

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND	The Outfitter and Guide tag allocation program was initiated by statute in 1997. The program allocates 50 percent of the previous year's total non-resident tags drawn for controlled deer and elk to registered Guide and Outfitters who sell the deer and elk tags for a higher fee than the normal nonresident price. Beginning in 2006, changes to the Outfitter and Guide program were made to provide more flexibility and allow unutilized Outfitter and Guide tags to be sold. In coordination with Oregon State Marine Board who registers all Outfitter and Guides, additional rule modifications are proposed to provide process efficiencies by allowing Outfitter and Guides to purchase tags they draw in the December Outfitter and Guide Drawing for unnamed clients without the additional steps of physically returning tags to the Department and competing for them in a leftover tag drawing. Additional rule changes will also improve the enforceability of the regulations by enforcement officers.
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT	Communication and coordination with the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division, Oregon State Marine Board, and registered Outfitter and Guides.
ISSUE 1	Proposed revisions and additions to rules for the Outfitter and Guide Program.
ANALYSIS	<p>The proposed rule modifications and additions associated with the Outfitter and Guide Program would result in three primary changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outfitter and guides would be allowed to purchase all tags they draw in the December Outfitter and Guide drawing for as yet unnamed clients. This would eliminate the additional steps of returning tags to the Department if they have not found a client by March 31 and competing for them again in a leftover tag draw. 2. Revisions of language to make the rules for enforcement clearer, particularly related to being in possession of a federally issued Special Use Permit when conducting an Outfitter and Guide hunt on federal lands. 3. New language clarifies that it is illegal to pay for or receive Outfitter and Guide services from an individual not registered in the Outfitter and Guide Program by the Oregon State Marine Board.
OPTIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt staff recommendations 2. Amend staff recommendations
STAFF RECOMMENDATION	Option 1.
DRAFT MOTION	I move to amend OAR Chapter 635, Divisions 045 and 075 as proposed by staff.
EFFECTIVE DATE	Upon Filing