

**Meeting Date:** January 27, 2022

**Agenda Item No. 9**

**Agenda Item:** Outfitter tag use final report

**Bureau Chief Approval:** JR

**Prepared by:** Rick Ward, State Wildlife Manager

**Background:**

Beginning with the 2021 season, outfitter tag sales have been administered through IDFG's licensing system, providing improved tracking and monitoring of outfitter tag use. Staff will present a statewide overview of the final 2021 general-hunt outfitter tag sales and use by tag type, including:

- Tags allocated to outfitters
- Tags purchased by outfitters
- Allocated tags returned to the nonresident pool
- Non-outfitted tags converted to outfitted tags
- Unused outfitter allocation

Staff will also provide an update on the designation of 2022 outfitter-allocated tags to individual outfitters by the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board (IOGLB).

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:**

Rules addressing implementation of caps and allocation of tags in capped general hunt zones and controlled hunts appear in IDAPA 13.01.04.505, Deer and Elk Tag Allocation.

Commission authority and options for allocating general season deer and elk tags to clients of licensed outfitters appear in Idaho Code 36-408 and IDAPA 13.01.04.505.

**Public Involvement Process:**

Department staff continue to work closely with IOGLB staff and Idaho Outfitters and Guide's Association (IOGA) leadership on outfitter use data and tag allocation. Public input was collected in conjunction with prior Commission meetings and during rulemaking and legislation related to nonresident limits and outfitter set-aside tag limits.

**Justification:**

This agenda item is for Commission information on the final status of 2021 outfitter-allocated tag use in general deer and elk hunts.

**Staff Recommendation:**

None. This agenda item is for Commission information.

**Action Requested:**

None.