

SPECIAL AUCTION AND RAFFLE TAGS

A number of unique big game hunting opportunities are available in Oregon through the use of special auction and raffle tags. These tags offer both an expanded hunt area and expanded 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 for 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 for funding bighorn management and research in Oregon since its inception (Table 1). The 2007 Oregon bighorn auction tag sold January 20, 2007, for a bid price of \$120,000. Overall individual bid prices for state tags at the 2007 Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS) auction increased slightly with total sales from state/provincial sheep tags at this single event of over \$2.3 million. The 2007 bighorn raffle tag was drawn at the May 19, 2007 Oregon Hunters Association (OHA) convention in Bend, OR.

Table 1. Income from Oregon Bighorn Auction (1987-2007) and Raffle (1992 – 2007) 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	\$16,314	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	\$42,187	OHA
2002	\$74,000	\$66,600	FNAWS	\$75,966	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 ^a	\$120,000	\$108,000	FNAWS	\$55,730	OHA
Total	\$1,529,000	\$1,397,000		\$709,743	
Grand Total Income from Special Bighorn Tags:				\$2,106,743	

^a Raffle ticket sales as of 5/3/07.

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

Table 2. Oregon Pronghorn Auction and Raffle tag sales (2004 – 2007).

Year	Auction Tag			Raffle Tag	
	Bid Price	Net	Host	Sales	Host
2004	\$13,000	\$11,700	Klamath OHA	\$7,934.00	State OHA
2005	\$34,000	\$30,600	Harney OHA	\$10,453.50	State OHA
2006	\$20,200	\$18,180	Lakeview OHA	\$8,473.50	State OHA
2007 ^a	\$4,200	\$3,780	Josephine OHA	\$6,646	State OHA
Total	\$71,400	\$64,260		\$33,507	
Grand Total Income from Special Pronghorn Tags:				\$97,767	

^a Raffle ticket sales as of 5/3/07.

these tags is dedicated to pronghorn management and research. Raffle tickets are sold using the same denominations as bighorn sheep (1 for \$11.00, 6 for \$51.00, 13 for \$101.00). After only four years, these two tags have already generated nearly \$100,000 for pronghorn management and research in Oregon. The 2007 special auction tag sold for \$4,200 at the 2007 Josephine County OHA banquet (Table 2). Raffle sales for the 2007 pronghorn tag were nearly \$7,000 during 2007. The raffle tag was drawn at the May 20, 2006, annual OHA convention in Lincoln City.

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. Rocky Mountain goat raffle tickets are sold using the same denominations as bighorn sheep (1 for \$11.00, 6 for \$51.00, 13 for \$101.00), (Table 3). After only four years, this tag has already generated nearly \$30,000 for pronghorn management and research in Oregon. Due to the limited number of controlled Rocky Mountain goat tags, the department does not issue an auction tag. The raffle tag was drawn at the May 19, 2007 annual OHA convention in Bend.

Table 3. Oregon Rocky Mountain goat Raffle tag sales (2004 – 2007).

Year	Sales	Host
2004	\$7,210.50	State OHA
2005	\$8,400.00	State OHA
2006	\$16,149.00	State OHA
2007 ^a	\$20,376.50	State OHA
Total	\$27,077.00	

^a Raffle ticket sales as of 5/3/07.

Access and Habitat-Deer and Elk Auction and Raffle Program

The Access and Habitat Program (A&H) auction and raffle program has been a valuable funding source; generating over \$2.5 million in revenue since 1995 (Table 4). Auction and raffle proceeds have accounted for over 22% of the A&H program revenue. These funds, coupled with a license surcharge and a portion of the Green Forage and Deer Enhancement and Restoration funds, have been used to implement over 320 hunter access and/or habitat projects in Oregon.

A&H deer and elk raffle tickets, along with other department big game raffle tickets, were sold at ODFW offices and point-of-sales license agents beginning in mid-December. The raffle drawing will take place at the 2008 OHA annual convention. Raffle tickets can be purchased singly or in multi-packs for deer (1 for \$4.00, 6 for \$11.00, 15 for \$21.00, 40 for \$51.00, and 100 for \$101.00), elk (1 for \$6.00, 6 for \$21.00, 15 for \$21.00, and 40 for \$101.00), and combo deer and elk (1 for \$11.00, 6 for \$31.00, 15 for \$61.00, and 40 for \$151.00).

A&H deer and elk tags are auctioned at the fundraising banquets of sponsoring sport groups. Each summer the department solicits applications to sponsor an A&H auction tag. The A&H Board will select sponsoring organizations at their July 24, 2007 meeting in Salem. Sponsoring organizations receive up to 10% of the proceeds from the sale of the auction tag and the remainder is forwarded to the A&H program. The 2007 A&H auction program has been very successful with several new record high bids being set. Statewide elk auction tags continue to sell for higher dollar amounts than previous years. One statewide auction deer tag matched the bid of the combo deer and elk tag (\$36,000). This tag also tied for the highest dollar amount ever received from an Oregon auction deer tag.

Table 4. Access and Habitat deer and elk auction and raffle program revenue (1995-2007).

Year	Auction Tags			Raffle Tags	
	Bid Price	Net	Host	Sales	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 ¹	\$229,500	\$206,550	RMEF (2), OHA(2), NWTF, OBH, SCI, FNAWS, MDF	\$ 101,978 ²	OHA
Totals	\$1,794,950	\$1,615,455		\$923,190	
Grand Total				\$2,538,645	

¹ 9 of 10 tags have been auctioned as of 5/6/07. The last auction will be held on 5/19/07

² Raffle ticket sales as of 5/8/06. Raffle ticket sales will end on 5/19/07.

A&H Board and Department Recommendation

The department proposes the Commission reauthorize one bighorn sheep auction and one bighorn sheep raffle tag in concept for 2008. The department recommends one special bighorn tag be auctioned to the highest bidder during the 2008 (FNAWS) annual convention in Salt Lake City, UT and one special bighorn raffle tag to be drawn in conjunction with all raffle tags at the 2008 OHA annual convention.

The department recommends continuation of the special pronghorn auction and raffle tags for 2008 and proposes that the raffle tag be drawn in conjunction with the 2008 OHA annual convention so that all department raffle tags (e.g. A&H hunts, bighorn, Rocky Mountain goat) are drawn together. The department is soliciting bids from organizations wishing to sponsor the 2008 pronghorn auction tag through the summer. The department will propose a recommended sales date and location in October 2007.

The department recommends continuation of the special Rocky Mountain goat raffle tag for 2008 and proposes that the raffle tag be drawn in conjunction with the 2008 OHA annual convention so that all department raffle tags (e.g. A&H hunts, bighorn, pronghorn antelope) are drawn together. Since controlled tags for Rocky Mountain goats continue to be limited at this time, the department is not proposing implementation of an auction program for 2008. However, as Rocky Mountain goat relocation efforts expand concurrent with the now available funding, the likelihood of an auction tag in the future is increasing.

At their June 24, meeting in Bandon, the A&H Board voted to recommend to the Commission the allocation of five deer and five elk raffle tags and five deer and five elk auction tags. The Board recommends that the A&H auction and raffle tags remain unchanged from 2007 seasons.