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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 17, 2024

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Rusty Robinson, Once-in-a-lifetime (OIAL) Species Coordinator

Subject: 2025-2027 proposed OIAL species season structure and hunt dates

The attached documents summarize the DWR's recommended changes to hunt structure and season dates for OIAL species

Recommended changes by species:

Bison

- 1. Discontinued Hunt:
 - a. The DWR is recommending to discontinue Book Cliffs, Little Creek/South bison hunt # BI6530 in order to reduce hunting pressure in that unit.

Bighorn Sheep

- 1. New Hunts:
 - a. The DWR is recommending to discontinue and split the Kaiparowits, Escalante desert bighorn sheep unit into two new desert bighorn sheep units (Escalante, East and Escalante, West) in order to distribute hunters in proportion to the availability of rams.
 - b. The DWR is recommending a new Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep hunt on Antelope Island.

Moose

- 1. New Hunt:
 - a. The DWR is recommending a new bull moose hunt in Box Elder.

Please refer to hunt tables and maps to see all recommended dates, boundaries, and season structures.

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