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Agenda Item No. 5.J.

**Agenda Item: Renew Discount Order for Super
Hunt/Super Hunt Combo Application
Fees**

Bureau Chief Approval: PK

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Background:

Many western state fish and wildlife agencies offer special big game auction and lottery tag (controlled hunt) programs to generate revenue for license-funded conservation programs. Idaho has a Special Controlled Hunt (referred to as “Super Hunt” or “Lottery Tags”) (IDAPA 13.01.08.261), which offers forty (40) big game tags through a random draw process. Idaho offers these tags for both individual species (Super Hunt tags: 10 deer, 10 elk, 10 pronghorn, 2 moose) and a combination of species (Super Hunt Combo: 2 tag packages that each include 1 deer, 1 elk, 1 pronghorn, and 1 moose tag). These tags allow hunting in any open controlled or general hunt for the species. Commission rule designates income from Super Hunt application fees for use for the sportsman access program. The majority of “first” applications each year are from Idaho resident hunters but many resident and nonresident applicants purchase additional applications for each draw.

In July, 2015, the Commission approved a Discount Order that provided a consistent fee of \$6.00 per each Super Hunt application and \$20.00 per each Super Hunt Combo application that incorporated the vendor fee. This approach has demonstrated benefits for both revenue and customer simplicity, and the Commission has previously renewed the discount so it is effective through August 10, 2020.

The Commission must take action to extend the discount for Super Hunt application fees. If the Commission chooses not to renew the discount, the application fees default to the controlled hunt application fees in I.C. 36-416.

For example, application fees without a discount order would be:

Super Hunt elk = \$6.25 resident/\$14.75 nonresident (including vendor fees)

Super Hunt Moose = \$16.75 resident/\$41.75 nonresident (including vendor fees)

Super Hunt Combo = \$35.50 resident/\$86.00 nonresident (including vendor fees)

The Super Hunt revenue trend for sales with discounted application fees is shown in Figure 1 on page 2.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues:

The Commission established the Special Controlled Hunt Program in 2006 (IDAPA 13.01.08). The Program offers forty (40) big game tags through a random draw process. The Commission intent for this Program is to provide funding for the statewide sportsman access program. The Rule states that application fees will be set by Commission Order under Section 36-415, Idaho Code, or will be the same as the controlled hunt application fee set in Section 36-416, Idaho Code.

Public Involvement Process:

No public involvement has occurred other than continued participation in the Super Hunt opportunity.