

## ***FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** December 9, 2010

**Agenda Item:** License and Permit Application Dates

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Approval of Proposed Rule

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 30 minutes

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### **Background**

Propose changing the application deadline for all resident and nonresident antlered/brow-tined/either sex elk & deer permits from June 1 earlier to March 15 to coincide with current nonresident license drawing deadline. If adopted this change would be available for the 2012 hunting season application process. There is no change proposed to the 10 percent nonresident allocation process.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

In addition to public comment at the December 9 Commission meeting, public comment will run from December 10 thru 5 p.m. Friday, January 14, 2011. Any final adoption by the FWP Commission will be at the February 10, 2011 Commission meeting.

### **Alternatives and Analysis**

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2010 (status quo) as per staff justifications, public comment and/or Commission discussion.

### **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

Rationale is primarily enhanced customer service for nonresidents who apply for hunting licenses on March 15 but must wait for late summer to receive permit drawing results. Residents are included as well in this change with no change proposed to the 10% nonresident allocation process. While this earlier drawing date will limit the annual change opportunity for these specific permit quota numbers based upon winter survey work, antlered harvest prescriptions typically change less frequently than antlerless quotas. Given the relative late date of final biennial adoptions (February, every other year), any new implementation of bull/buck permits may be problematic for nonresidents that submit their license applications prior to final February adoptions and before the March 15 application deadline. Also, as new licenses are available in mid-February, residents would have a relatively narrow time window to apply given license prerequisite requirements.

### **Proposed Motion**

I move the Commission adopt the proposed antlered/brow-tined/either sex elk & deer permit application deadline adjustment as presented by FWP.