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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 1995
TO: Rep. Jeannett James
Chair House State Affairs Committee
FROM: Rep. Con Bunde
Co-Chair House HESS
RE: HB 59

House bill 59 is in the House State Affairs Committee. This memo is to request a committee hearing as soon as you are able to schedule the bill.

The attached packet contains the required supporting documentation. If you need further information please call Patti at ext. 6824.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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**SPONSOR STATEMENT
HB 59**

The purpose of HB 59 is to allow qualified organizations to raffle or auction big game permits as a revenue source for game management. A qualified organization which auctions a permit can retain a percentage of the sale plus administrative costs, while the remaining amount will be returned to the state for fish and game activities.

HB 59 authorizes the Dept. of Fish and Game to issue one bison harvest permit each year for a bison from the Delta bison herd. The permit may be auctioned or raffled by a qualified organization on behalf of the Dept. of Fish and Game. The organization is entitled to receive reimbursement for expenses plus up to 50 percent of the net proceeds to use for the promotion of fish and game law enforcement, and up to 10 percent of the net proceeds to use for purposes established by the organization.

This legislation will allow the Department of Fish and Game to issue, through a competitive auction or raffle, up to two harvest permits each year for each of the following species: Dall sheep, bison, musk ox, brown or grizzly bear, moose, caribou, and wolf. The qualified organization that conducts the auction may retain up to ten percent of the profits plus administrative costs. The remaining profit will be deposited into the Fish and Game fund.

There are at least 11 western states that have provisions for auctioning or raffling big game harvest permits. Every state with a similar program has had a positive impact on their budget. This legislation will provide another revenue source for the Dept of Fish and Game and will enable the continuation of game management programs for the common use of the people.

HOUSE BILL NO. 59

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUNDE

Introduced:

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game; and
2 providing for an effective date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 16.05.343 is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 Sec. 16.05.343. AUCTIONS OR RAFFLES FOR BIG GAME HARVEST
6 PERMITS. (a) The department, subject to regulations adopted by the Board of Game,
7 may issue one bison harvest permit each year for a bison from the Delta bison herd
8 through a competitive auction or raffle. Notwithstanding AS 36.30, the department may
9 authorize a qualified organization to conduct the auction or raffle on behalf of the
10 department. If the auction or raffle is conducted by a qualified organization, the
11 organization may retain an amount from the gross proceeds of the auction or raffle equal
12 to the administrative cost of the auction or raffle plus (1) an amount not to exceed 50
13 percent of the net proceeds, which the qualified organization shall use to promote fish and
14 game law enforcement, and (2) an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the net proceeds,

1 which the qualified organization may use for the purposes for which the organization was
2 established. All remaining proceeds from the auction or raffle of the bison harvest permit
3 whether conducted by the department or as otherwise authorized by the department shall
4 be deposited in the fish and game fund under AS 16.05.100. The exercise of a privilege
5 conferred by a bison harvest permit issued under this subsection is subject to laws relating
6 to the time, place, and manner of taking bison from the Delta bison herd. In this
7 subsection, "qualified organization" means a nonprofit corporation established to promote
8 fish and game law enforcement or an organization established to promote management
9 of hunted game species and ethical use of game populations for hunting, that complies
10 with applicable laws governing activities under this section.

