

HB

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SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

First Committee of Referral

DATE: 3/14/96

FURTHER: Finance

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE: 4-18-96

The Resources Committee considered CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 59(RES)

Relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game.

C/3

and recommends:

- be replaced with SEN CS HO 59 (RES)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to the _____ Committee

- Senate Bill:
- same title
 - new title
- House Bill:
- same title
 - technical title
 - new: SCR# _____

SIGNING DP PASS	DP	OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS	NR	DNP	AM
<i>Rich Halford</i>	✓	<i>Amended</i>	✓		
<i>Don</i>	✓				
<i>Tom Kiff</i>					
<i>Deane</i>					
CHAIR: <i>James D. Hunter</i>	✓	CHAIR:			

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):*

Department	Date	Zero	Fiscal
<i>DF-5</i>	<i>3/1/96</i>		<i>1.0</i>

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APPROPRIATION -- no fiscal note

*include fiscal notes accompanying Governor's bill



Alaska State Legislature


Senate Resources Committee

State Capitol
Juneau AK 99801

Official Business

MEMO

TO: Legal Services
via fax: X2029

FROM: Annette Kreitzer, Aide to
Senate Resources Committee 

DATE: April 17, 1996

RE: FINAL CS for HB 59 LS0282G

Using 9-LS0282G by Utermohle dated 4/11/96, please prepare a FINAL Senate CS for HB 59, Raffle or Auction of Big Game Permits, for delivery to Senate Resources before floor session (11:00 a.m.) tomorrow. There were no additional changes.

Deliver to Room 115 of the Capitol. Thanks.

9-LS0282\G
Utermohle
4/11/96

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 59(RES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES BUNDE, Toolhey, Rokeberg

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game;
2 and 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 AS 16.05.343 is repealed and reenacted to read: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 may donate one bison harvest permit each year for
7 a bison from the Delta bison herd for a competitive auction or raffle. The donation
8 may be made only to a nonprofit corporation established to promote fish and game law
9 enforcement, subject to the terms of a memorandum of understanding developed by
10 the department.

11 (b) The department may donate four elk harvest permits each year for elk from
12 the Etolin Island herd for competitive auctions or raffles. The donations may be made
13 only to nonprofit corporations based in Southeast Alaska that are established to
14 promote fish and game management of hunted species, transplantation of species, and

1 use of fish and game populations for hunting and fishing, subject to the terms of a
2 memorandum of understanding developed by the department.

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

1 (d) Auctions and raffles of harvest permits authorized under this section are
2 not subject to AS 05.15.

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



Alaska State Legislature

Official Business

State Capitol
Juneau AK 99801

MEMO

TO: George Utermohle
Legal Counsel
via fax: X2029 two pages

FROM: Annette Kreitzer, Aide to
Senate Resources Committee

DATE: April 10, 1996

RE: CS HB 59(RES)

Please prepare a Resources committee substitute for HB 59 using LS0282F and incorporating Amendment #1 adopted today in Senate Resources. (second page of this fax)

Also, include the following language:

Page 2, line 10:

Insert:

(b) The department may donate four elk harvest permits each year for elk from the Etolin Island herd for competitive auctions or raffles. The donations may be made only to nonprofit corporations based in Southeast Alaska that are established to promote fish and game management of hunted species, transplantation of species and use of fish and game populations for hunting and fishing, subject to the terms of an memorandum of understanding developed by the department.

And reletter the following sections.

* nanks.

#1

AMENDMENT

SENATE
OFFERED IN HOUSE RESOURCES
TO: CSHB 59(RES)

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUNDE

Page 1, lines 6 - 14; page 2, lines 1 - 9

Delete all material in subsection (u)

Insert a new subsection to read:

"(a) The department may donate one bison harvest permit each year for a bison from the Delta bison herd for a competitive auction or raffle. The donation may be made only to a nonprofit corporation established to promote fish and game law enforcement, subject to the terms of a memorandum of understanding developed by the department."

adopted no objections.

AMENDMENT

**OFFERED IN HOUSE RESOURCES
TO: CSHB 59(RES)**

BY REPRESENTATIVE BUNDE

Page 1, lines 6 - 14; page 2, lines 1 - 9

Delete all material in subsection (a)

Insert a new subsection to read:

UEW *5* *ELW*
“(a) The department may donate ~~one~~ *5* bison harvest permit each year for ~~a bison~~ *5*
from the ~~1200~~ *5* bison herd for a competitive auction or raffle. The donation may be made
only to a nonprofit corporation established to promote fish and game law enforcement *management*
subject to the terms of a memorandum of understanding developed by the department.”

based in GE area

*hunted
species, translocate
of game and
size of game
population for
hunting & fishing*



ALASKA OUTDOOR COUNCIL

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Mar. 22, 1996

Senator Loren Leman, Chair
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, Ak. 99801

Dear Senator Leman:

The Alaska Outdoor Council strongly supports HB 59, "Raffle or Auction of Big Game Permits". We believe this legislation would enhance the ability of outdoorsmen to work with the Department of Fish and Game in implementing programs that would enhance Alaska's wildlife resources.

