

Meeting Date: May 17, 2019

Agenda Item No. 5.B.

Agenda Item: Adopt Proposed Rule Revising Issuance
of Disabled Veterans Special Big Game Tags to Comply
with 2019 Legislation, Senate Bill 1088a

Bureau Chief Approval: _____

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Background: The 2019 Legislature passed Senate Bill 1088 as amended, which was signed by the Governor. This bill becomes law effective July 1, 2019 and revises the Fish and Game Disabled Veterans Special Big Game Hunt Tag program. The bill directs that the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) may prescribe by rule the manner and conditions of using the tags and that the Commission shall issue five tags. The bill authorizes the Idaho Division of Veterans Services to screen all applicants for eligibility and provide the Commission with a prioritized list of applicants, based on “most deserving”, for issuance including two tags designated for candidates sponsored by the Idaho Division of Veterans Services. The current program requirement that a qualified organization must sponsor an applicant does not change.

Adoption of revised rules is necessary to comply with new law. Rule revision also presents opportunity to implement the Governor’s Executive Order to reduce agency rules by deleting information in rule that is duplicative to statute and streamlining language.

The staff proposal is attached (Attachment A).

Statutory Authority and/or Policy issues: Commission has authority for rulemaking.

Public Involvement Process: Public involvement opportunity was provided during presentation of Senate Bill 1088a in legislative committees.

Staff Recommendation: Implement rules as proposed by staff to comply with new law.

I move we adopt the staff proposal for the Disabled Veterans Special Big Game Tag rules.

Justification: Rule adoption necessary to comply with new law.