11 (b) The department, subject to regulations adopted by the commissioner, may
12 issue, through a competitive auction or raffle, up to two harvest permits each year for
13 each of the following big game species: Dall sheep, bison, musk ox, brown or grizzly
14 bear, moose, caribou, and wolf. Notwithstanding AS 36.30, the department may
15 authorize a qualified organization to conduct the auction or raffle on behalf of the
16 department. If the department does authorize a qualified organization to conduct an
17 auction or raffle for a big game species, the department shall make available to a
18 qualified organization based in the state at least one harvest permit for that species. If the
19 auction or raffle is conducted by a qualified organization, the organization may retain an
20 amount from the gross proceeds of the auction or raffle equal to the administrative cost
21 of the auction or raffle plus an amount not to exceed 10 percent of the net proceeds. The
22 proceeds from the auction or raffle of a big game harvest permit may not be used to make
23 a contribution to any candidate for political office or to any organization supporting or
24 opposing ballot propositions or to pay expenses associated with lobbying the legislature
25 or administration. All proceeds from the auction or raffle of the big game harvest permit
26 less the amount that is retained by a qualified organization under this subsection shall be
27 deposited in the fish and game fund under AS 16.05.100. A person who is issued a big
28 game harvest permit under this subsection shall receive upon the person's request a
29 complimentary hunting license and a big game tag for the big game species for which the
30 big game harvest permit is issued. A hunting license issued under this subsection must
31 bear the inscription "Governor's license" or a similar designation. A person who receives

1 a big game harvest permit, hunting license, or big game tag under this subsection may
2 exercise the privileges conveyed by the permit, license, or tag only in accordance with
3 applicable law. In this subsection, "qualified organization" means a nonprofit
4 organization that is established to promote management of hunted game species and
5 ethical use of game populations for hunting and that complies with applicable laws
6 governing activities under this subsection.

7 (c) Activities conducted by the department, or on behalf of the department, under
8 this section are not subject to AS 05.15.

9 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

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MEMORANDUM

January 23, 1995

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary of HB 59; An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game.

TO: Representative Con Bunde

FROM: George Utermohle *GU*
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of HB 59; An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill. The bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

Section 1 of the bill repeals and reenacts AS 16.05.343.

Subsection (a) authorizes the Department of Fish and Game to auction or raffle one permit each year for a bison from the Delta bison herd. The department is also authorized to have a qualified organization conduct the auction or raffle on its behalf. The qualified organization is entitled to receive reimbursement for its expenses in conducting the auction or raffle, plus up to 60 percent of the net proceeds of the auction or raffle to be used for specified purposes. The remaining proceeds from the auction or raffle shall be deposited into the fish and game fund. A qualified organization is a nonprofit corporation established to promote fish and game law enforcement or an organization established to promote management of hunted game species and ethical use of game populations for hunting, that complies with applicable laws governing activities under this section.

Subsection (a) changes the existing law by increasing the amount that the qualified organization can receive for conducting the auction or raffle from 10 percent to 60 percent of the net proceeds and by specifying how the qualified organization may spend the funds that it receives (50 percent of net proceeds to support fish and game law enforcement and 10 percent of net proceeds for any purpose consistent with the organization's purpose). The definition of qualified organization is expanded to include an organization established to promote management of hunted game species and ethical use of game populations for hunting.

Representative Con Bunde

January 23, 1995

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Subsection (b) allows the Department of Fish and Game to auction or raffle up to two harvest permits for seven different game animals. The department may authorize a qualified organization to conduct the auction or raffle on its behalf. If the department chooses to authorize an organization to auction or raffle a harvest permit for a game species, the department must make at least one permit for that game species available to a qualified organization based in the state. A qualified organization that conducts an auction or raffle for the department is entitled to recover the administrative expenses of conducting the auction or raffle and to receive up to 10 percent of the net proceeds. The proceeds of an auction or raffle may not be used to support political candidates, support or oppose ballot propositions, or lobby the legislature or the administration. All remaining proceeds from an auction or raffle must be deposited into the fish and game fund. A person who obtains a harvest permit under this subsection may also obtain a free hunting license and big game tag for the game species for which the harvest permit was received. A qualified organization is a nonprofit organization established to promote management of hunted game species and ethical use of game populations for hunting.

Subsection (c) provides that activities conducted under this section are not subject the laws governing charitable gaming under AS 05.15.

