

**Meeting Date:** November 17, 2016

**Agenda Item No. 5.F.**

**Agenda Item:** Renewal of Commission Order  
Discounting Nonresident Tag Fees for Mountain Lion,  
Black Bear, and Gray Wolf

**Bureau Chief Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Background:** Idaho Code Section 36-415 grants discretionary authority to the Commission to discount fees for licenses, including tags and permits, upon finding a biological need or public need or unsold licenses. Fees may be discounted for several purposes, including for specific species, units, areas, zones, or gender as necessary to encourage increased license sales or to encourage hunting, fishing, or trapping. Any discounted fee is effective only for the time period set by a Commission Order. Holders of licenses purchased before the discount are not entitled to a refund except as provided by rule.

On April 2, 2015, the Commission authorized Order 15-22 to extend discounted nonresident tag fees for mountain lion and black bear in certain units, and statewide for gray wolf. The Commission discount for these units is \$41.75 for nonresident mountain lion and black bear tag fees, and the nonresident wolf tag fee of \$31.75, inclusive of the vendor issuance fee. This discount represents fees that are 22% and 17% of the full fee of \$186.

**Justification:** Order 15-22 is in effect through December 31, 2016. A new order is necessary to extend tag fee discounts.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:** The Commission has previously found a biological and public need to encourage participation in the hunting of mountain lion and black bear in certain units and in the hunting of wolves statewide as a rationale to discount nonresident tag fees, pursuant to I.C. 36-415.

**Public Involvement Process:** Through Commission public input (action item).

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends a new Commission Order, in effect through December 31, 2018, that extends the same nonresident mountain lion, black bear, and gray wolf tag discounts achieved in Commission Order 15-22.

A proposed discount order is attached for Commission consideration.

*Suggested Motion: I move to adopt the proposed Commission Order to discount nonresident tag fees to \$41.75, inclusive of vendor issuance fee, for mountain lion and black bear in Units 4, 4A, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 16A, 17, 19, 20, 20A, 26, 27, that portion of Unit 16 north of the Selway River, and those portions of Units 21 and 28 within designated wilderness and to discount the nonresident gray wolf tag fee statewide to \$31.75, inclusive of vendor fee.*