

## Agenda Item Summary

<b>BACKGROUND</b>	This is a presentation of the annual Big Game Regulation proposals. Department staff will recommend 2013 big game controlled hunt tag numbers. Recommendations, in concept, will be presented for 2014 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. If adopted in concept, these proposals will be returned in OAR format for final consideration at the October 2013 Commission meeting.
<b>PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication with local sports groups and other interested parties.</li> <li>• Answering questions from interested persons, including the news media.</li> <li>• Public meetings (22 scheduled) to review staff preliminary proposals were held throughout the state in May 2013.</li> </ul>
<b>ISSUE 1</b>	<b>Proposed tag numbers for controlled big game hunts for 2013.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	Overall, total controlled hunt tag recommendations for 2013 are proposed to increase very slightly, by less than one percent from 2012. Proposed minor declines in deer, bighorn sheep and pronghorn tags are offset by a minor increase in the proposed number of elk, Spring bear, and Rocky Mtn. goat tags.
<b>OPTIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adopt staff recommendations</li> <li>2. Amend staff recommendations</li> </ol>
<b>STAFF RECOMMENDATION</b>	Option 1.
<b>ISSUE 2</b>	<b>Proposals, in concept, for 2014 game mammal seasons including 2014 spring bear tag numbers, and associated hunting regulations.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	Staff will present, in concept, proposals for 2014 big game and western gray squirrel seasons. Controlled hunt proposals for 2014 include deletion of 17 hunts and addition of 30 new hunts. Most of the changes are to elk hunts. Many of the changes reflect hunts being split into additional time periods, or being absorbed into or being replaced by a different hunt.
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<b>DRAFT MOTION</b>	I move to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 043, 065, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 073 and 075 as proposed by staff; and approve in concept the staff proposals for 2014 general and controlled big game and western gray squirrel seasons.
<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	Upon Filing