

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) is authorized to allocate bighorn sheep, Rocky Mountain goat, pronghorn, deer, and elk tags to be auctioned and raffled annually to benefit wildlife management, habitat management, and hunter 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

The A&H Board annually reviews historical auction and raffle sales information and provides recommendations to the Commission regarding allocation of auction tags. For allocation of 2014 tags, the Access and Habitat Board reviewed the number and type of auction tags to be allocated during their April 23 meeting in Joseph; there was an opportunity for interested parties to provide public comment during this meeting.

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2014 Auction and Raffle Tag Allocations

ANALYSIS

The A&H Board and Department staff recommends that Auction and Raffle hunts for 2014 remain unchanged from 2013 seasons.

OPTIONS

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option 1: Adopt staff recommendations.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to approve the 2014 auction and raffle big game tag allocations as proposed by staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

June 7, 2013