

## STAFF SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 4-5, 2015

**27. MAMMAL TAG QUOTAS****Today's Item****Information** **Action** 

Update on potential changes to regulations for setting mammal hunting tag quotas.

**Summary of Previous/Future Actions**

- **Today's notice update**

**Aug 4-5, 2015; Fortuna****Background**

This item was originally scheduled in the perpetual timetable for regulatory actions as the notice hearing for a proposal to remove mammal hunting tag quotas from regulation and, instead, provide them in an annual public report, with an opportunity for public comment on the report and quotas.

In beginning work to develop the initial statement of reasons for changes to the quota selection procedures for big game species, DFW determined that it needs additional time to complete management plans and to update the related environmental documents.

A rulemaking to remove the big game mammal tag quotas from regulations must be conducted during the time of year where other amendments to deer, elk, antelope and big horn sheep are not being considered. DFW has requested to postpone the notice hearing until Aug 2016 (see Exhibit 18B.2), which is consistent with the need to wait until mammal regulations for the 2016-17 seasons are adopted and approved in late June 2016.

**Significant Public Comments (N/A)****Recommendations**

**FGC staff:** Address this timetable change during agenda item 18.

**Committee:** N/A

**DFW:** Delay notice until Aug 2016.

**Exhibits**

1. [See Exhibit 18B.2](#)

**Motion/Direction (N/A)**