Section 2 of the bill provides that the bill takes effect immediately.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

GU:klb

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB59

Revision Date: _____ Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
 Title: An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain BRU: Wildlife Conservation
permits to take big game. Component: Wildlife Conservation
 Sponsor: Representative Bunde
 Requester: House State Affairs COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 473

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES (1024)	25.0	25.0	50.0	50.0	100.0	100.0
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other (1024 Fish & Game Fund)	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
TOTAL	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY95) cost: \$ 0.0

POSITIONS

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached page for assumptions used in revenue fund source estimates.

Prepared by: Wayne Regelin, Acting Director
 Division: Wildlife Conservation
 Approved by Commissioner: Frank
 Agency: Alaska Department of Fish and Game

Phone: 465-4192
 Date: 1/18/95
 Date: 1/19/95

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Assumptions:

Operating Expenditures:

Approximately \$1.0 in contracting, advertising, and postage costs would be spent biennially to establish, develop, and provide opportunities for qualified organizations to participate in the program.

Revenue:

The department anticipates that the Fish & Game Fund will earn between 25.0 and 100.0 annually from the auction/raffle of big game hunting permits, depending on the number of permits offered, state of the economy, other variables.

Anticipated earnings are based on experience of other states and raffle of the Delta bison permit. The single Delta bison permit currently raffled in support of the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Safeguard program earns the F&G Fund between 15.0 and 20.0 per annum. The auction of bighorn sheep permits in different western states has raised amounts ranging from 20.0 to 250.0. Permits for other species (e.g., moose, bison, deer, elk, antelope) have earned from 3.0 to 16.0 at auction.

Because of the possibilities Alaska has to offer in the way of hunting opportunity and combination hunts, we expect that as the program develops and becomes established, the long-term potential for revenue will increase.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
POSITION PAPER

Bill No: HB 59

Sponsor: Representative Bunde

Division: Wildlife Conservation

Bill Title: An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game; and providing for an effective date.

Department Position: Support

Background/Legislative Intent: This bill would allow the department to raffle or auction up to two permits annually to take each of seven selected big game species. The raffle or auction would be conducted by the department or a qualified organization. Up to ten percent of the profits from the raffle or auction could be retained by the organization with the balance deposited into the Fish and Game Fund. The bill prohibits a qualified organization from using any proceeds to make political contributions, lobby the government, or to support or oppose ballot measures. Persons receiving permits under this Act would be eligible to receive a complimentary hunting license and appropriate big game tag.

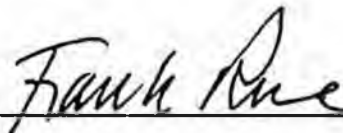
In addition, this bill would amend AS 16.05.343 (Delta bison harvest permit auction) to direct a larger portion of the funds currently raised by that auction/raffle to be used for the promotion of law enforcement.

Analysis of Bill/Program Effects: Similar raffles/auctions in other western states have raised millions of dollars for state wildlife management programs. Because of the possibilities Alaska has to offer in the way of hunting opportunity and combination hunts, we anticipate that the long-term potential for generating revenue for wildlife management will be substantial. Revenues raised will be used by the Division of Wildlife Conservation for research and management programs.

Permits issued under this bill will not diminish hunting opportunities for resident hunters and will not have adverse biological impacts on any wildlife population.

Amendments Proposed: None.

Commissioner's Signature



Date 1.19.95

Organizations That Auction or Raffle Big Game Permits

Foundation for North American Wild Sheep

		Sheep	Moose	Goat
Nevada	1984-1993	\$415,000		
Montana	1986-1993	\$789,000	\$35,000	
Arizona	1984-1993	\$742,000		
Wyoming	1983-1993	\$480,000		
Utah	1983-1993	\$192,000		
North Dakota	1986-1993	\$209,000		
Idaho	1988-1993	\$216,000		
California	1988-1993	\$339,000		
Colorado	1989-1993	\$195,000		\$45,000
New Mexico	1990-1993	\$238,000		
Oregon	1992-1993	\$159,000		

Safari Club International

Wyoming	Sheep Permit	1990	\$36,000
	Mountain Moose	1990	\$10,000
	Sheep Permit	1991	\$24,500

The Safari Club has been auctioning and raffling permits for many years. Only data from recent years was available.

