IDAHO FISH AND GAME GOLDSHEET

November 2026 Commission Meeting ***Agenda Item No.:*** *8*
Agenda Item: *Overview of Important Licensing Dates and Procedures* ***Supervisor Approval:*** *AW*
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Background:
Throughout the year, there are key dates, deadlines, and processes for sportspeople to be aware of related to the purchase of their licenses and/or tags. The presentation is intended to provide an overview of those key dates and all options that our public has within those dates, including application and tag sale dates, tag exchange processes and deadlines, and refund opportunities.

Given that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has recently made a number of changes to how licenses and tags are issued throughout the year, staff would like to provide an opportunity to highlight all of the methods in which sportspeople can apply for or purchase their licenses and tag, and if their original plans change, what options they might have to ensure they still have an opportunity to get out into the field.

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:
Public involvement for the key dates and changes highlighted in this presentation were available through the public commenting process for negotiated rulemaking, and public comment opportunities (in-person or written) available in conjunction with Commission meetings in January, March, and May 2025.

Justification:
Informational presentation to ensure the Commission to aware key licensing dates, deadlines, and sale opportunities.

Staff Recommendation:
N/A – Informational only.

Suggested Motion:
N/A – Informational only.