

IDAPA 13 – DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

13.01.08 – RULES GOVERNING THE TAKING OF BIG GAME ANIMALS IN THE STATE OF IDAHO

DOCKET NO. 13-0108-1903

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES – NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5220, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Idaho Code sections 36-104 and 36-1101.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Interested persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must respond to this notice by contacting the undersigned either in writing, by email, by calling the phone number listed below or by posting to the Department of Fish and Game website at <https://idfg.idaho.gov/>. To participate, responses must be received by June 27, 2019.

Should a reasonable number of persons respond to this notice, negotiated meetings may be scheduled and all scheduled meetings shall be posted and made accessible on the agency website at the address listed below.

Failure of interested persons to respond to this notice of intent or the lack of a sufficient number of responses to this notice of intent may result in the discontinuation of further informal proceedings. In either event, the agency shall have sole discretion in determining the feasibility of scheduling and conducting informal negotiated rulemaking and may proceed directly to formal rulemaking if proceeding with negotiated rulemaking is deemed infeasible.

Upon the conclusion of the negotiated rulemaking, any unresolved issues, all key issues considered, and conclusions reached during the negotiated rulemaking will be addressed in a written summary. The summary will be made available to interested persons who contact the agency or, if the agency chooses, the summary may be posted on the agency website.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principal issues involved:

Negotiated rulemaking will address reducing tag buyer congestion for highly competitive general season tags by enacting a waiting period or eligibility period to allow applicants who have not applied for controlled tags to purchase tags during this waiting period. For some background, high demand for general season hunting tags in capped hunting zones and related buyer congestion on initial tag sale days has led to requests for waiting periods for tag purchase eligibility. Establishing a delayed eligibility period (e.g., five days) for controlled hunt applicants to buy big game tags in areas with tag limits (capped zones) is a method for reducing buyer congestion. Individuals who did not apply for controlled hunts would have an opportunity to buy capped zone tags during this period.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, MEETING ACCOMMODATIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING DRAFT COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking, requests for special meeting accommodations or accessibility, or to obtain a preliminary draft copy of the rule text, contact Paul Kline, (208) 334-3771. Materials pertaining to the negotiated rulemaking, including any available preliminary rule drafts, can be found on the Department of Fish and Game web site at the following web address: <https://idfg.idaho.gov/>.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2019.

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