

Meeting Date: May 17, 2017

Agenda Item No. 9

Agenda Item: Update about the implementation of
HB230 Revenue/Depredation/Access

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

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Background:

HB230 Fee Increase bill included many complex elements to Idaho Code that became effective May 1st. The Admin Bureau has been working to implement these changes by that deadline, most notably:

- Programming license system to require Access/Depredation (A/D) fee starting at 12:01 am 5/1/17
- Updating financial statements for revised deer/elk/antelope set-aside amounts
- Creation of new set-aside account for A/D fee
- Programming current license system to implement “price-lock” by December 1, 2017 for 2018 licenses.

In addition to programming the system, Admin and Communications worked together to notify vendors and sportsmen and women about the new fee. Postcards, vendor terminal posters, emails, news releases, and messaging was developed to minimize surprise to the general public.

Documentation on how the license system would handle the fee for new license purchases, upgrades to 3 year or Sportsman’s Pack, etc was distributed during the last week of April. Also, on May 1, the license section was fully staffed to make sure that we could quickly respond to any vendor questions that arose upon launch of the fee.

This informational update will include the experience of the Access/Depredation fee implementation to date and steps taken to communicate its benefits.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

HB230 created a new section of Idaho Code, I.C. 36-414 which created the Depredation and Sportsman Access Programs fee; as well as updated set aside amounts, balances, and transfers for various tags and amounts. All of these changes become effective May 1, 2017, except for “price-lock” which is effective December 1, 2017 for the 2018 license year.

Public Involvement Process:

N/A

Staff Recommendation:

Update only.

Justification:

N/A