

## **SPECIAL AUCTION AND RAFFLE TAGS**

A number of unique hunting opportunities are available in Oregon through the use of special auction and raffle tags that offer expanded hunt areas and extended season dates. As a result, the auction and raffle tags are very popular. Revenue from these special tags is dedicated to specific programs. All funds raised by the auction and raffle tags for bighorn sheep, pronghorn antelope, and Rocky Mountain goats are dedicated for management and research of these respective species. All funds raised by auction and raffle tags for deer and elk provide funding for the Access and Habitat Program.

All auction tags are sold at fundraising banquets for various sport groups each spring. Host organizations receive 10% of the sales price for the tag being sold. Most of these funds are then allocated back to specific projects through grant programs managed by the sport group. As a result of COVID-19 concerns, many of these organizations had to be creative to comply with their auction commitments when events were cancelled. The Department is very appreciative of the extra efforts these groups went through to generate this important source of funds.

At the time of writing, three auction tags were yet to be sold and raffle entry sales were still ongoing. Income values summarized below are not final. An update with final auction and raffle sales information will be presented at the June 12<sup>th</sup> Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) meeting.

### **Bighorn Sheep**

The Oregon bighorn sheep auction and raffle tag program was the first program of its type in Oregon and was established in 1987. Since then it has been the cornerstone of funding for bighorn management and research in Oregon (Table 1). The 2020 Oregon bighorn auction tag sold for \$160,000 in January 2020 at the Wild Sheep Foundation Sheep Show. The 2020 bighorn raffle tag was drawn May 30, 2020 by the Department at Salem Headquarters due to postponement of the statewide Oregon Hunters Association event. Total sales for the Bighorn Sheep Raffle tag exceeded \$100,000 (as of 26 May 2020). Combined, the two tags generated over \$260,000 for bighorn sheep management and research in Oregon.

### **Pronghorn Antelope**

The Commission is authorized to annually issue one pronghorn auction tag and one pronghorn raffle tag. Funding generated from these tags is dedicated to pronghorn management and research. After 17 years, these tags have generated over \$430,000 (Table 2). The 2020 special auction tag sold for \$16,000 at the Sheep Show in January 2020 hosted by the Wild Sheep Foundation (Table 2). Raffle sales as of May 26<sup>th</sup> for the 2020 pronghorn tag were slightly more than \$24,000. The raffle tag was drawn May 30, 2020 by the Department in Salem due to rescheduling of the statewide Oregon Hunters Association event.

### **Rocky Mountain Goat**

The Commission is authorized to annually issue one Rocky Mountain goat auction tag and one Rocky Mountain goat raffle tag. Funding generated from these tags is dedicated to Rocky

Mountain goat management and research. After some creative rescheduling the 2020 Rocky Mountain goat auction tag was sold for \$40,000. In five years, this tag has generated \$200,500. Raffle sales as of May 26<sup>th</sup> for the 2020 pronghorn tag were slightly more than \$43,000. In the 17 years the raffle tag has been drawn, the tag has generated over \$330,000 for Rocky Mountain goat management and research (Table 3). The 2020 raffle tag was drawn May 30, 2020 at the Department Headquarters due to postponement of the statewide Oregon Hunters Association event. Total funds generated from the raffle and auction tags is now over \$500,000.

Table 1. Income from Oregon bighorn auction (1987-2020) and raffle (1992-2020) tag sales. Raffle tag sales and Grand Total Income are current through 26 May 2020.

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	\$95,000	\$85,500	WSF	\$30,655	OHA
2017	\$135,000	\$121,500	WSF	\$85,513	OHA
2018	\$160,000	\$144,000	WSF	\$122,444	OHA
2019	\$210,000	\$189,000	WSF	\$144,068	OHA
2020	\$160,000	\$144,000	WSF	\$101,421	ODFW
Total	\$3,271,500	\$2,965,250		\$1,656,672	
Grand Total Net Income from Special Bighorn Tags:				\$4,621,922	

Table 2. Income from Oregon pronghorn auction and raffle tag sales (2004-2020).  
Raffle tag sales are current through 26 May 2020.

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	\$10,615	State OHA
2013	\$11,500	\$10,350	Bend OHA	\$11,725	State OHA
2014	\$10,000	\$9,000	RMEF Hood R.	\$9,734	State OHA
2015	\$18,000	\$16,200	Redmond OHA	\$14,185	State OHA
2016	\$14,000	\$12,600	Oregon FNAWS	\$14,500	State OHA
2017	\$11,000	\$9,900	Tillamook OHA	\$16,963	State OHA
2018	\$16,000	\$14,400	Lake County OHA	\$19,005	State OHA
2019	\$17,500	\$15,575	N. Oregon MDF	\$18,828	State OHA
2020	\$16,000	\$14,400	National WSF	\$24,112	ODFW
Total	\$218,912	\$207,185		\$225,162	
Grand Total Net Income from Special Pronghorn Tags:				\$432,347	

Table 3. Oregon Rocky Mountain goat auction and raffle tag sales (2004-2020).  
Raffle tag sales are current through 26 May 2020.

