

Meeting Date: November 15, 2022

Agenda Item No. 12

Agenda Item: Moose, Mountain Goat, Bighorn Sheep
Season Setting Preview

Bureau Chief Approval: JR

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Background:

A biennial report on status of moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats and a list of issues and preliminary proposals being considered is presented in November preceding adoption of harvest regulations in January of each odd-numbered year. In January 2023 the Fish and Game Commission will set seasons for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats for the 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

The Idaho Fish and Game Commission administers state wildlife policy through supervision and management of the Department (Idaho Code 36-104).

Public Involvement Process:

Public input is received year-round through contacts with interested sportsmen and others members of the public. Proposals and additional information will be developed and circulated statewide for public review during December-January. Public input will be summarized and considered to guide development of the Department's recommendations to the Commission in January.

Justification:

This agenda item is intended to inform Commissioners of current status, statewide management issues, and anticipated proposals for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats for the 2023 and 2024 seasons.

Staff Recommendation:

This agenda item is for Commission information only.

Action Requested:

No action is requested at this time.