

Meeting Date: August 23, 2018

Agenda Item No. 3.E.

Agenda Item: Resolution of Rain Check Request for
Moose Tag

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

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Background: In 2015, the Commission clarified their delegation of authority to the Director for responding to individual requests for rain checks, refunds, and other customer service accommodations for licenses, tags, and permits. The Delegation of Authority is attached.

A rain check request for a 2018 Controlled Hunt Moose tag, Hunt 3074, Controlled Hunt Area 69-1, 8/30-11/23 season dates) has been submitted by a disabled hunter because he has not been able to find an acceptable outfitter based on the hunter's perspective about an appropriate price for an outfitted hunt and outfitter interest to guide moose in this area. The disabled hunter acknowledges he has companions available to assist him in hunting relative to his disability.

As required, the rain check request was made prior to the start of the hunting season; the first inquiry from the hunter occurred on July 20. The Upper Snake Region did follow up with the hunter to provide some information about locations that could be productive to hunt moose.

As noted in the Delegation of Authority, resolving any request for a raincheck for a moose tag that is not related widespread environmental incident, such as fire where opportunity is severely limited, or illness, injury, or death which precludes any hunting related to a controlled hunt tag, must be resolved by the Commission.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues: The Commission has sole authority to consider requests for refund or raincheck for tags that do not fall within the delegation of authority to the Director.

Public Involvement Process: As a Commission action item, the public is notified of possible action and can provide written input.

Staff Recommendation: During development of the Director Delegation, the Commission did not discuss inability to find an acceptable outfitter as a valid reason for rain check accommodation but any decision is the authority of the Commission. Staff recommends the following motion if the Commission determines to not approve the rain check request:

I move we do not approve the request by Robert Schroeder for a rain check in 2019 for a controlled hunt moose tag in 2018 for hunt 3074 in Controlled Hunt Area 69-1.

If the Commission determines to approve the rain check request:

I move we approve the request by Robert Schroeder for a rain check in 2019 for a controlled hunt moose tag in 2018 for hunt 3074 in Controlled Hunt Area 69-1.

Justification: Commission has authority to revoke this request.