

12/23/2024

**Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group - FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Members Present: Benn Brocksome, Ned Burns, Jerry Cloninger, Brad Compton, Mark Harris, Aaron Lieberman, Tyrel Stevenson, Mike Veile, and James Petzke (present for a portion of the meeting).

Members Absent: Michael Fuller (absent for the entirety of the meeting) and James Petzke (absent for a portion of the meeting)

Per the Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group (NRTIAG) charter, a 3/4's majority is needed to advance any recommendations to the Commission for consideration.

NRTIAG members present agreed to allow James Petzke and Michael Fuller to provide their vote via email in their physical absence, barring any substantive changes to the language as drafted and provided to members of the group for review prior to the meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. James Petzke and Michal Fuller were marked as “absent” with any new recommendations or previously drafted recommendations with substantive language changes.

**Voting Key:**

- Y - yes
- N - no
- Ab - absent
- Abs - abstain

**1) Draw vs Over-the-Counter Non-Resident Tag Issuance Framework**

- a. The Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group recommends to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission the following:

Recommendation	BB	NB	JC	BC	MF	MH	AL	JP	TS	MV	Notes
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is to transition from its current over-the-counter non-resident general season deer and elk tag framework to a draw system.	y	y	y	y	y	y	abs	y	y	y	Motion: NB Second: BB  Recommendation advances to the

											Commission for consideration.  Aaron Lieberman abstained from the vote because the Association cannot support transitioning to a draw system without first understanding the outfitter allocation recommendations, which are foundational to engaging meaningfully with the broader framework.
Outfitter tag allocation is to be separate from the non-resident general season deer and elk tag draw system.	y	y	y	y	ab	y	y	ab	y	y	Motion: MH Second: AL  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.

## 2) General Season Deer and Elk Tag Draw System

- a. The Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group recommends to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission the following for a general season deer and elk non-resident tag draw system:

Recommendation	BB	NB	JC	BC	MF	MH	AL	JP	TS	MV	Notes
Non-residents can only apply for the general season deer and elk tag draws online, over the	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: BB Second: NB

phone, at regional offices, or at approved vendors.											Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
Idaho will be the first western state to close its draw application window, barring any extenuating circumstances.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	n	<p>Motion: BB Second: NB</p> <p>Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.</p> <p>Mike Veile voted no because he believes this recommendation will artificially inflate an excessive demand.</p>
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will charge a non-refundable draw application fee, in an amount to be determined by the Commission.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	<p>Motion: BB Second: MH</p> <p>Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.</p>
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will require non-residents to have a valid same-year Idaho big game hunting license to apply for the general season deer and elk tag draws.	y	y	y	n	y	y	y	y	y	y	<p>Motion: MH Second: NB</p> <p>Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.</p>

											Brad Compton voted no because he cannot support the recommendation without first knowing what other states charge and how it may impact demand, per the NRTIAG charter.
The transfer of general nonresident season deer and elk tags to save place in quota will not be allowed, except outfitter-allocated non-resident general season deer and elk tags may be transferred to another outfitted non-resident hunter at the request of the licensed outfitter	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: BB Second: AL  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will offer a group option on the general season deer and elk tag draw applications. Specifics to be determined by the Department.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: JC Second: BB  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will preauthorize credit/debit card transactions and charge for successful general season non-resident deer and elk tag draw applicants.  <i>Note: The intent of this recommendation is to reduce the quantity of tags in a subsequent draw or OTC sale, decrease the likelihood of less desirable tags going unsold, and provide consistency with other western states.</i>	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: BC Second: BB  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will notify successful non-resident general season deer and elk draw applicants with failed credit card transactions that they have a short window to successfully purchase the awarded tag, otherwise the tag is returned to the Department to be reissued.	n	n	y	n	y	n	abs	y	n	n	<p>Motion: BC Second: JC</p> <p>Recommendation fails to advance to the Commission for consideration.</p> <p>The recommendation failed to advance because of three main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increased administrative burden on IDFG</li> <li>- A belief that it is the responsibility of the individual to ensure their credit or debit card is valid before the draw</li> <li>- Other states do not offer such a grace period.</li> </ul>
Any leftover, returned, or failed transaction non-resident general season deer or elk tags are to be sold to residents and non-residents in a subsequent draw and/or over-the-counter on a	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	<p>Motion: BB Second: MH</p>

first-come first-served basis, with specifics of the later sale(s) to be determined by the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.											Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
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### 3) Non-Resident Disabled American Veterans Tags

- a. The Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group recommends to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission the following for non-resident Disabled American Veteran (DAV) tags under a general season deer and elk tag draw framework:

Recommendation	BB	NB	JC	BC	MF	MH	AL	JP	TS	MV	Notes
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is to have a separate non-resident general season deer and elk tag draw for DAV (preceding the non-DAV tag draw), in which the number of DAV tags allowed is limited per unit/zone, either by percentage or otherwise as set by the Department.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: BB Second: BC  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will require DAV to have an Idaho hunting license valid for big game to apply for the DAV general season deer and elk draws.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: BB Second: MH  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
The application for the DAV draw will allow (but not require) applicants to also complete (at the same time) a draw application for the regular non-resident general season deer and elk draw as a non-DAV applicant, which will be submitted in the event they are not successful in the DAV draw. DAV applicants will only be charged a single application fee for the DAV and contingent non-DAV draw.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: BB Second: JC  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.

