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Agenda Item No. 12

Agenda Item: Briefing on 2nd Controlled Hunt Draw **Bureau Chief Approval:** ES

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Background:

The Idaho State Bowhunters (ISB) asked the Department about eliminating the second big game controlled hunt drawing period and instead creating a list of alternate names from the applicant pool to which unclaimed tags would be assigned.

The 2nd draw period originated in 2001 from a publicly vetted, hunter-based proposal for a second drawing to distribute controlled hunt tags that were routinely not sold each year. The Commission created a purchase deadline to claim tags from the initial drawing and then provided a second application period and drawing for the tags that were unclaimed from the first drawing.

Staff will present a more in-depth review of the history of why the second draw was put in place, and pros, cons, and potential consequences of changing the current draw system. Staff will also review the process and timeline for potential change.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Idaho Code 36-104 grants authority to the Commission to create controlled tags for limited opportunity hunts. IDAPA 13.01.08 establishes rules regarding controlled hunts and procedures.

Public Involvement Process: The communication from ISB has been the only public involvement preceding this agenda item.

Justification: This agenda item is for Commission information and discussion.

Staff Recommendation:

Provide direction to staff as to whether or not to include modification of the second controlled hunt draw process as an item for future year rulemaking for big game.