

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) is authorized to allocate bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, pronghorn antelope, deer, and elk tags to be auctioned and raffled annually to benefit wildlife and habitat management, as well as expand hunting access in Oregon. Auction and raffle tags provide unique hunting opportunities with expanded hunt areas and extended season dates. The auction and raffle of bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, and pronghorn tags generate funding for management and research for the respective species, while deer and elk tags generate revenue for the Access and Habitat (A&H) Program.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

A&H provides for public involvement at Regional Council and State Board meetings. Council and Board meetings are advertised by press release and on the webpage. Meeting materials are posted on the website. Members of the public may review the documents and provide comments.

The A&H Board annually reviews auction and raffle sales information and provides recommendations to the Commission regarding allocation of auction tags. For allocation of 2020 tags, the Access and Habitat Board reviewed the number and type of auction tags to be allocated during their April 9 meeting in The Dalles; there was an opportunity for interested parties to provide public comment during this meeting.

ITEM 1

2020 Auction and Raffle Tag Allocations

ANALYSIS

The A&H Board and Department staff recommend the allocation of Auction and Raffle tags for 2020 remain unchanged from 2019 seasons.

OPTIONS

- 1) Adopt staff and Board recommendations
- 2) Amend staff and Board recommendations

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to approve the 2020 auction and raffle big game tag allocations as proposed by staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

June 12, 2019