

**Meeting Date:** March 19-20, 2020

**Agenda Item No.** 8

**Agenda Item:** Alternative to 2nd Controlled Hunt Draw  
Information

**Approved by:** TB

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**Background:**

Members of the hunting public have asked the Department to investigate possible modifications to the big game second controlled hunt drawing framework. The Department has conducted a second drawing for the leftover and unpurchased deer, elk, and pronghorn tags for over 2 decades. The issues outlined are (1) the proposers don't like paying a second application fee, (2) during the second drawing a tag could go to someone who had originally applied for a different hunt and was unsuccessful in drawing that tag in the first draw, (3) they don't like the fact that hunters who have already applied for earlier moose, sheep and goat tags can now apply, (4) drawing odds during the second draw are poor and (5) the timing of the second draw process some early hunts have already begun by the time the results have become available.

Their proposed solution would be to eliminate the second drawing and instead create a list of alternate names from the applicant pool and unclaimed tags would be assigned an alternate within a short period of time.

Staff will review this idea with the Commission and outline the potential benefits and challenges of the concept.

**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:** N/A

**Staff Recommendation:** For information only