

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND	The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife annually submits Big Game Regulation proposals to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission for consideration and adoption. The Department will recommend 2020 big game controlled hunt tag numbers. Recommendations will also be presented for 2020 big game and western gray squirrel season dates and open areas, dates and locations of cooperative travel management areas, controlled hunts, 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-three public meetings were held or attended by District Wildlife staff throughout the state in July 2019 to discuss Department proposals.
ISSUE 1	Proposed tag numbers for controlled big game hunts for 2020.
ANALYSIS	Overall, total controlled hunt tag recommendations for 2020 are proposed to decrease by less than 1% from 2019 however, a direct comparison is not possible due to some hunt areas moving from controlled hunt to general season and vice versa. Proposed controlled deer tags are down 2.1%, while proposed controlled elk tags are up slightly (0.3%).
OPTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt staff recommendations 2. Amend staff recommendations
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Option 1.
ISSUE 2	Proposals for 2020 game mammal seasons and associated hunting regulations.
ANALYSIS	Staff will present proposals for 2020 big game and western gray squirrel seasons. Controlled hunt proposals for 2020 include season date and structure changes including deletion of hunts, addition of new hunts, combining hunt areas, and expanding hunt boundaries. Most of the changes are to elk hunts and reflect responses to local changes in elk populations and subsequent damage conflicts from elk, and changes designed to simplify regulations. Most proposals for regulation changes are the result of the Big Game Regulation Review Project.
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, 060, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073, and 075 as proposed by staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE

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