

Outfitter and Guide (O&G) Program Revisions

**Oregon
Fish and Wildlife Commission**

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Overview of Revisions

Three primary changes which:

- **Affect Outfitter and Guides opportunity to purchase tags for “unnamed clients”**
- **Improve enforceability of regulations, particularly when guiding activities are conducted on federal lands**
- **New language making it clear it is illegal for a client to pay for guiding services from an unregistered guide**

O&G Tag Draw and Sale Process

Current Process:

- **O&G Tag application must be received by December 1**
 - **O&G Tag drawing during December**
- **By March 31 O&G submits name of hunters to be issued tags**
- **~April 3, tags not sold become available first-come, first-served; available until April 15**
 - **An O&G can purchase up to five tags first-come, first-served for unnamed clients (tag fee nonrefundable)**
- **O&G Tags not sold by April 15 included in June public controlled hunt draw**

Tags for Unnamed Clients

Proposed Modification:

- O&G Tag application must be received by December 1
 - O&G Tag drawing during December
- By March 31 O&G submits name of hunters to be issued tags **or may purchase tags they drew for unnamed clients (nonrefundable)**
- ~April 3, tags not sold become available first-come, first-served; available until April 15
 - An O&G can purchase up to five first-come, first-served ("leftover") tags for unnamed clients (tag fee nonrefundable)
- O&G Tags not sold by April 15 included in June public controlled hunt draw

O&G Tag Sales

2017 O&G Tags: 1,617 available, 482 drawn, 217 of drawn tags were sold, 75 leftover tags purchased by O&G (66 sold to hunters), Total 292 O&G Tags sold to hunters

Proposed change supported by Licensing/Controlled Hunts

- **Reduces manually handling multiple applications for the same tag**
 - **Anticipate O&Gs will purchase some tags reducing leftover tags**

Provides O&G certainty they have a tag to sell clients

More time for O&G to sell tags, i.e. at later Sportsman Shows

O&G risk nonrefundable tag fees (\$537.00 deer, \$792.00 elk)

Improve enforceability

New definition: “Outfitter and Guide Hunt” is an outdoor recreational activity in which the client is physically accompanied in the field by the registered Outfitter and Guide or the employee(s) of the registered Outfitter and Guide during the hunt.

- Clarifies expectation of a “guided hunt”

Changes make it easier to understand O&G requirements:

- O&G who drew tag must have a Special Use Permit for the area
- Provide Oregon State Marine Board proof of Special Use Permit
- Be in possession of and comply with Special Use Permit requirements when conducting a hunt on federal land

Clients of Unregistered Guides

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Participation in Guided Hunts

(1) No person(s) shall compensate any individual(s) for outfitting and guiding services as defined in ORS 704.010(5) unless the individual receiving compensation is registered by the Oregon State Marine Board as an Outfitter and Guide as defined in ORS 704.010(4). This rule does not apply to any person who is authorized to enforce the wildlife laws and is conducting official business.

(2) Except as provided in ORS 704.010, only a person who is registered by the Oregon State Marine Board to be an Outfitter and Guide may receive compensation for outfitting and guiding services.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, [496.151](#), & 497.112

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Questions?

