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**Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group (NRTIAG)
MEETING MINUTES**

June 24, 2024

Ellary TuckerWilliams, Legislative and Community Engagement Coordinator, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 1:00 pm mountain time.

Members attending virtually included: Benn Brocksome, Ned Burns, Jerry Cloninger, Brad Compton, Michael Fuller, Mark Harris, Aaron Lieberman, James Petzke, Tyrel Stevenson, Mike Veile

IDFG staff in attendance included: Ellary TuckerWilliams, Tara Reichert, Rick Ward, and Kathleen Trever

In compliance with open meeting law, members of the public had the opportunity to attend virtually, through a Teams meeting link.

Welcome and Orientation

Ellary TuckerWilliams

Ellary asked the NRTIAG members and IDFG staff to introduce themselves and give some brief background information.

Ellary asked NRTIAG members to verify their preferred contact information. Minor edits were incorporated.

Deputy Attorney General Kathleen Trever reviewed Open Meeting Law and how to comply as a body making recommendations to the Commission.

Ellary reviewed NRTIAG ground rules including:

- Be respectful of differing opinions
- Avoid interrupting
- Be present and engaged
- Stay on topic and be constructive with comments
- Ask questions, don't make assumptions
- Remember to "share the air"
- Everyone participates

- Recognize that everyone shares responsibility for the success the NRTIAG

NRTIAG Charter

Ellary explained that the NRTIAG was convened to review current processes for how the IDFG issues general season deer and elk tags to nonresidents, and to develop recommendations to the Commission on potential changes and improvements. Recommendations are to be received by the Idaho Fish and Game Commission (Commission) for consideration by the end of 2024 to facilitate any necessary legislation development and/or rulemaking in 2025 and/or 2026, should the Commission decide to move forward with implementing the recommendations. IDFG is to serve on the Advisory Group in an ex officio manner to provide technical expertise and to answer questions.

Ellary proceeded to explain that there are 5 sideboards identified by IDFG that the NRTIAG must either acknowledge or address with any future recommendations including:

- As a dedicated fund agency that is entirely self-funded, IDFG must remain financially whole
- Maintain customer demand
- Legally required to allow for a minimum of 10% non-resident hunter participation
- All recommendations are contingent upon the technological capabilities of Brandt, IDFG's third party vendor
- The Commission will make the ultimate decision on the recommendations brought forth by the Advisory Group

Ellary then reviewed the drafted NRTIAG Charter which was circulated to members prior to the meeting and opened the floor up for discussion.

After thorough discussion by the group, IDFG was asked to incorporate the 5 sideboards into the charter and clarify that the goal of the NRTIAG is to have 100% consensus on final recommendations to the Commission. However, if consensus is not possible, the NRTIAG will vote, requiring a 3/4's majority for any recommendation to move forward.

Overview of Non-Resident Tag Distribution and Sale Process

Ellary turned the floor over to Tara to provide the NRTIAG with a detailed overview of the non-resident tag distribution and sale process. This presentation included:

- The history of non-resident deer and elk tags
- Changes to non-resident deer and elk tag implementation for 2021 season
- GoOutdoorsIdaho licensing system and IDFG customer impacts based on the 2020 changes
- Actions and updates taken by IDFG to improve the tag purchasing process

Advisory Group Reactions, Thoughts, and Questions

Ellary opened the remainder of the meeting to discussion by the NRTIAG. Following discussion by members of the NRTIAG, IDFG was tasked with the following action items:

- Calendar invite for next meeting and Zoom link
 - July 25th, 9-11am – on Zoom
- Update group charter and recirculate
- Number of residents who purchase 2nd NR tags
- Request for an in-depth breakdown of DAV tags at next meeting
- Summary of ID resident and NR hunter demographics
- Visual aid to show where NRs are coming from and where they are choosing to hunt
- Cost comparison of ID tags to other western states
- Send Tara's Non-Resident Tag Distribution and Sale Process presentation to the group

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm