

FISCAL NOTE

| | FY 2019 | FY 2020 | FY 2021 |
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| NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT | | | |
| Anticipated Revenue Increase | | | |
| GAME & FISH FUND | \$179,244 | \$179,244 | \$179,244 |

Source of revenue increase:

Greater sage grouse limited quota licenses issued.

Assumptions:

The 2014-2016 three-year average number of hunters was used to predict an available quota of 4,540 for the limited quota sage grouse drawing. These 4,540 total hunters were comprised of 2,702 resident and 1,838 nonresident hunters. If the license allocation of 4,540 total quota was split 75% residents (3,405) and 25% nonresidents (1,135) in this drawing, 703 resident licenses would be unallocated in the drawing and rolled over to the quota made available to nonresidents in the drawing resulting in 2,702 licenses issued to residents and 1,838 licenses issued to nonresidents.

2,702 resident licenses @ \$16 = \$43,232
1,838 nonresident licenses @ \$74 = \$136,012
Total estimated revenue increase \$179,244

Currently, a nonresident youth game bird/small game license is provided for nonresidents, but not for resident youth. The fiscal calculation identifies all licenses being issued to adult hunters as the number of youth hunters was not available in a timely manner for preparation of this fiscal note. In addition, Game and Fish believe those individuals that only hunt greater sage grouse will no longer purchase a game bird combination license which will result in a decrease in revenue; however this amount cannot be determined at this time.

Since the three-year average number of hunters was used to identify the total quota available in the limited quota drawing, no applicant would be unsuccessful in the drawing. Therefore, no preference point revenue would be generated from unsuccessful applicants. It is unknown if there would be an interest in buying a sage grouse preference point in the purchase only time period. The fiscal note has no revenue increase from preference point fees.

Game and Fish predicts Commission regulations would be promulgated to allow the harvest of two sage grouse for each license issued in the limited quota drawing. The license would provide for two carcass coupon tags which would become the total limit of sage grouse harvest per hunter in a season. Game and Fish predicts that the Commission would not make any changes to open and closed hunt areas leaving hunting opportunity equal to what it was in 2017.

Sage grouse hunting licenses.

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NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT

Anticipated Expenditure Increase
GAME & FISH FUND

\$25,824 \$5,000 \$5,000

Source of Expenditure Increase:

Licensing system development time for limited quota greater sage grouse draws and potential preference point tracking.

Assumptions:

All activities will be conducted by Game and Fish programming staff. This reallocation of time will require other projects be delayed or contract services be obtained so agency priorities are completed as necessary.

It is estimated that licensing system modifications will require the following number of hours and activities;

- ~60 hours to set up new license types and draw node trees
- ~180 hours to create a new application process for participants
- ~60 hours to test and modify all existing code related to conducting drawing with preference points
- ~20 hours to modify license printing to allow for two carcass coupons on a single license document
- ~60 hours to create additional reports and management functionalities
- ~30 hours to test all programming functionalities in licensing system after modifications have been completed to confirm all items will work as required
- Total ~ 410 hours
- ~\$50.79 per hour

There would be a requirement to obtain special license stock for a cost of \$5,000 per year.

The expenditure increase reflected above could be considered an administrative cost. However, for simplicity and to follow consistent practice on legislation of this type, it is included on the fiscal note.

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