IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

November 2026 Commission Meeting ***Agenda Item No.:*** *7*
Agenda Item: *Final Update: Nonresident Tag Draw* ***Supervisor Approval:*** *AW*
Presented by: *Tara Reichert*
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Background:
This presentation will provide a final update on the implementation of the Nonresident Draw for 2026 nonresident general season deer and elk tags, including review of fiscal impacts and nonresident customer behavior throughout 2026.

At the May 2025 meeting, the Commission approved temporary rule to issue nonresident general season deer and elk tags through a draw framework for the 2026 season. This approval was made after having received recommendations at the January 2025 meeting to move to a draw system from the Nonresident Tag Issuance Advisory Group, and after receiving feedback from staff regarding options to develop the draw framework at the March 2025 meeting.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:
Under Idaho Code, Title 36-104 provides the privilege of drawing by lot for a controlled hunt permit or tag authorizing the person to whom issued to hunt, kill, or attempt to kill any species of wild animals or birds designated by the commission under such rules as it shall prescribe.

Idaho Code, Title 36-416 establishes fees for licenses, permits, and tags.

Idaho Administrative Rules, 13.01.04 Rules Governing Licensing and 13.01.08 Rules Governing the Taking of Big Game Animals, establish rules governing licensing, nonresident tag quotas, eligibility for applying for/buying tags, and how leftover/unsold/returned tags are available to residents and nonresidents.

Public Involvement Process:
The 10-member Nonresident Tag Issuance Advisory Group was formed by soliciting applications from the public at large. Other members of the public were welcome to provide their feedback to the group, which was used during the review process and when developing recommendations.

Public comment opportunities (in-person or written) were available in conjunction with Commission meetings in January, March, and May 2025.

Justification:
Informational presentation to ensure the Commission to aware of the status of implementation for the 2026 Nonresident Draw.

Staff Recommendation:
N/A – Informational only.

Suggested Motion:
N/A – Informational only.