



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: August 13, 2020

Agenda Item: Selection of Organizations to Auction 2021 Moose, Sheep, Goat, Mule Deer and Elk Licenses.

Action Needed: Approval of Final Action

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 Minutes

Background:

ARM 12.3.131 & 12.3.132 establish the criteria and process for selecting conservation organizations to conduct the moose, sheep, goat, mule deer and elk license auctions/lotteries. The Department solicited proposals to conduct the auctions/lotteries. The Commission decides which organization is awarded the license(s) for distribution through auction or lottery.

The 2020 species auction licenses were awarded to: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) – elk, Mule Deer Foundation (MDF) – mule deer, Wild Sheep Foundation (WSF) – bighorn sheep, Safari Club International Great Falls (SCI-Great Falls) – goat, Montana Ducks Unlimited (MTDU) - moose. Licenses were auctioned at fund raising events or online auctions.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

A letter of solicitation was sent to cooperators that have expressed interest. Responding proposals for 2021 licenses came from the following: Wild Sheep Foundation for the sheep, Mule Deer Foundation for the mule deer; Safari Club International Great Falls for the goat license; Montana Ducks Unlimited for the moose license; Grand Slam Club/ Ovis any license; and Montana Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation for the elk license.

Alternatives and Analysis:

This format has been successful and the Department has not utilized another alternative. Interest in obtaining and aggressively auctioning these licenses has remained high with these responding conservation organizations at least. Further, many of these conservation organizations have effectively and significantly partnered with FWP on other conservation and management efforts.



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The Department typically does not make a specific recommendation to the Commission in terms of which organization should be awarded which license and has been asked by the Commission to merely pass along the proposals submitted. Most of the organizations will have a representative at the Commission meeting to answer any specific questions.

Proposed Motion:

I move the Commission approve (organization name) to be awarded the 2021 (species name) auction license.