At a time when the State is looking for ways to live within a shrinking budget, the programs allowed under HB 59 would assist hunters, trappers and fishermen in supporting worthwhile projects within ADF&G. This program has great merit and is being put to good use in other states. I have personal knowledge of how successful this program can be, as I worked with a group in Nevada that has access to permits from that state. Working with Nevada's Department of Fish and Game, outdoorsmen there were instrumental in raising the necessary funds which were used to restore several species of wildlife to their traditional habitats.

The Alaska Outdoor Council and its many members would appreciate it very much if the Senate Resources Committee could schedule this bill for action at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you for your time and consideration on our request.

Sincerely,

Eddie Grasser
Governmental Affairs

cc: Rep. Con Bunde

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March 20, 1996

FAX TO 465-3810

Senator Loren Leman
State Capitol (MB-3100)
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

RE: HB 59

Dear Loren:

Please support HB 59 which will authorize Governors Tags for big game hunting. This has been a very useful tool in other states to raise money for fish and game conservation purposes.

Good Hunting,


John W. Hendrickson
President

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NO HARD COPY SENT!

REPRESENTATIVE CON BUNDE
CO CHAIR HEALTH, EDUCATION
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SPONSOR STATEMENT
CSHB 59 (RES)

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 ten 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.

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.

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MEMORANDUM

March 12, 1996

SUBJECT: CSHB 59(RES): Utilization of state revenues for private purposes

TO: Representative Con Bunde
Attn: Patti Swenson

FROM: George Utermohle *GU*
Legislative Counsel

This memorandum is in response to your query regarding whether CSHB 59(RES) authorizes the use of state revenues for private purposes.

CSHB 59(RES) provides that the Department of Fish and Game may enter into agreements with qualified organizations to sell harvest permits for certain big game species on behalf of the state. For its efforts on behalf of the state, an organization is entitled to recover its costs in administering the auction or raffle for the permit and to ten percent of the net proceeds of the auction or raffle. The ten percent of the net proceeds that the organization receives is compensation for the services that the organization has provided to the state and is also an incentive for the organization to maximize the net proceeds of the auction or raffle. Ninety percent of the net proceeds of the auction or raffle are returned to the fish and game fund. The greater the net proceeds of the auction or raffle, the greater is the return to the fish and game fund and to the organization.

The money retained by a qualified organization does not represent a diversion of state revenue to private purposes, but is compensation retained by the organization for a service provided to the state.

The money retained by a qualified organization under CSHB 59(RES) is analogous to the compensation retained by vendors of fish and game licenses under AS 16.05.390. Fish and game license vendors are entitled to receive:

- (1) five percent of the fee that is charged for a license or tag or 25 cents for each license or tag sold, whichever is greater; and
- (2) compensation of \$50 per year or \$1 for each license or tag sold during the year, whichever is greater.

Representative Con Bunde

March 12, 1996

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Monies collected by a qualified organization on behalf of the state are state funds from the moment they are received by the organization and at that point are subject to the constitutional requirement that all state funds be appropriated before expenditure. Thus legislative appropriations authorizing the payment or reimbursement of the qualified organization are required before the organization may retain any proceeds derived from the auction or raffle of a harvest permit. The legislature can make the necessary appropriations as part of the annual operating budget appropriation process.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