Year	Auction Tag			Raffle Tag	
	Bid Price	Net	Host	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	\$30,000	\$27,000	State OHA	\$15,895	State OHA
2017	\$37,000	\$33,300	Oregon FNAWS	\$26,972	State OHA
2018	\$41,000	\$36,900	California WSF	\$24,291	State OHA
2019	\$52,500	\$47,250	Oregon FNAWS	\$28,468	State OHA
2020	\$40,000	\$36,000	Oregon Bowhunters	\$43,365	ODFW
Total	\$200,500	\$180,450		\$332,458	
Grand Total Net Income from Mountain Goat Tags:				\$512,908	

## **Access and Habitat, Deer and Elk Auction and Raffle Program**

The annual auction and raffle of deer and elk tags is a valuable funding source for the Access and Habitat (A&H) Program, accounting for approximately one quarter of A&H Program revenue since 1995. These tags have generated over \$7.7 million in revenue (Table 4) with nearly 2/3 of this coming from the five deer and five elk auction tags. Combined proceeds from the auction and raffle tags, A&H license surcharge, and Green Forage & Deer Enhancement Restoration funds, have been used to implement over 450 hunter access or habitat improvement projects in Oregon.

Big game raffle entries are sold at Department offices, license agents, and online beginning December 1 each year for the following year's raffle event. Through May 26, 2020 the deer and elk raffle hunts had generated over \$290,000 in revenue. The 2020 raffle drawing took place May 30, 2020. Due to the efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 the raffle was held at the Department's Salem Headquarters and livecast from the Commission Room.

A&H deer and elk tags are auctioned at fundraising banquets for various sport groups each spring. This year most of the events had to cancel in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The host organizations converted the auction of the A&H tags from a live auction to a bid-by-phone format with social distancing rules to ensure the safety of all involved. The Department is very appreciative of the efforts of the host organizations to conduct the auctions in a novel and safe manner. In 2020, with six of nine hunts sold by May 26<sup>th</sup>, nearly \$285,000 has been raised. Sale of the remaining three tags will potentially lead to over \$350,000 in income from the auction of five deer and five elk tags. When held in-person, these events provide an opportunity for A&H Board Members and staff to discuss the benefits of the A&H program with the public. The A&H Board will select sponsoring organizations for 2021 at their July 14, 2020 meeting in Salem.

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

The Department and the Access and Habitat Board recommend continuation of the auction and raffle tag programs with the same allocation of tags for 2021 as in recent years. All raffle tags would be drawn at the annual big game raffle-drawing event in conjunction with the Oregon Hunters Association State Convention. Proposed sponsors for the 2021 auction tags will be identified by the September 2020 Commission Meeting.

For 2021, the Department recommends the Commission authorize:

- One bighorn sheep auction tag and one bighorn sheep raffle tag
- One pronghorn antelope auction tag and one pronghorn raffle tag
- One Rocky Mountain goat auction tag and one Rocky Mountain goat raffle tag

For 2021, The Access and Habitat Board recommends the Commission authorize:

- Five deer auction tags and five deer raffle tags
- Five elk auction tags and five elk raffle tags

Table 4. Access &amp; Habitat deer and elk auction and raffle program revenue (1995-2020).

Year	Auction Tags			Raffle Tags	
	Bid Price	Net	Host (Number of tags)	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	\$377,000	\$342,727	RMEF(2), MDF(2), OHA(2), FNAWS, SCI, NWTF	\$160,818	OHA
2017	\$336,000	\$302,400	RMEF(2), MDF(2), OHA(2), FNAWS, SCI, NWTF	\$174,339	OHA
2018	\$422,000	\$379,800	RMEF(2), MDF(2), OHA(2), FNAWS, SCI, NWTF	\$198,317	OHA
2019	\$387,000	\$348,300	RMEF(2), MDF, OHA(3), OBH, SCI, NWTF	\$217,811	OHA
2020*	\$191,500	\$172,350	RMEF(2), MDF, OHA(3), FNAWS, SCI, NWTF	\$291,405	ODFW
Totals	\$5,905,450	\$5,288,632		\$2,996,078	
Grand Total Net Revenue from Special Deer and Elk Tags:				\$7,736,805	
*income values as of 5/26/2020					

## Appendix 1. Host organization acronyms used in Tables 1 through 4

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Acronym	Organization Name
CDA	California Deer Association
DU	Ducks Unlimited
FNAWS	Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
MDF	Mule Deer Foundation
NRA	National Rifle Association
NWTF	National Wild Turkey Federation
OBH	Oregon Bow Hunters
OFBD	Oregon Foundation for Black-tailed Deer
OHA	Oregon Hunters Association
RMEF	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
SCI	Safari Club International
WSF	Wild Sheep Foundation

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