**Meeting Date:** August 31, 2022

**Agenda Item:** Adjust 2022 season dates for Hunt No. 2167

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**Background:**
When the Commission limited nonresident general-season tags in previously uncapped elk zones and general deer units starting in 2021, Department staff did not fully anticipate the effect on landowners’ ability to use nonresidents to address wildlife depredation issues on private property. This agenda item is intended to remedy a localized private-land depredation issue by modifying dates in an existing hunt framework.

Hunt number 2167 is a Landowner Permission Hunt in hunt area 21A-1X, 50 tags, currently December 1 – December 31. This agenda item proposes changing the 2022 season dates to September 1 – December 31.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:**
Idaho Statute 36-104 authorizes the Commission to set hunting seasons and limits.

**Public Involvement Process:**
The Department and Commission have received input from deer and elk hunters year-round, in the field, by phone and email, and through input received through surveys, online, and at public meetings and open houses during season setting processes, management plan development, and through testimony at Fish and Game Commission meetings. In addition, we receive regular input from landowners and others affected by wildlife damage.

**Justification:**
Commission action is required to adopt changes to the 2022 hunting seasons that were set by proclamation by the Commission in March 2021.

**Staff Recommendation:**

**Sample Motion:** I move the Commission adopt staff recommendations for adjustments to the 2022 big game hunting season for Landowner Permission Hunt 2167.