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**Agenda Item No. 10**

**Agenda Item: Nonresident Deer & Elk Tag**

**Bureau Chief Approval TB**

**Quotas**

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**Background:**

Quotas for the total number of nonresident deer and elk tags are set annually by Administrative Rule. The following number of tags are set aside for sale to nonresidents for the 2021 season: 12,815 A or B Elk tags for all zones; 14,000 regular or white-tailed deer tags, and 1,500 white-tailed deer tags.

The table below provides a review of total nonresident deer and elk tag quotas since 1990.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Elk</b>	<b>Regular Deer*</b>	<b>Southeast Deer</b>	<b>White-tailed Deer</b>	<b>Total Deer Tags</b>
1990	12,815	15,500			15,500
1991	12,815	15,500			15,500
1992	12,815	15,500			15,500
1993	12,815	15,500			15,500
1994	12,815	15,500			15,500
1995	12,815	14,700	800		15,500
1996	12,815	14,500	1,000		15,500
1997	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
1998	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
1999	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2000	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2001	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2002	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2003	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2004	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2005	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2006	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2007	12,815	12,800	1,200		14,000
2008	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2009	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2010	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2011	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2012	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2013	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2014	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2015	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2016	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2017	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2018	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2019	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500
2020	12,815	14,000		1,500	15,500

\* Regular tags include Regular, Clearwater (1998-2004) & White-tailed deer (2005-present) tags.

Nonresident deer tags have sold out since 2016 and nonresident elk tags have sold out since 2017. Nonresident deer tags did not sell out from 2009 -2015; nonresident elk tags did not sell out 2009 - 2016. The 2019 nonresident deer tag quota sold out on Sep. 13, 2019, and the nonresident elk tag quota sold out on Aug 16, 2019.

In 2019 nonresidents purchased 13,676 deer tags as first tags. The remaining tags from the quota were sold to nonresident and resident hunters as second deer tags. In 2019 nonresidents purchased 12,403 elk tags as first tags. The remaining tags from the quota were sold to nonresident and resident hunters as second elk tags.

Tags designated to nonresidents in capped elk zones are a subset of the total nonresident elk tag quota. In 2020 the Commission gained authority by Administrative Rule to limit the number of general season deer and elk tags available for nonresident hunters in a zone or big game hunting unit to no less than 10% of the average hunter participation estimated for that zone or unit during the previous 5 years. Any such nonresident tags limited by the Commission would also be a subset of the total statewide nonresident deer and elk tag quotas.

Further, the number of deer and elk tags set aside for use by outfitted clients are also subsets of the total statewide nonresident deer and elk tag quotas.

Nonresidents with Idaho resident lifetime license certificates, nonresident junior mentored hunters, and nonresident Disabled American Veteran tag holders are not counted against the total nonresident deer and elk tag quotas.

Nonresident controlled hunt tags are separate from the general season total nonresident deer and elk tag quotas.

### **Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:**

Idaho Code provides the Commission authority to limit nonresident participation.

Idaho Code 36-408. COMMISSION'S AUTHORITY -- TAGS -- PERMITS -- NONRESIDENTS LIMITED -- OUTFITTERS SET-ASIDE.

(2) Limit -- Licenses, Tags or Permits -- Controlled Hunts. The commission is hereby authorized to establish a limit annually as to the number of each kind and class of licenses, tags, or permits to be sold or issued and is further authorized to limit the number or prohibit entirely, the participation by nonresidents in controlled hunts.

Administrative Rule establishes the total number of deer and elk tags set aside annually for sale to nonresidents.

IDAPA 13.01.04.600. NONRESIDENT DEER AND ELK TAG QUOTAS.

01. Tag Quotas. The following number of deer tags and elk tags shall be set aside annually and reserved for sale to nonresidents:

- a. Fourteen thousand (14,000) regular or white-tailed deer tags;
- b. Twelve thousand eight hundred fifteen (12,815) A or B elk tags for all zones;
- c. One thousand five hundred (1,500) white-tailed deer tags;

02. Exceptions. Sales of nonresident general hunt deer and elk tags to the following persons will not be counted in the quota:

- a. Unqualified Residents: Persons who have moved into Idaho and by notarized affidavit show proof of their intent to become bona fide Idaho residents but are not yet qualified to purchase a resident license.
- b. Designated Buyers of unused nonresident tags to which the quota has already applied: an unused nonresident general hunt deer or elk tag, accompanied by a notarized affidavit stating that the tag buyer has not hunted, may be designated to another nonresident for purchase at the regular tag price, by the original buyer or an outfitter or guide retained by the original buyer, or absent such designation,

- may be sold by the Department on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- c. Holders of resident lifetime license certificates who are no longer Idaho residents.
  - d. Holders of nonresident junior mentored and disabled American veteran tags.

Administrative Rule provides the Commission authority to limit nonresident participation in general season deer and elk hunts by zone or big game hunting unit.

IDAPA 13.01.08.255. NONRESIDENT TAG RESTRICTIONS.

01. Nonresident Tag Limitations.

- d. In general hunts, the Commission may limit by proclamation the number of tags available for nonresident hunters in a zone or big game hunting unit to no less than ten percent (10%) of the average hunter participated estimated for the zone or unit during the previous five (5) year period.

**Justification:**

The agenda item is for Commission information. Nonresident quotas for deer and elk tags are set annually by Administrative Rule.

**Staff Recommendation:**

N/A. This agenda item is for Commission information. No action is required.