



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: August 25, 2022

Agenda Item: Selection of Organizations to Auction 2023 Moose, Sheep, Goat, Mule Deer and Elk Licenses.

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes

Background: ARM 12.3.801 & 12.3.802 establish the criteria and process for selecting conservation organizations to conduct the moose, sheep, goat, mule deer, and elk license auctions/lotteries. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks solicited proposals to conduct the auctions/lotteries. The commission decides which organization is awarded the license(s) for distribution through auction or lottery.

The 2022 species auction licenses were awarded to: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation– elk; Mule Deer Foundation– mule deer; Wild Sheep Foundation– bighorn sheep; Safari Club International Great Falls– goat; and Montana Ducks Unlimited – moose. The licenses were auctioned at fundraising events or online auctions.

Public Involvement Process & Results: An email of solicitation was sent to organizations that have expressed interest, and information was posted on the FWP website and social media platforms. Proposals for 2023 licenses came from the following organizations: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation - elk; Mule Deer Foundation and Backcountry Hunters and Anglers - mule deer; Wild Sheep Foundation - bighorn sheep; Safari Club International - Great Falls Chapter - goat; and Montana Ducks Unlimited - moose.

Alternatives and Analysis: This format has proved successful in past years, and FWP has not utilized alternatives. Interest in obtaining and aggressively auctioning these licenses has remained high with the participating conservation organizations. In addition, many of these conservation organizations have effectively and significantly partnered with FWP on other conservation and management efforts.

Proposed Motion:

(These can be done in separate motions or combined). I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission approve Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation be awarded the 2023 elk auction license; Mule Deer Foundation or Backcountry Hunters and Anglers be awarded the 2023 mule deer auction license mule deer; Wild Sheep Foundation be awarded the 2023 bighorn sheep auction license; Safari Club International - Great Falls Chapter - be awarded the 2023 goat auction license goat; and Montana Ducks Unlimited be awarded the 2023 moose auction license moose.