GU:klb

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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	Owyhee Bighorn Sheep Recovery Program	\$ 3,000.00	CO
93-03	Bighorn Sheep Transport Vehicle	\$ 3,000.00	ID
93-04	National Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Center	\$33,000.00	WY
93-06	Bighorn Sheep Population/Habitat Monitor	\$ 2,000.00	MT WLM
93-07	2 Year Bighorn Sheep Habitat Improvement	\$ 3,400.00	WY
93-08	Whiter Rim Water Development	\$ 3,500.00	OR USF1
93-11	Ho-Wah Owyhee Cucumber	\$ 3,000.00	WY
93-13	Bighorn Sheep Hunter Education	\$ 450.00	ID
93-15	California Bighorn Troop/Transport	\$30,000.00	ID
93-16	Bighorn Sheep Interpretive Signs	\$ 4,000.00	CA USF5
93-17	Development of Assisted Reproductive Techniques	\$19,000.00	TX
93-18	Mount Hall Radio Telemetry	\$ 2,350.00	WA USF5
93-19	Population Characteristics of St. Vrain Herd	\$ 2,000.00	CO
93-20	Hoop Lake Conservation Lease	\$ 6,000.00	UT
93-21	Ho-Bonanza Area Purchase	\$30,000.00	UT
93-22	California Water Project	\$ 3,000.00	CA
93-23	Arizona Water Project	\$ 8,000.00	AZ
93-24	American Wilderness Leadership School	\$12,000.00	WY
93-26	Shell Canyon Reintroduction Project	\$ 3,500.00	WY USF1
93-27	Campaign for "Common Sense Amendments"	\$33,000.00	DC
93-28	FNAWS Participation in WCTA/WLJA	\$23,000.00	DC
93-29	Owyhee Bighorn Sheep Habitat Improvement	\$ 4,000.00	CO USF3
93-30	Keopant Range Habitat Improvement	\$ 5,000.00	CO USF3
93-33	Bellevue Mesa Ridge-top Travel Lines #2	\$ 2,500.00	CO USF3
93-33	Avalanche Creek Forest Improvement	\$ 750.00	CO USF3
93-35	What Determines #/Acre in Bighorn Sheep Populations	\$ 500.00	ALBERTA
93-36	Use of Salt to Alter Desert Sheep Habitat	\$ 2,000.00	NM
93-37	Bighorn Habitat Availability Along Rocky Mtn East Front	\$ 1,135.00	MT
93-38	Subsolar Bighorn Habitat Improvement	\$ 3,000.00	MT
93-40	Contribution of IOGA Industry To Economy	\$10,000.00	ID
93-47	Spotted Range Water Development	\$ 7,000.00	WY
93-48	Health Laboratory Research Sheep Facility	\$ 4,000.00	ID
93-50	Quartz in Wild Sheep Research	\$ 6,000.00	WA
93-51	Dietary in Wild Sheep Research	\$ 6,000.00	WA
93-57	Oryzopsis Blue Ouzel	\$ 3,000.00	OR
93-58	Daughter Rim Excavation	\$ 5,000.00	OR
93-59	Daughter Rim Transport	\$ 2,000.00	OR
93-60	Deathrose Ridge Bighorn Transport	\$ 2,000.00	OR
93-61	Intangible Spring Development	\$ 2,900.00	OR
93-64	CA Bighorn Sheep Longhorn Treatment	\$ 2,000.00	OR
93-65	Silver Bell Mtn. Sheep Management Investigation	\$10,000.00	AZ
93-DM1	Protection of CA Bighorn Owyhee Canyon Lands	\$10,000.00	ID
93-DM2	Project WSM	\$24,000.00	NC
93-DM3	Assessment in Printing Informational Guide	\$ 2,000.00	ALBERTA
93-DM4	Madden Lake Emergency Funding	\$ 1,000.00	MT
1993 Grant-In-Aid Funding		\$332,566.00	

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	\$347,755.00
Connecticut	\$ 28,600.00
Idaho	\$490,470.00
Illinois	\$ 4,000.00
Iowa	\$ 8,750.00
Mexico	\$193,750.00
Montana	\$901,533.00
Nevada	\$577,973.01
New Mexico	\$308,890.86
North Dakota	\$232,500.00
Oregon	\$265,710.00
South Dakota	\$ 8,500.00
Texas	\$120,810.00
Utah	\$393,273.42
Washington D.C.	\$262,500.00
Washington	\$ 30,250.00
Wyoming	\$514,064.25
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	\$ 51,136.00
Montana FNAWS	\$ 1,000.00
Total	\$589,031.00

COOPERATIVE FUNDING

93-01 Iowa FNAWS	\$ 2,000.00	93-29 Iowa FNAWS	\$1,000.00
93-03 Grand Slam Club	\$3,000.00	93-48 Iowa FNAWS	\$2,500.00
93-04 Iowa FNAWS	\$2,500.00	93-39 Iowa FNAWS	\$1,500.00
93-13 Iowa FNAWS	\$ 650.00		
Total 1993 Cooperative Funding	\$14,950.00		

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	\$382,558.00
Grand Slam Club	\$ 33,515.00
Texas Bighorn Sheep Society	\$133,480.55
Total	\$2,037,541.73

1993 STATE SHEEP PERMITS

Arizona	\$ 303,000.00	Nevada	\$ 75,000.00
California	\$ 100,000.00	New Mexico	\$ 35,000.00
Colorado	\$ 34,000.00	North Dakota	\$ 28,000.00
Colorado	\$ 1,500.00 (Coal)	Oregon	\$ 102,000.00
Idaho	\$ 31,000.00	Wyoming	\$ 35,000.00
Montana	\$ 204,000.00	Mexico	\$ 80,000.00
Montana	\$ 13,000.00 (Honey)	Utah Bighorn	\$ 65,000.00
Utah Desert	\$ 45,000.00		
Total	\$1,191,500.00		

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

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

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, baiting 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 transplant work. They are currently working on a program where they have received 25 sheep from Colorado for transplant . 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.

FISCAL NOTE

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Title: An Act relating to raffles and auctions of certain permits to take big game.
Sponsor: Representative Bunde
Requester: House Finance

Dept. Affected: Fish and Game
BRU: Wildlife Conservation
Component: Wildlife Conservation
COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 473

Expenditures/Revenues

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01	FY 02
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 (FY96) 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.

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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, and other variables.

Anticipated earnings are based on experience of other states and raffle of the Delta bison permit. The single Delta bison permit that was raffled in support of the Alaska Fish & Wildlife Safeguard program earned 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.