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Nevada	Elk Tag	1993	\$12,000
California	Elk Tag	1993	\$20,000
Arizona	Elk Tag	1993	\$42,000

The Rocky Mountain has been auctioning and raffling permits for many years. Only data from recent years was available.

1994 SHEEP PERMIT PAYMENT SCHEDULE

UTAH PERMIT

\$51,000 Desert sheep
 \$62,500 Bighorn sheep
 Remit at time of auction less 10%

NEW MEXICO PERMIT

\$58,000 Remit full amount with an invoice for 10% within 30
 days of auction

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IDAHO PERMIT

\$48,000 Remit 95% by March 30th

ARIZONA PERMIT

\$245,000 Remit 100%

NEVADA PERMIT

\$79,000 Remit 100% by April 22nd with the name of designated
 hunter.

MONTANA PERMIT

\$310,000 Remit 90% within 60 days of auction

MONTANA MOOSE PERMIT

\$9,000 Remit 90% within 60 days of auction

CALIFORNIA PERMIT

\$110,000 Remit 100% within 60 days of auction by

COLORADO SHEEP PERMIT

\$67,000 Remit 90% within 60 days of auction

COLORADO GOAT PERMIT

\$9,500 Remit 90% within 60 days of auction

OREGON PERMIT

\$110,000 Remit 90% within 60 days of auction

NORTH DAKOTA

\$47,500 Remit 90% within 60 days of auction

WASHINGTON PERMIT

\$100,000 Remit 90% within 60 days of auction

TEXAS PERMIT

\$70,000 Remit 90% within 60 days

1993 FUNDED PROJECTS

93-01	Curry Bighorn Sheep Recovery Program	\$ 5,000.00	CO
93-03	Bighorn Sheep Transplant Vehicle	\$ 3,000.00	ID
93-04	National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center	\$25,000.00	WY
93-06	Bighorn Sheep Population/Habitat Monitor	\$ 2,000.00	MT BLM
93-07	S. Fork Bighorn Sheep Habitat Improvement	\$ 5,400.00	WY
93-08	Winter Run Water Development	\$ 3,500.00	OR USFS
93-11	No-Wolf Option Committee	\$ 3,000.00	WY
93-13	Bighorn Sheep Hunter Education	\$ 450.00	ID
93-15	California Bighorn Trap/Transplant	\$30,000.00	ID
93-16	Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Sign	\$ 4,000.00	CA USFS
93-17	Development of Assisted Reproductive Techniques	\$19,000.00	TX
93-18	Mount Hull Radio-Telemetry	\$ 2,250.00	WA USFS
93-19	Population Characteristics of St. Vrain Herd	\$ 2,000.00	CO
93-20	Hoop Lake Conservation Assessment	\$ 6,000.00	UT
93-21	Bottomland Acre Purchase	\$30,000.00	UT
93-23	California Water Project	\$ 5,000.00	CA
93-23	Arizona Water Project	\$ 6,000.00	AZ
93-24	American Wilderness Leadership School	\$12,000.00	WY
93-26	Shall Canyon Reintroduction Project	\$ 3,500.00	WY USFS
93-27	Campaign for "Common Sense Amendments"	\$5,000.00	DC
93-28	FNAWS Participation in WCTA/WLFA	\$25,000.00	DC
93-29	Curry Bighorn Sheep Habitat Improvement	\$ 4,000.00	CO USFS
93-30	Rampart Range Habitat Improvement	\$ 5,000.00	CO USFS
93-33	Bottomland Mesa Backstop Travel Lanes #2	\$ 2,500.00	CO USFS
93-33	Aravache Creek Habitat Improvement	\$ 750.00	CO USFS
93-35	What Determines #/Size in Bighorn Sheep Populations	\$ 500.00	ALBERTA
93-36	Use of Salt to Alter Desert Sheep Habitat	\$ 3,300.00	MT
93-37	Bighorn Habitat Availability Along Rocky Mtn East Front	\$ 1,125.00	MT
93-38	Foothill Bighorn Habitat Improvement	\$ 3,000.00	MT
93-40	Contribution of JOGA Industry To Economy	\$10,000.00	ID
93-47	Spotted Range Water Development	\$ 9,000.00	WY
93-48	Health Laboratory Research Sheep Facility	\$ 4,000.00	WY
93-50	Disease in Wild Sheep Research	\$ 4,000.00	WA
93-51	Disease in Wild Sheep Research	\$ 4,000.00	WA
93-57	Orjona Ram Guzzlers	\$ 3,200.00	OR
93-58	Dougherty Ram Guzzlers	\$ 5,200.00	OR
93-59	Dougherty Ram Transplant	\$ 1,400.00	OR
93-60	Deathouse Ridge Bighorn Transplant	\$ 2,000.00	OR
93-61	Aravache Spring Development	\$ 2,500.00	OR
93-64	CA Bighorn Sheep Lungworm Treatment	\$ 1,000.00	OR
93-65	Silver Bell Mtn. Sheep Management Investigation	\$10,000.00	AZ
93-D401	Protection of CA Bighorn Owyhee Canyon Lands	\$10,000.00	ID
93-D402	Project Wild	\$24,000.00	BC
93-D403	Assistance in Printing Informational Guide	\$ 3,000.00	ALBERTA
93-D404	Wadden Lease Emergency Funding	\$ 1,000.00	MT
1993 Grant-in-Aid Funding		\$353,585.00	

