

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND	Department staff will present the process for review of the Management Objectives for Population and Buck Ratios for mule Deer, and Population and Bull Ratios for Rocky Mountain and Roosevelt elk.
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Biologists and Wildlife Division Staff developed preliminary recommendations. • District review committees, comprised of hunter representatives, landowners, land managers, OSP and other public reviewed district proposals and provided comments and recommendations of their own. There were approximately 183 participants at the 20 review committee meetings held around the state. • Department recommendations and review committee recommendations were provided to the public on the Department website and at big game regulation public meetings: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/management_plans/
ISSUE 1	Mule Deer and Elk Management Objectives.
ANALYSIS	<p>The Department proposed a total of one change to deer Population MO's and 10 changes to buck ratio MO's as well as eight changes to elk Population MOs and one bull ratio MO (Attachment 2). The District Review Committees supported the Department proposal for the one deer population MO and provided their own recommendations for three more. They also supported all of the 10 changes to buck ratios with two additional recommendations of their own. For elk, the district review committees supported four of the eight population MO proposals of the Department, alternative recommendations to the other four, and one more of their own (Attachment 2). The one proposed change by the Department for bull ratios was supported by the review committee, and the committee had recommendations for five more.</p> <p>A summary of comments on deer and elk MO's received at the Big Game public meetings held around the state will be provided at this briefing. Additional public correspondence will be received until the August 2016 Commission meeting.</p>
OPTIONS	None – this is an informational briefing
DRAFT MOTION	None required
EFFECTIVE DATE	None Needed