

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND	This is a presentation of the annual Big Game Regulation proposals. The Department will recommend 2019 big game controlled hunt tag numbers. Recommendations will also be presented for 2019 big game and western gray squirrel season dates and open areas, dates and locations of cooperative travel management areas, controlled hunt proposals, and associated hunting regulations.
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication with local sports groups and other interested parties. • Answering questions from interested persons, including the news media. • Twenty public meetings were held throughout the state in July 2018 to review staff proposals.
ISSUE 1	Proposed tag numbers for controlled big game hunts for 2019.
ANALYSIS	Overall, total controlled hunt tag recommendations for 2019 are proposed to decrease by 1.2% from 2018; proposed controlled deer tags are down 1.5% and controlled elk tags are down 1.2%.
OPTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt staff recommendations 2. Amend staff recommendations
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Option 1.
ISSUE 2	Proposals for 2019 game mammal seasons and associated hunting regulations.
ANALYSIS	Staff will present proposals for 2019 big game and western gray squirrel seasons. Controlled hunt proposals for 2019 include the deletion of five hunts and addition of two new hunts. A few hunts have hunt area or season structure changes proposed. Most of the changes are to elk hunts and reflect responses to local changes in elk populations and subsequent damage conflicts from elk. Most proposals for regulation changes are the result of the Regulation Simplification Project; a summary of each proposed change is in Attachment 4 (Summary of Regulation Simplification Proposals).
OPTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve staff recommendations 2. Amend staff recommendations
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Option 1.
DRAFT MOTION	I move to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 008, 043, 045, 046, 060, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, 074, 075, and 090 as proposed by staff.
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