

Meeting Date: September 28, 2018

Agenda Item No. 1.B.

Agenda Item: Consider Request for Rain Check for
Controlled Hunt 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 Antlered Deer tag, Hunt 1041, Controlled Hunt Area 54, 11/15-11/30 season dates, 20 total tags) has been submitted by a nonresident hunter because although the hunter successfully completed the “look-up” on the website to determine he drew the tag, he did not receive a post card or email that relayed the deadline of August 6th for tag (revised from August 1) purchase and missed the purchase deadline. Page 108 of the Idaho Big Game brochure describes the Purchasing Deadline and there were numerous media releases and references on the IDFG website, but the hunter was apparently only looking at the online license vendor website where the look-up was provided. The hunter contacted Fish and Game directly on August 16 to inquire about picking up his tag, which by this time had been issued through the second draw for unissued controlled hunt tags. Staff investigation has determined that the lack of email was likely a data extract issue from our online license vendor but mailing of the postcard was confirmed. The hunter had previously drawn a different controlled hunt in 2009 as a resident of Idaho and successfully completed tag purchase.

As required, the rain check request was made prior to the start of the hunting season; the request from the hunter was received on September 7, 2018.

Hunt 1041 had 2% draw odds. As noted in the Delegation of Authority, resolving any request for a raincheck for a tag in a hunt that has less than 5% draw odds 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:

Staff recommends the following motion if the Commission determines to approve the rain check request:

I move we approve the request by Matt Berry for a rain check in 2019 for a 2018 controlled hunt deer tag for hunt 1041 in Controlled Hunt Area 54.

If the Commission determines to not approve the rain check request:

I move we do not approve the request by Matt Berry for a rain check in 2019 for a 2018 controlled hunt deer tag for hunt 1041 in Controlled Hunt Area 54.

Justification: Commission has authority to address this request.