

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

At their June 7, 2013 meeting, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission set tag numbers for 2013 big game seasons and approved, in principle, 2014 big game seasons. At that time, staff was asked to develop Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) for 2014 seasons for Commission consideration at their October 4, 2013 meeting.

Staff will provide a draft copy of the publication, "2014 Oregon Big Game Regulations," which, if adopted, will become Oregon Administrative Rules by reference.

Contained within this packet are 2014 Oregon big game and western gray squirrel season dates, bag limits, and open areas; dates and location of cooperative travel management areas; statewide youth hunting opportunities; and other miscellaneous regulations.

Also, during the 2013 Legislative session the Legislature passed House Bill 2252 and the Governor subsequently signed it into law. HB 2252 shows Oregon's appreciation for uniformed service personnel by allowing nonresident personnel to hunt or fish in Oregon for the same cost as an Oregon resident. The legislation applies to active duty and reservists from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard or reservists currently stationed at any base or facility in Oregon, the United States or any foreign country, the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Public Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services detailed with the Army or Navy of the United States. A non-resident member of the uniformed services may purchase licenses, tags, and permits at resident rates.

HB2252 also increased the License Agent Fee from \$2 to \$10 for each nonresident annual hunting license issued pursuant to ORS 497.102, and from \$2 to \$10 for each nonresident annual deer tag, nonresident annual elk tag, nonresident annual black bear tag, nonresident annual mountain goat tag, nonresident annual mountain sheep tag and nonresident annual antelope tag issued pursuant to ORS 497.112(1).

In addition, the packet contains highlights from the June 2013 Commission meeting.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Communication with local sports groups and other interested parties.
- Questions from other interested persons, including news media, were answered.
- Correspondence, both mail and email.
- Twenty-six public meetings to review staff proposals were held throughout the state during May. These proposals were presented in concept at the June Commission meeting.

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2014 Big Game and Western Gray Squirrel Hunting Regulations

ANALYSIS

Staff will propose formal adoption of the 2014 Big Game Regulations and associated Oregon Administrative Rules. The Commission adopted these proposals, in principle, at their June 2013 meeting.

Proposals include:

- Season dates and bag limits
- Changes to bag limits and hunt areas
- Deleted hunts and addition of new hunts
- Tag numbers and dates for 2014 spring bear hunts
- 2014 cougar quotas

Staff proposals also include changes or additions to recommendations made in June including:

- Elk bag limit change for archers and hunters with disabilities permits in the Alsea and Trask WMUs
1. Approve staff proposals for 2014 big game seasons.
 2. Amend staff proposals.
 3. Reject staff proposals.

OPTIONS

**STAFF
RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 010, 045, 060, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, and 073 as proposed by staff, and to adopt the document entitled "2014 Oregon Big Game Regulations" as proposed by staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Upon Filing