Meeting Date: July 26, 2018  
Agenda Item No. 5D  
Agenda Item: Nonresident Deer & Elk Tag Outfitter Set-Aside quota (Action)  
Bureau Chief Approval: 

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Background:  
The Fish and Game Commission annually establishes a quota on general nonresident deer and elk tags for use by hunters using the services of a licensed Idaho outfitter. Outfitter set-aside quotas are a subset of the total nonresident deer and elk tag quotas, not an addition to the total nonresident deer and elk tag quotas. Any outfitter set-aside tags not claimed by outfitted clients by July 1 revert back to the nonresident quotas for the Department to sell to nonresident hunters.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:  
Idaho Code 36-408. COMMISSION’S AUTHORITY -- TAGS -- PERMITS -- NONRESIDENTS LIMITED -- OUTFITTERS SET-ASIDE.  
(3) Outfitters Set-aside. When the commission establishes a limit as to the number of nonresident deer tags and nonresident elk tags, it shall set aside annually a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the nonresident deer tag and nonresident elk tag limit. The set-aside tags shall be sold only to persons that have entered into an agreement for that year to utilize the services of an outfitter licensed pursuant to Chapter 21, Title 36, Idaho Code. In order for a person to purchase any set-aside nonresident deer tag or nonresident elk tag, that person’s outfitter must submit an application with the proper fees as required by the director. If any nonresident deer tags or nonresident elk tags set aside pursuant to this subsection are unsold by July 1 of the year in which they were set aside, they may be sold by the department to the general public who are nonresidents. The commission may promulgate all necessary rules to implement the provisions of this subsection.

IDAPA 13.01.04.500. NONRESIDENT DEER AND ELK TAG OUTFITTER SET-ASIDE.  
01. Tags. The following number of nonresident deer tags and nonresident elk tags shall annually be set aside and reserved for sale to persons who have entered into an agreement to utilize the services of an outfitter who is licensed under Chapter 21, Title 36, Idaho Code. For each hunting season:  
   a. One thousand nine hundred eighty five (1,985) deer tags (regular or white-tailed);  
   b. Two thousand four hundred (2,400) elk tags (A or B tags for all zones);

The current outfitter set-aside represents 13% of the tags in the nonresident deer tag quota and 19% of the tags in the nonresident elk tag quota. In 2017, 1,662 set-aside deer tags and 474 set-aside elk tags were unsold and returned to the nonresident quotas.

Public Involvement Process:  
The Idaho Outfitters & Guides Licensing Board and the Idaho Outfitters & Guides Association have been consulted.

Justification:  
Commission action is required to set aside nonresident deer and elk tags for outfitted hunters from the nonresident deer and elk tag quotas.
Staff Recommendation:
Staff recommends no change to the existing 2018 nonresident deer and elk tag outfitter set-aside quotas and recommends the following quotas for 2019:

- 1,985 deer tags (regular or white-tailed)
- 2,400 elk tags (A or B tags for all zones)

Suggested Motion: Accept staff recommendation for establishing quotas for the 2019 deer and elk outfitter set-aside tags.