

Meeting Date: November 17, 2017

Agenda Item No. XX

Agenda Item: Transfer of tags from adults to youth
by species

Bureau Chief Approval:

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Background:

In 2012, House Bill 457 passed the legislature which allowed parents and grandparents to designate a controlled hunt tag or permit to a minor child or grandchild as prescribed by the rules of the Commission. The current statutory requirement that each person must possess a license proper to their residency was not modified by H457. The Commission proceeded to adopt proposed rules to implement H457 that included the designation had to stay within the residency (resident to resident, for example) to be consistent with Idaho Code 36-405 (c)1. The rules took effect in 2013. The rule allows an adult who draws a controlled hunt to transfer that tag to their minor child or grandchild. This applies to all species that have controlled hunts.

Some Commissioners have heard input from constituents suggesting that they should consider limiting the controlled hunt species, particularly designation restricting the once in a life time species (Moose, Mountain Goat, and Bighorn Sheep). Some of the public view the current rule as having an adverse effect on drawing odds for controlled hunt tags. It is difficult to ascertain whether that is necessarily true, but the total number of controlled hunt applications has increased to exceed all time sales over the past few years making the drawing for many hunts lower than a decade ago.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

IDAPA 13.01.08 (h) is the rule for the designation of tags from adults to youth. Making changes to this rule requires the Commission to go through the rulemaking process. The current moratorium on rulemaking restricts the Commission ability to make rules during this time period. This moratorium extends until the end of the 2018 legislative session, at that time Commission could begin the rulemaking process to consider a change to the rule.

Public Involvement Process:

This agenda item is for Commission information. If the Commission decides at future meetings to move forward, the Department would begin the rulemaking process, which may include negotiated rulemaking.

Justification:

This agenda item is to provide information to the Commission at the request of the Commission

Staff Recommendation:

This agenda is for information only.