

Meeting Date: November 15, 2007

Agenda Item No. 10

Agenda Item: Nonresident Deer & Elk Tag Quotas

Approved by: _____

(Action)

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Background:

The Commission establishes quotas for nonresident deer and elk tags prior to nonresident licenses and tags going on sale December 1. The table below provides a review of nonresident deer and elk tag quotas since 1990.

Year	Elk	Regular Deer*	Southeast Deer	Total Deer Tags
1990	12,815	15,500		15,500
1991	12,815	15,500		15,500
1992	12,815	15,500		15,500
1993	12,815	15,500		15,500
1994	12,815	15,500		15,500
1995	12,815	14,700	800	15,500
1996	12,815	14,500	1,000	15,500
1997	12,815	12,800	1,200	14,000
1998	12,815	12,800	1,200	14,000
1999	12,815	12,800	1,200	14,000
2000	12,815	12,800	1,200	14,000
2001	12,815	12,800	1,200	14,000
2002	12,815	12,800	1,200	14,000
2003	12,815	12,800	1,200	14,000
2004	12,815	12,800	1,200	14,000
2005	12,815	12,800	1,200	14,000
2006	12,815	12,800	1,200	14,000
2007	12,815	12,800	1,200	14,000

* Regular tags include Regular, Clearwater (1998-2004) & White-tailed deer (2005-present) tags.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

36-408. COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY -- TAGS -- PERMITS -- NONRESIDENTS LIMITED -- OUTFITTERS SET-ASIDE.

(2) Limit -- Licenses, Tags or Permits -- Controlled Hunts. The commission is hereby authorized to establish a limit annually as to the number of each kind and class of licenses, tags, or permits to be sold or issued and is further authorized to limit the number or prohibit entirely, the participation by nonresidents in controlled hunts.

Public Involvement Process:

The Outfitters & Guides Association and Idaho Outfitters & Guides Licensing Board were consulted with.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends adoption of the following 2008 nonresident deer and elk tag quotas:

Tag Type	Total
Total Elk (All Zones)	12,815
Regular Deer*	12,800
Southeast Deer	1,200
White-tailed Deer	1,500
Total Deer	15,500

* Regular tags include Regular & White-tailed deer tags.

The recommended quotas for elk, regular deer, and southeast deer are no change from 2007. Staff recommends creating an additional white-tailed deer tag quota to restore total nonresident deer tags to previous levels.

Justification:

White-tailed deer populations have increased since 1996 and currently exceed management objectives. Although mule deer populations are also higher than in 1996, they haven't increased at the same rate as whitetails. Establishing an additional white-tailed deer tag quota would maintain the current limit on nonresident mule deer hunters.

Nonresident Deer & Elk Tags *Recommended IDAPA Changes*

13.01.04.600. NONRESIDENT DEER AND ELK TAG QUOTAS.

01. Tag Quotas. The following number of deer tags and elk tags shall be set aside annually and reserved for sale to nonresidents: (3-20-97)

- a.** Twelve thousand eight hundred (12,800) regular or White-tailed deer tags; (8-14-07)T
- b.** Twelve thousand eight hundred fifteen (12,815) A or B elk tags for all zones; (3-20-04)
- c.** One thousand two hundred (1,200) S.E. Idaho area Deer tags. (7-1-98)
- d.** One thousand five hundred (1,500) White-tailed deer tags; (XX-XX-XX)