

**BEFORE THE IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE SETTING OF )  
BIGHORN LOTTERY TAG ) ORDER NO. 24-20  
APPLICATION FEES )**

**BACKGROUND**

Idaho Code section 36-408(5)(b) authorizes the Commission to issue one (1) special bighorn sheep tag each year, with the tag to be issued by the Department of Fish and Game to an eligible person as determined by lottery drawing. Under Section 36-408 the bighorn sheep “lottery tag” may be marketed by the Department or a nonprofit organization dedicated to wildlife conservation selected by the Commission. Under Section 36-408, not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of gross revenue can be retained for administrative costs by such conservation organization selected by the Commission, and all net proceeds for the tag must be remitted to the Department and deposited in the fish and game expendable trust account. Section 36-408 also provides that the Department must use monies deposited in the account from bighorn lottery tag sales in solving problems between bighorn sheep and domestic sheep, solving problems between wildlife and domestic animals or improving relationships between sportsmen and private landowners.

Commission rule, IDAPA 13.01.04.800, clarifies that “tickets” for the bighorn sheep lottery tag are nontransferable controlled hunt applications.

The lottery tag is valid for use in any open controlled bighorn hunt, including Unit 11, in even-numbered years; it is valid for use in any open controlled bighorn hunt except Unit 11 in odd-numbered years. The lottery tag has generated as much as \$315,870 in 2022 and \$184,420 in 2020 when the tag was valid in Hunt Area 11. During odd-numbered years when the tag is not valid in Hunt Area 11 lottery proceeds were \$286,194 in 2023 and \$172,993 in 2021. Since 1992, the sale of tickets for the lottery tag drawing has generated \$2,372,497 in net proceeds.

Agreements with the nonprofit organization selected for marketing the Bighorn Sheep Lottery Tag have identified discounted prices, including additional discounts for multiple purchases. The published brochures (season proclamation and summary of rules) for Moose/ Bighorn Sheep/Mountain Goat have reflected these agreed-upon prices. The Commission has determined that a discount order pursuant to its authority under Idaho Code section 36-415, is an

appropriate procedural mechanism for memorializing the ticket/application prices for the Bighorn Sheep Lottery Tag.

Pursuant to its authority under Idaho Code section 36-415, the Commission finds a public need to optimize revenue from application fees for the Bighorn Sheep Lottery Tag Special Controlled Hunt Program through the discounting of application fees, including additional discounts for multiple applications.

### **ORDER**

THE COMMISSION HEREBY ORDERS:

Fees for all “Bighorn Sheep Lottery Tag” Special Controlled Hunt Applications for the July 2025 and July 2026 drawing is set as follows:

One (1) Ticket/Application - \$20.00

Six (6) Tickets/Applications - \$100.00

Fourteen (14) Tickets/Applications - \$166.75

Twenty-Five (25) Tickets/Applications - \$250.00

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

IDAHO FISH AND GAME COMMISSION



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Ron Davies, Chairman