

## **SPECIAL AUCTION AND RAFFLE TAGS**

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 of 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 (Table 1). The 2016 Oregon bighorn auction tag sold for \$95,000 in January 2016. The 2016 bighorn raffle tag was drawn at the May 21, 2016 Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) convention. Raffle sales through the end of April 2016 was \$30,655.

### **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 13 years, these tags have generated nearly \$300,000 (Table 2). The 2016 special auction tag sold for \$14,000 at the Wild Sheep Foundation banquet (Table 2). Raffle sales for the 2016 pronghorn tag were about \$8,900 as of April 30, 2016. The raffle tag was drawn at the May 21, 2016 OHA convention.

### **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 13 years, this tag has generated over \$200,000 for Rocky Mountain goat management and research (Table 3). The raffle tag will be drawn at the May 21, 2016 OHA convention. This year (2016) marks the first year an auction tag has been sold in support of the Rocky Mountain goat program.

Table 1. Income from Oregon Bighorn Auction (1987-2016) and Raffle (1992 – 2016) 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  |
| 2015  | \$160,000   | \$144,000   | WSF   | \$61,645    | OHA  |
| 2016 <sup>a</sup>                                 | \$95,000    | \$85,500    | WSF   | \$30,655    | OHA  |
| Total   | \$2,606,500 | \$2,366,750 |       | \$1,209,376 |      |
| Grand Total Net Income from Special Bighorn Tags: |             |             |       | \$3,443,806 |      |

<sup>a</sup> Raffle ticket sales as of 4/30/16.

Table 2. Oregon Pronghorn Auction and Raffle tag sales (2004 – 2016).

| 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 |
| 2015              | \$18,000    | \$16,200  | Redmond OHA   | \$14,185   | State OHA |
| 2016 <sup>a</sup> | \$14,000    | \$12,600  | WSF           | \$8,893    | State OHA |
| Total             | \$168,900   | \$152,010 |               | \$140,647  |           |

Grand Total Net Income from Special Pronghorn Tags: \$292,657

<sup>a</sup> Raffle ticket sales through 30 April 2016.

Table 3. Oregon Rocky Mountain goat Raffle tag sales (2004 – 2016).

| 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 | State OHA |
| 2014              | \$12,920 | State OHA |
| 2015              | \$18,548 | State OHA |
| 2016 <sup>a</sup> | \$9,526  | State OHA |
| Total             | 204,324  |           |

<sup>a</sup> Raffle ticket sales as of 4/30/16.

## **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 almost \$6 million in revenue since 1995 (Table 4). Auction and raffle proceeds account for approximately one quarter 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 2016 department big game raffle tickets, were sold at ODFW offices and point-of-sales license agents beginning in December 2015. The raffle drawing took place at the 2016 OHA annual convention on May 21, 2016. 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. These events are also a great opportunity for the A&H Program representatives to attend and spread the word about the benefits of the A&H program. Each spring the department solicits applications to sponsor an A&H auction tag. Auction sponsorship requests are due to ODFW by June 3, 2016. The A&H Board will select sponsoring organizations at their July 19, 2016, 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.

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

The department proposes the Commission reauthorize one bighorn sheep auction and one bighorn sheep raffle tag for 2017. The department recommends one special bighorn tag be auctioned to the highest bidder during the 2017 Wild Sheep Foundation annual convention in Reno, NV, and one special bighorn raffle tag to be drawn in conjunction with all raffle tags at the 2017 annual big game raffle drawing event.

The department recommends continuation of the special pronghorn auction and raffle tags for 2017 and proposes 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 2017 pronghorn auction tag through June 3, 2016. The department will propose a recommended auction date and location in October 2016.

The department proposes the Commission reauthorize one Rocky Mountain goat auction and one Rocky Mountain goat raffle tag for 2017 and proposes that the raffle tag be drawn in conjunction with all other department raffle tags (e.g. A&H hunts, bighorn, pronghorn antelope). The department is soliciting bids from organizations wishing to sponsor the 2017 goat auction tag through June 3, 2016. The department will propose a recommended auction date and location in October 2016.

The Board recommends that the A&H auction and raffle tags remain unchanged from the 2016 season. The A&H Board recommends continuation of the allocation of five deer and five elk raffle tags to be drawn in conjunction with all raffle tags at the 2017 annual big game raffle drawing event. The A&H Board recommends continuation of the auction of five deer and five elk auction tags for the 2017 season. The department is accepting bids from organizations wishing to sponsor the 2017 deer and elk auction tags until June 3, 2016. The A&H Board will determine which organizations are chosen to auction tags at the July 19, 2016 Board meeting.

Table 4. Access and Habitat deer and elk auction and raffle program revenue (1995-2016).

| 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   | \$257,750              | \$202,275              | RMEF, OHA(2), MDF(2), SCI, DU, OBH, NWTF      | \$133,509             | OHA  |
| 2015   | \$311,000              | \$279,900              | RMEF(2), OHA(3), MDF(2), NWTF, FNAWS          | \$133,850             | OHA  |
| 2016   | \$328,000 <sup>1</sup> | \$295,200 <sup>1</sup> | RMEF(2), MDF(2), OHA(2), FNAWS, SCI, NWTF     | \$80,220 <sup>2</sup> | OHA  |
| Totals   | \$4,425,950            | \$3,954,105            |   | \$2,033,608           |      |
| <b>Grand Total Net Revenue from Special Deer and Elk Tags:</b> |                        |                        |   | <b>\$5,987,713</b>    |      |

<sup>1</sup> 8 of 9 tags have been auctioned as of 4/28/16. The last auction will be held on 5/21/16.

<sup>2</sup> Raffle ticket sales as of 4/22/16.