

## **Agenda Item Summary**

### **BACKGROUND**

At its June 5, 2014 meeting, the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) set tag numbers for 2014 big game seasons and approved, in principle, 2015 big game seasons with the exception that the Commission directed staff to provide additional information at the October 10 Commission Meeting regarding archery tag portability (the use of controlled hunt tags during general seasons). At that time, staff was asked to develop Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs) for 2015 seasons for Commission consideration at their October 10, 2014 meeting.

Staff will provide a draft copy of the publication, "2015 Oregon Big Game Regulations," which, if adopted, will become Oregon Administrative Rules by reference.

Contained within this packet are 2015 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.

In addition, the packet contains highlights from the June 2014 Commission meeting and a correction to dates in OAR Division 050 related to mandatory reporting requirements for furtakers.

### **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

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

### **ISSUE 1**

#### **2015 Big Game and Western Gray Squirrel Hunting Regulations**

### **ANALYSIS**

Staff will propose formal adoption of the 2015 Big Game Regulations and associated Oregon Administrative Rules. The Commission adopted these proposals, in principle, at its June 2014 meeting, except for regulations involving archery tag portability.

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 2015 spring bear hunts
- 2015 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 Stott Mtn. and Keating WMUs
- Addition of a late season archery hunt for white-tailed deer

**OPTIONS**

1. Approve staff proposals for 2015 big game seasons.
2. Amend staff proposals.
3. Reject staff proposals.

**STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1.

**ISSUE 2**

**Mandatory Reporting Deadline for Furtakers**

**ANALYSIS**

Staff will propose adoption of corrected mandatory reporting dates for furtakers.

**OPTIONS**

1. Approve staff proposal.
2. Amend staff proposals.
3. Reject staff proposals.

**STAFF  
RECOMMENDATION**

Option 1.

**DRAFT MOTION**

I move to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 008, 050, 060, 065, 066, 067, 068, 069, 070, 071, 072, 073 and 075 including setting furtaker reporting dates as proposed by staff; and to adopt the document entitled "2015 Oregon Big Game Regulations" as proposed by staff.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

Upon Filing