

**Meeting Date:** January 24, 2019

**Agenda Item No. 8**

**Agenda Item:** Statewide Deer and Elk Status Update

**Bureau Chief Approval:** 

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**Background:**

Staff will present a statewide overview of the status of deer and elk populations in relation to deer population management unit objectives and elk management zone objectives. The Fish and Game Commission will also be briefed on mule deer and elk survival monitoring, our new elk and deer camera monitoring program, mule deer herd composition survey results, and upcoming aerial surveys that will aid in the development of deer and elk hunting season recommendations for the Commission meeting in March 2019.

**Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:**

N/A

**Public Involvement Process:**

Information on status of deer and elk and other big game species will be made available to the public during regional open houses in February 2019. The Department will collect public input on season proposals at that time.

**Justification:**

Information will aid Commissioners as they respond to requests, recommendations, or other input from the public.

**Staff Recommendation:**

None. This agenda item is for Commission information.

**Action Requested:**

None.