DAV applicants may submit a group application, but DAV and non-DAV applicants cannot be combined on the same application	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: NB Second: BB  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will not count non-resident DAV tags against the statewide non-resident limits.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: BB Second: NB  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.

#### 4) Mentored Youth Tags

- a. The Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group recommends to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission the following for non-resident mentored youth tags under a general season deer and elk tag draw framework:

Recommendation	BB	NB	JC	BC	MF	MH	AL	JP	TS	MV	Notes
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is to maintain the current mentored youth program in the new draw framework.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: BB Second: NB  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
Idaho Department of Fish and Game will not count mentored youth against the statewide non-resident limit.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: MH Second: BB  Recommendation advances to the

											Commission for consideration.
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### 5) Non-Resident Lifetime License Holders

- a. The Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group recommends to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission the following for non-resident lifetime license holders under a general season deer and elk tag draw framework:

Recommendation	BB	NB	JC	BC	MF	MH	AL	JP	TS	MV	Notes
The Idaho Department of Fish and Game is to maintain the current Lifetime License program in the new draw framework.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: BC Second: NB  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
Non-resident tags bought by lifetime license holders will not count against statewide non-resident limit.	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: BC Second: NB  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.

### 6) Reduction of Non-Resident General Season Deer and Elk Hunter Participation to 10%

- a. The Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group recommends to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission the following:

Recommendation	BB	NB	JC	BC	MF	MH	AL	JP	TS	MV	Notes
Should there be any future recommendation or directive to reduce non-resident general season deer and elk hunter participation to 10%, the subsequent loss in IDFG revenue will be recouped among resident, non-resident, and	y	y	y	y	ab	y	abs	ab	y	y	Motion: MV Second: MH  Recommendation advances to the



outfitter allocated tag prices, in an amount as determined by the Commission.											Commission for consideration.  Aaron Lieberman abstained, citing the need to review recommendations with stakeholders and noting outfitter-allocated tags are already part of the nonresident quota.
The Commission is encouraged to survey resident hunters to gauge willingness of residents to pay higher resident fees to reduce non-resident participation and offset revenue loss to the Department.	y	y	y	y	ab	y	y	ab	y	y	Motion: TS Second: BC  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.

## 7) Outfitter Tag Allocation – General

- a. The Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group recommends to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission the following:

Recommendation	BB	NB	JC	BC	MF	MH	AL	JP	TS	MV	Notes
The Commission and Legislature are to consider allowing licensed outfitting businesses to market their services directly to non-resident draw applicants.	y	y	y	y	ab	y	y	ab	y	y	Motion: JC Second: NB  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.

The Commission is to consider formulating an outfitter tag allocation working group.	y	y	y	y	ab	y	y	ab	y	y	Motion: BB Second: BC  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
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### 8) Outfitter Tag Allocation – Capped Elk Zones

- a. The Non-Resident Tag Issuance Advisory Group recommends to the Idaho Fish and Game Commission the following for capped elk zone outfitter allocation within a general season deer and elk non-resident draw system:

Recommendation	BB	NB	JC	BC	MF	MH	AL	JP	TS	MV	Notes
1. The Idaho Department of Fish and Game will recalculate the historical use for establishing capped elk zone outfitter allocation at a frequency to be determined by the Fish and Game Commission.	y	y	y	y	ab	y	y	ab	y	y	Motion: MH Second: BB  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
2. Use of an outfitter by Idaho residents with non-allocated tags will not count towards historical use for establishing outfitter tag allocation for capped elk zones.	y	y	y	n	ab	n	n	ab	y	y	Motion: MV Second: NB  Recommendation fails to advance to the Commission for consideration.  The recommendation failed to advance because of a lack

											of robust group discussion, outfitter representation, historical reference, and knowledge relative to the potential impacts to the outfitting industry.
3. Commission is to work with IOGLB to review historic use (such as residents hunters building historic outfitter use) including private and public land outfitting.	y	y	y	y	ab	y	n	ab	y	y	<p>Motion: BC Second: BB</p> <p>Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.</p> <p>Aaron Lieberman voted no, citing the topic's complexity and the absence of prior group discussion or adequate time for consideration before the meeting.</p>
4. Tags allocated for outfitter use in addition to current allocation would come from the nonresident portion under the cap for each zone.	y	y	y	y	ab	y	y	y	y	y	<p>Motion: TS Second: BB</p> <p>Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.</p>

5. Total outfitter tag allocation cannot exceed a percentage as determined by the Commission of any given non-resident quota capped elk zone.	y	y	y	y	ab	y	y	y	y	y	Motion: MV Second: BC  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.
Backcountry capped elk zones are to be considered separately. The Commission is to consider redistributing returned allocated tags to the resident quota.	y	y	y	y	ab	y	y	ab	y	y	Motion: MH Second: BC  Recommendation advances to the Commission for consideration.

#### 9) Outfitter Tag Allocation – Newly Limited Units and Zones

Due to the extensive amount of time spent on discussing the non-resident general season deer and elk tag draw framework and outfitter allocation in capped elk zones, the NRTIAG was unable discuss newly limited (also known as uncapped units and zones) before recommendations were due to the Commission. Therefore, there are no recommendations specific to newly limited units and zones (also known as uncapped units and zones) to advance to the Commission for consideration.