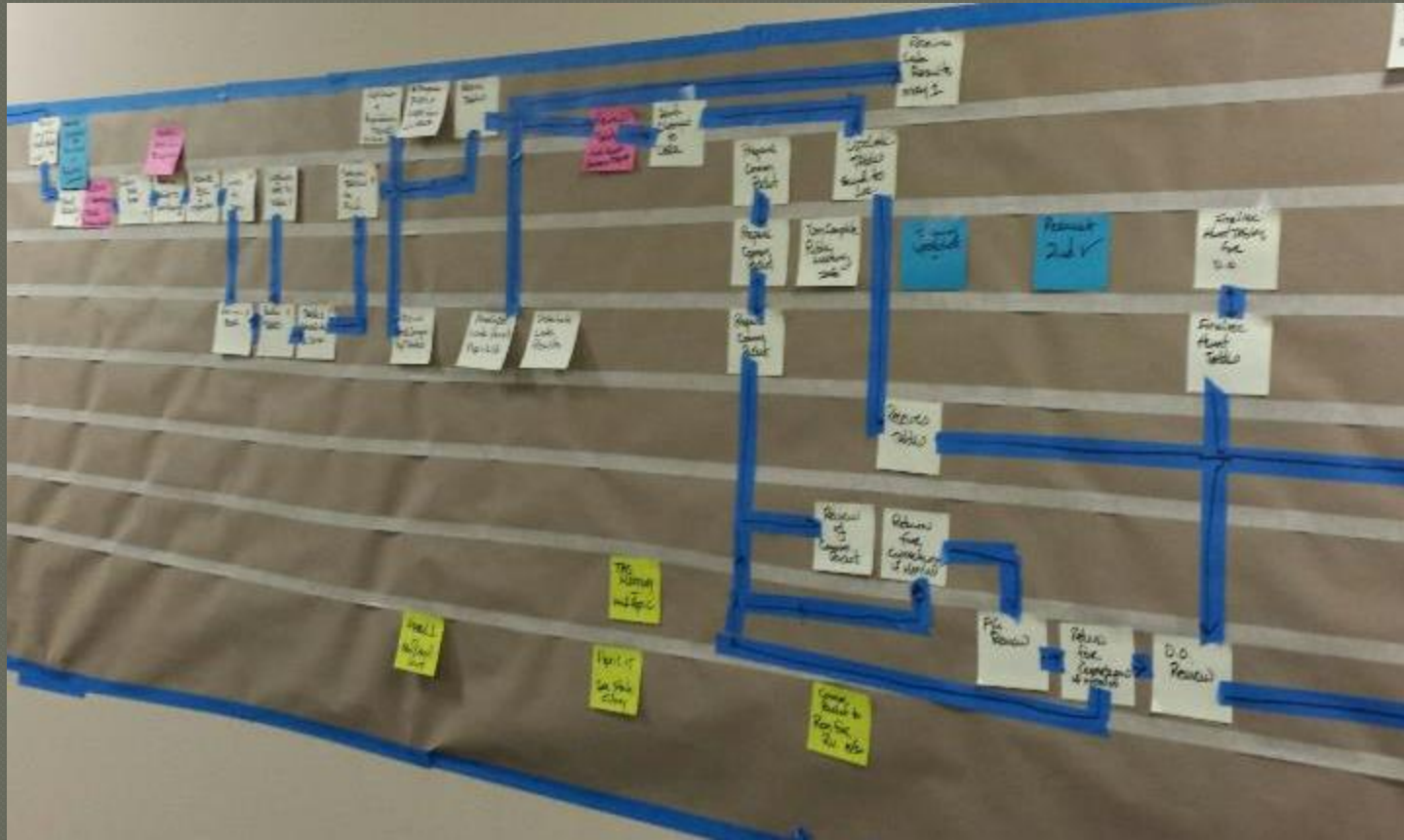


Big Game Tag and Hunt Proposal Process

Commission Briefing
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Tag Setting LEAN Project



Tag Setting LEAN Project

- Team: Nick Myatt, Michael Anderson, Tom Thornton, Don Whittaker, Carol Turner, Doug Cottam, Jon Muir
- Objective: Identify and develop efficiencies and improvements in the controlled hunt season and tag setting process
- Project Scope:
 - Entire regulation setting process
 - Timeline from biological data collection to regulations printing

Tag Setting LEAN Project

- Discussion/Recommendations focused on:
 - District proposal process
 - Commission approval timelines and staff process

Commission Timeline

- **Current Process**
 - Biologist collect data Nov – April
 - Biologist submit recommendations March 20th
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 - Public meetings early-May
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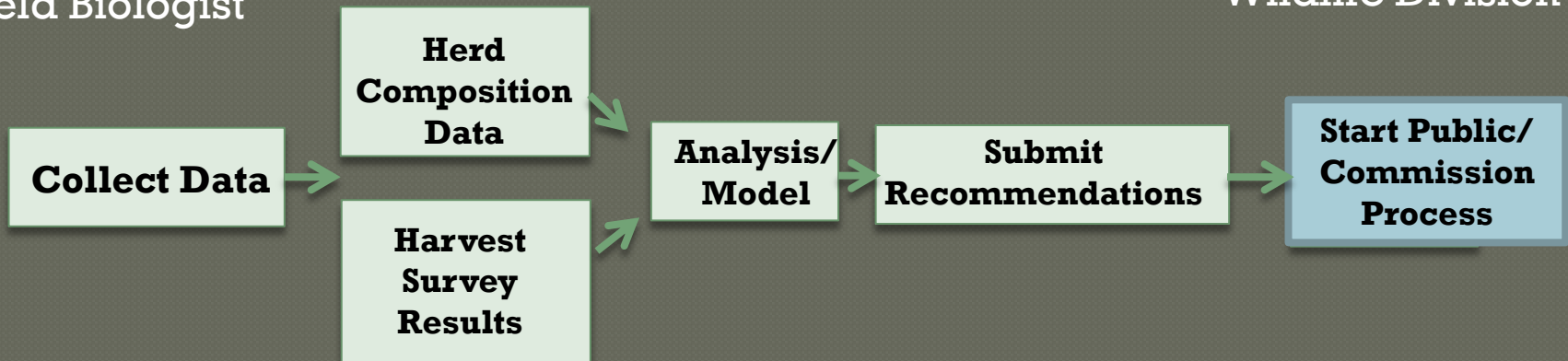
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 - **Tag numbers in Regulations are from previous year**

Optimal Timeline

Field Biologist

Wildlife Division



Timeline Conflicts

Field Biologist



Wildlife Division

Spring!

Current Process

Field Biologist

Collect Data

**Analysis/
Model**

**Change Tag
Numbers**

**Prep for Bio
Meeting**

**Harvest
Survey
Results**



Wildlife Division

**Proposal
Deadline**

**Develop
Tables**

**Draft
Packet**

**Correct
Tables**

**Bio
Meeting**

March 20

April 1

April 15

Problems/Issues

- Issues primarily stem from proposing tag numbers before biologists analyzed all information
- However
 - Biologists set tag numbers primarily on population trends
 - Wildlife Division encourages setting tag numbers based on population trends

New Process

- Set tag numbers based on current population data trends and complete analysis
- Seasons and tag numbers set one year in advance
- One big game Commission meeting in September

New Timeline

Field Biologist

Collect Data

**Analysis/
Model**

**Submit to
Wildlife
Division**

Wildlife Division

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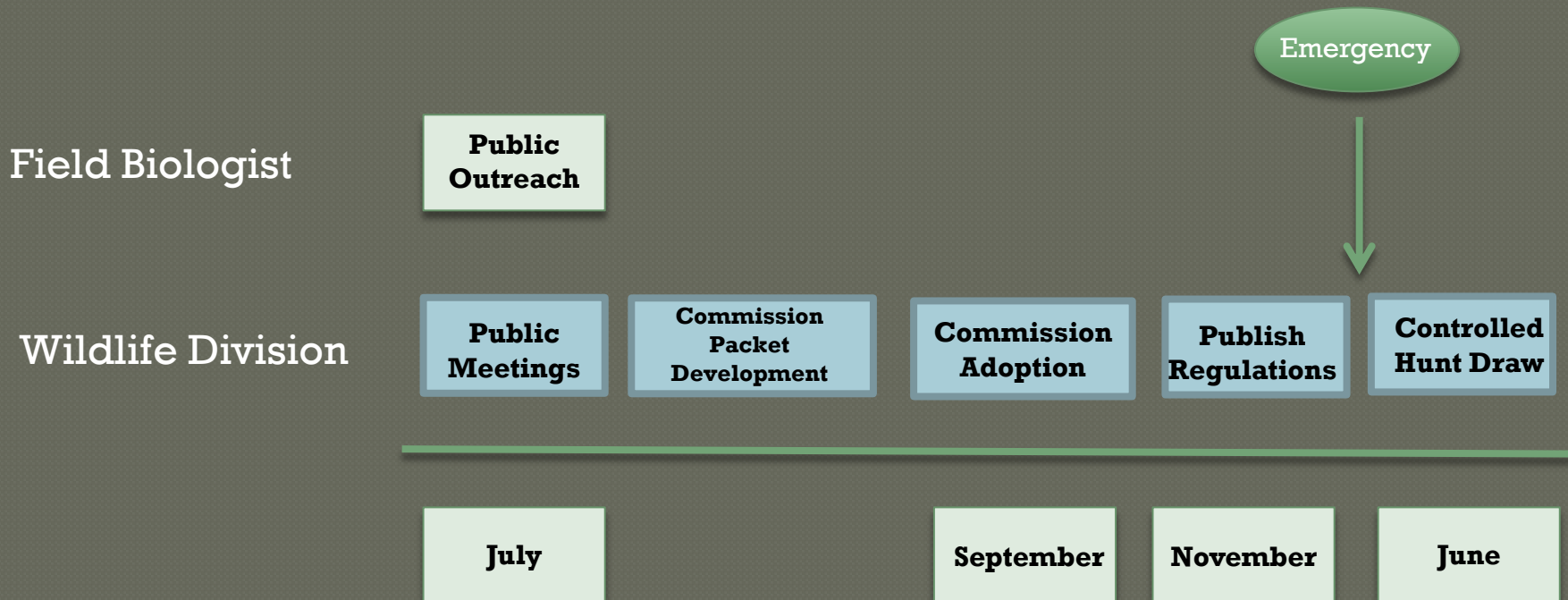
**Meet with
Biologists**

November - March

May 15

Mid-June

New Timeline (cont.)



Outreach

- Met with all District Wildlife Biologist
- Oregon Hunters Association Board
- Sport Group Leaders Meeting

Summary

Benefit to Hunters:

- Regulations will have actual instead of proposed tag numbers
- More time for hunters and sport groups to review and comment on proposals
- Hunters/groups only need to attend one Commission meeting

Dept. Process Efficiencies

- More time to develop proposals
- Better opportunity to coordinate proposals with hunters and landowners
- Commission and staff efficiencies by reducing to one Commission meeting

Implementation

Transition Year

- June 2016
 - Set 2016 tag numbers
 - Set 2017 tags and seasons
 - Any unresolved issues/concerns could be addressed in September

Questions?