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

Grant-In-Aid Total to Date (6/93)

Alaska	\$373,054.22
Arizona	\$984,452.80
California	\$593,860.00
Canada	\$697,450.67
Colorado	\$547,755.00
Connecticut	\$ 28,600.00
Idaho	\$490,470.00
Illinois	\$ 4,000.00
Iowa	\$ 8,750.00
Mexico	\$195,750.00
Montana	\$901,533.00
Nevada	\$577,973.01
New Mexico	\$306,890.86
North Dakota	\$232,500.00
Oregon	\$265,710.00
South Dakota	\$ 8,500.00
Texas	\$120,840.00
Utah	\$393,273.42
Washington D.C.	\$262,500.00
Washington	\$ 30,250.00
Wyoming	\$514,064.75
Total	\$7,338,177.73

FNAWS CHAPTERS TO DATE

Alaska FNAWS	\$ 21,295.00
Eastern FNAWS	\$ 95,000.00
Idaho FNAWS	\$ 44,000.00
Iowa FNAWS	\$ 13,500.00
Minnesota-Wisconsin FNAWS	\$305,800.00
Utah FNAWS	\$ 57,300.00
Wyoming FNAWS	\$ 51,156.00
Montana FNAWS	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$589,051.00

COOPERATIVE FUNDING

93-01 Iowa FNAWS	\$2,000.00	93-29 Iowa FNAWS	\$1,000.00
93-03 Grand Slam Club	\$5,000.00	93-48 Iowa FNAWS	\$2,500.00
93-04 Iowa FNAWS	\$2,500.00	93-59 Iowa FNAWS	\$1,500.00
93-13 Iowa FNAWS	\$ 450.00		
Total 1993 Cooperative Funding \$14,950.00			

1993 STATE SHEEP PERMITS

Arizona	\$ 303,000.00	Nevada	\$ 75,000.00
California	\$ 100,000.00	New Mexico	\$ 55,000.00
Colorado	\$ 36,000.00	North Dakota	\$ 28,000.00
Colorado	\$ 8,500.00 (Goat)	Oregon	\$ 102,000.00
Idaho	\$ 31,000.00	Wyoming	\$ 55,000.00
Montana	\$ 205,000.00	Mexico	\$ 80,000.00
Montana	\$ 11,000.00 (Horse)	Utah Bighorn	\$ 55,000.00
Utah Desert	\$ 45,000.00		
Total	\$2,191,500.00		

