



# MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION FWP PROPOSAL & INFORMATION SHEET

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**Meeting Date:** Aug. 16, 2024

**Agenda Item:** Selection of organizations to auction 2025 Shiras moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, mule deer and elk licenses

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 5 minutes

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**Background:** MCAs 87-2-722, Auction of a mountain sheep license, 87-2-724, Auction of Shiras moose license) 87-2-725, Auction or lottery of mountain goat license, 87-2-811, Auction or lottery of mule deer license, 87-2-812, Auction or lottery of elk license, allow the Montana Fish and Wildlife Commission to issue one license to a wildlife conservation organization involved in conservation of each species listed above, to conduct an auction or lottery of which proceeds are used for the substantial benefit of the respective species. ARM 12.3.801 & 12.3.802 establish the criteria and process for proposals submitted to the commission.

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks solicits auction/lottery proposals on behalf of the commission and the commission selects the organization awarded each license.

The 2024 species auction licenses were awarded to: Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation– elk; Backcountry Hunters & Anglers Montana – mule deer; Wild Sheep Foundation– bighorn sheep; Safari Club International Great Falls– mountain goat; and Montana Outfitters & Guides Education Institute – Shiras moose. The licenses were auctioned at fundraising events or online auctions/lotteries.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** FWP staff sent an email of solicitation to organizations expressing interest in the licenses and information was posted on the FWP website along with social media platforms. Proposals for 2025 licenses were received from the following organizations: ^, - elk license; ^ - mule deer license; ^ - bighorn sheep license; ^ - mountain goat license; and ^ Shiras moose license.

**Alternatives & Analysis:** Interest in obtaining and aggressively auctioning these licenses has remained high with the participating conservation organizations. Additionally, several organization submitting proposals have effectively partnered with FWP on other conservation and management efforts.

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale:** FWP recommends issuance of one Shiras moose, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, mule deer and elk license to each Commission selected wildlife conservation organization based on information submitted in each proposals.

**Proposed Motion:** (These can be done in separate motions or combined). I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission approve ^ be awarded the 2025 elk auction license; ^ be awarded the 2025 mule deer auction license; ^ be awarded the 2025 bighorn sheep auction license; - ^ be awarded the 2025 mountain goat auction license; and ^ be awarded the 2025 Shiras moose auction license.