



# MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION FWP PROPOSAL & INFORMATION SHEET

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

**Agenda Item:** Resident SuperTag Administrative Rule

**Action Needed:** Final Adoption

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

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**Background:** : At its April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, the commission authorized FWP to draft administrative rules related to the Resident SuperTag established by House Bill (HB) 456 that provides each Montana resident purchasing a General Deer or General Elk License one free lottery opportunity for either a Shiras moose, mountain sheep, or a mountain goat license determined by the commission. The draft rules would establish conduct of the lottery, use of the license and rotation between the three species.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** Rulemaking was initiated by publishing a proposal notice in the Montana Administrative Register (MAR) on ^, 2024. The public involvement process is defined by the Montana secretary of state under the Montana Administrative Procedures Act (MAPA) for ARM. In accordance with the laws, a public comment period was open between ^ and August 2, 2024. FWP held an online public hearing on August 2, 2024, and accepted both written and oral comments on the rule as proposed. At least two weeks prior to the commission's August 16 meeting, the department will post on its website, all comments in their original form, any edits the department proposes to the rules in response to comments received, and a draft rule adoption notice that includes summary responses to the comments received.

**Alternatives & Analysis:**

Alternative A: Adopt as final the proposed rule to meet the statutory requirements of the Resident SuperTag lottery.

Alternative B: Do not adopt proposed administrative rules.

**Agency Recommendation & Rationale:** FWP recommends the commission adopt as final the proposed Resident SuperTag rule as reflected in the draft rule adoption notice to meet the requirements of 87-1-275, MCA.

**Proposed Motion:** I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt as final the proposed Resident SuperTag administrative rule as reflected in the draft rule adoption.