TOTAL 1993 GRANT-IN-AID FUNDING
\$1,560,035.00

\$\$\$\$\$\$ To Date For Putting
Wild Sheep On The Mountain
\$9,964,770.45

FNAWS AFFILIATES TO DATE

Arizona Desert Bighorn Sheep Society	\$584,109.17
Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society	\$187,300.00
Elko Nevada Bighorn Unlimited	\$ 45,229.00
Fallon Nevada Bighorn Unlimited	\$169,350.00
Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn	\$582,558.00
Grand Slam Club	\$ 33,515.00
Texas Bighorn Sheep Society	\$435,480.55
Total	\$2,037,541.72

NEVADA

George Tsukamoto, Chief, Division of Game

All monies from all tags auctioned, elk, deer, antelope and sheep are directed solely for the purchase of helicopters.

George feels this helicopters are the single most effect tool in gathering census information for wildlife.

They have contracted helicopters in the past, however, this is sometimes difficult, i.e. during fire season, and costly - they average 1400 hours of flying time per year at \$475 an hour equals \$665,000.

They started with one helicopter, a B-1 piston, they have since sold that one and purchased two jet ranger helicopters. Their ultimate goal is to have three helicopters.

NEW MEXICO

Andrew Sandoval, Chief Habitat Director, Bighorn Sheep Coordinator

By legislative mandate, the monies from the sheep permit that is auctioned must only go to programs for wild sheep. They are also on a federal aid program, where for every dollar they generate from tags, the federal government will match it with three dollars. For example, this year the auction tag brought \$55,000 for New Mexico, the federal government will match it with \$165,000 for a total of \$220,000, which can only be used for sheep programs.

Projects which they use the money for include: 2 transplants for desert sheep, a historical evaluation of habitat for desert and bighorn sheep. A salting program to separate the recreational users of the land from the sheep to cause them less stress. Follow up of transplants and census and survey work.

Mr. Sandoval expressed his appreciation of FNAWS and hopes that our good working relationship will continue. He is very appreciative of the fact, that without FNAWS, a good many of his sheep programs would not exist.

NORTH DAKOTA

Ron Stromstad, Chief

The monies generated from the tags and GIA funding make up 60% of the budget designated for sheep programs, consequently, all monies from the permits are designated for sheep programs and their administrative costs.

In general, the programs include sheep census, balting and treating lungworm, analyzing new sites for release of sheep and lambing surveys.

An ongoing program that they have been dealing with for the last two years is multi year bighorn research project, underwritten by FNAWS, Cenex, Meridian Oil, and FNAWS MN-WI chapter, to attempt to isolate methods of mitigating oil and gas developments to the bighorn herd.

OREGON

Walt Van Dyke, Assistant Staff Biologist, Big Game

By department policy, the money from the auction permits is earmarked specifically for sheep projects in an account called "The Bighorn Sheep Donation Fund". Sheep programs have been elevated within the department because of the money generated from the auction permits and our grant-in-aid monies. The auction of the permits also is popular with the general public.

75% of the money is used for trapping and transplants. This year the Oregon Department of fish & wildlife plans to ask for an additional 14 tags for sheep. Walt feels that this is a direct result of the trapping and transplanting programs that have been funded by the auction permits.

The rest of the money goes to disease research in Oregon and support research efforts with University of Washington and University of California, and cooperative programs with other agencies involving habitat improvement i.e. prescribed burns, range rehabilitation and guzzler installments.

Walt says he appreciates the Foundation for all the efforts, and without FNAWS they would not have the money to accomplish all that they have in the last 5 years.

UTAH

Wes Shields - Big Game Program Coordinator

The money from the auction tag permits goes into a dedicated account for wild sheep only (which is approved by the Utah). This money makes up 90% of the budget for the programs for desert and bighorn sheep. All other monies from the routine drawing of permits goes into a general fund, consequently, the money from the auction permit means alot to them.

