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RULES:

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RULE TITLE: Application Requirements

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RULE SUMMARY: Set hunting season regulations and controlled hunt tag numbers for 2026 game mammal seasons including licensing and application requirements, and regulation changes to cooperative travel management areas. The proposed rules incorporate information gathered during the Big Game Hunt Review Process, which was intended to result in consistent and simpler big game seasons with opportunity allocated fairly and consistent with hunter preferences.

RULE TEXT:

(1) A valid controlled hunt Outfitter and Guide application shall be purchased from the Department. The purchase price of the application is \$30.00 (plus a \$2.00 agent fee) per specific hunt number applied for regardless of the number of tags applied for.

(a) No more than 50% of the available tags for a specific hunt number and species may be applied for, except in cases where only one person applies for tags and/or an odd number of tags exists in particular hunt.

(b) Tags will only be issued for specific hunt units in which the Outfitter and Guide is certified and in which the Outfitter and Guide is eligible to obtain a federally issued Special Recreation Permit or provides proof of a private land lease.

(c) When physically accompanying a client on an Outfitter and Guide Hunt on federal lands, Outfitter and Guides must be in possession of a valid federally issued Special Recreation/Use Permit and comply with the conditions and requirements of the permit. For purposes of this rule, "Outfitter and Guide Hunt" has the meaning provided in OAR 635-045-0002(51).

(d) Applications must be complete and include such information as required which will include the six-digit State Marine Board Registration number required under ORS 704.020 or they may be disqualified from the tag allocation drawing.

(e) Applications, along with the proper fees, must be received by midnight December 1, of each year, at the Department headquarters office. Applications received after the specified deadline dates shall be disqualified.

(2) No outfitter or guide may receive more than 25 tags per year for any single species of big game from the December

Outfitter and Guide tag drawing. Tags received in the first-come, first-serve remaining tag process are in addition to tags drawn by an outfitter and guide in the December Outfitter and Guide tag drawing.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: SB 247 (2015), ORS 496.012, ORS 496.138, ORS 497.112, ORS 496.151

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: SB 247 (2015), ORS 496.012, ORS 496.138, ORS 497.112, ORS 496.151

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RULE TITLE: Tag Limitations

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RULE TEXT:

- (1) Tags issued in the above described allocation process are for nonresident hunters only. Outfitter and Guides and their immediate families (as described in OAR 635-045-0002) or their employees are not eligible to receive or use tags described in this allocation process for personal use, when that Outfitter and Guide made the original application.
- (2) Tags issued under this allocation process are valid only when the hunter is being guided by the Outfitter and Guide or their employee who made the original application as described above in an "Outfitter and Guide Hunt" as defined in 635-045-0002.
- (3) Tags shall not be transferred among Outfitter and Guides or among hunters and the Outfitter and Guide who drew the tag must have a federally issued special use permit for the area where they are guiding when guiding on federal land.
- (4) Tags issued to an Outfitter and Guide will be revoked if at any time the Marine Board revokes or denies a registration or certification. Refunds for tags will be issued to Outfitter and Guides only.
- (5) When the commission reduces allocated tags, refunds for tags only will be issued to Outfitter and Guides who were not selected in the reallocation process.

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