

Meeting Date: January 28, 2021

Agenda Item No. 8

Agenda Item: Deer and Elk Status and Big Game
Season Setting Schedule Update

Bureau Chief Approval: TB

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Background:

Staff will present a statewide overview of the status of deer and elk populations in relation to deer population management unit objectives and elk management zone objectives. The Fish and Game Commission will also be briefed on mule deer and elk survival monitoring, mule deer herd composition survey results, and upcoming aerial surveys. Staff will also review the schedule and public input process for big game season setting for the March 2021 Commission Meeting.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

N/A

Public Involvement Process:

Information on status of deer and elk and other big game species will be made available to the public during regional scoping in February 2021. The Department will collect public input on season proposals at that time.

Justification:

Information will aid Commissioners as they respond to requests, recommendations, or other input from the public.

Staff Recommendation:

None. This agenda item is for Commission information.

Action Requested:

None.