From the permits that were auctioned this year, the major project is:

They will be giving \$40,000 of the permit money to the Utah Chapter of FNAWS who will in turn buy out the AUM domestic sheep. This will directly affect the Rattlesnake bighorn sheep population that currently competes with 3,000 domestic sheep for grazing land.

The other monies go to survey and transplamt work. They are currently working on a program where they have received 25 sheep from Colorado for transplamt . They are also working with Arizona on a cooperative management program for the herd near St. George and the Arizona border.

IDAHO

Lloyd Oldenberg, Wildlife Game and Research Manager

All the monies from the auction tags go into a special account that can only be used for wild sheep. This is Idaho Fish & Game Department policy. These funds are supplemented by the Department's budget to complete the projects. As of June 9, 1993, there was \$30,000 in this special account. They are currently doing a sheep census until June 30th. The money will undoubtedly go to paying for the helicopter time.

A list of all the projects that have benefited from the auction permit monies is attached.

One of the things the monies do not support is administrative costs.

COLORADO

Tom Lyle, DNR, Division of Wildlife

Under Colorado law, all monies obtained from the permit must be spent on bighorn sheep. This is exclusive of the in-house budget already targeted for the sheep.

Habitat work is their first priority. They work in cooperation with the Forest Service for habitat improvement. This includes controlled burning, patch cutting and re-vegetation.

One project they had been working on was the compatibility between bighorn sheep and mountain goats. This was a three year project, however the funds ran out after two years. The funds from the auction of the permit will now enable them to finish this project.

Another area where the money is spent is on educational displays.

Colorado is primarily a deer and elk state, and Tom Lyle feels that without the proceeds raised by the FNAWS, the majority of projects for sheep would not have been possible.

CALIFORNIA

Steve Torres, Statewide Program Coordinator for bighorn sheep

The monies generated from the tag goes into a "pot" that is specifically earmarked for bighorn sheep. The \$61,000 raised in 1992 made up about 1/5th of the budget. The attached report outlines all the programs for the sheep, which includes, the collaring of sheep, general research, and translocation.

This year, with the \$100,000 generated, they are excited. They are working on opening a 4th hunting area for bighorn sheep. It will be in the Chocolate Mountains, which is located in the southeastern part of the state, bordering Mexico and Arizona. Most of the money will be used for aerial surveys to determine if populations are ready for harvest.

All monies generated from the sale of tags for bighorn sheep is legislatively mandated to go to the sheep.

ARIZONA

Ray Lee, Big Game Management Supervisor

Under Arizona law, every dollar from the purchase of the permits has to be returned to the Arizona Game and Fish. The money is deposited into an interest bearing account until the Game & Fish department and the Arizona Society of Bighorn sheep can reach an agreement of how the money should be spent. Major projects include: transplants, helicopter fees, capture equipment and medical supplies for injured animals, and water development.

This is their tenth year doing this. Last years expenditures are attached.

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The Honorable Con Bunde
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Dear Representative Bunde:

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The Alaska Outdoor Council has once again taken a position supporting your legislation on raffles and auctions of certain big game permits. We feel this legislation will accomplish a variety of goals for wildlife, wildlife management, and those organizations which support wise use of those resources.

We are especially pleased with the increase in funding your bill will allow the wildlife safeguard program. This is a vital and worthwhile program which we hope to see continued. The ability of safeguard to generate sufficient funding levels for their programs will be greatly enhanced by the amendment to their funding formula your legislation makes.

We also feel the language which allows for at least one permit of for the harvest of a species to go to an organization based in the state to be of importance. This will allow some of Alaska's own conservation organizations to participate. There are several groups whose membership will be able to financially benefit the Department and conservation efforts throughout Alaska with the inclusion of this provision. It will also assist in building a good working relationship between the Department and consumptive use conservation groups.

Once again, we would like to express our appreciation over your efforts on this and other important issues to Alaska's outdoor users.

Sincerely,

Eddie Grasser
Legislative Affairs