

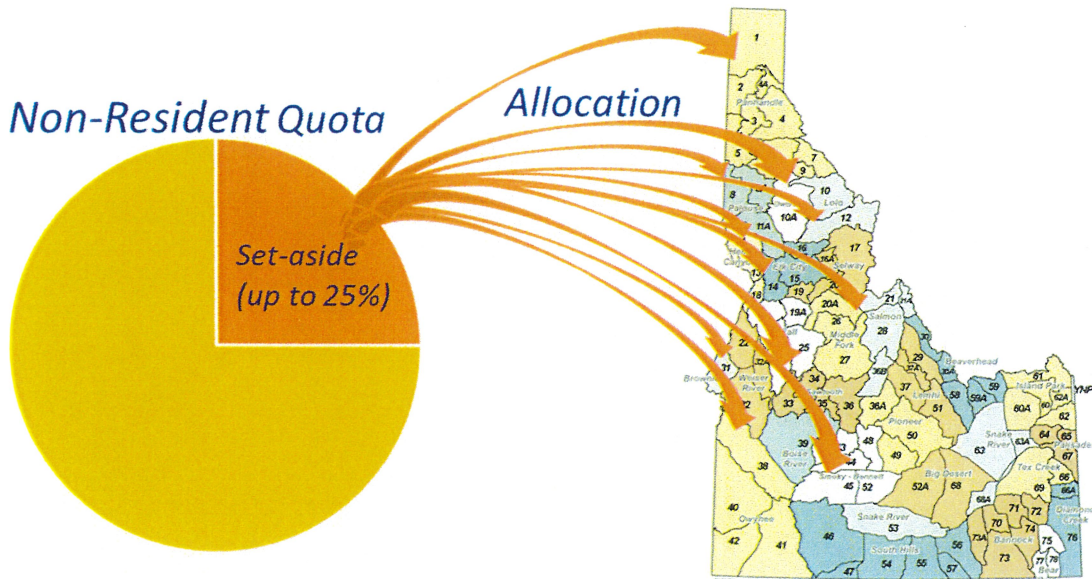
Outfitter Set-Aside Tags and Allocation Update – Jim Fredericks, Deputy Director

Non-Resident Deer and Elk Tag Quota – Total number of tags available for sale to NR

Set-Aside – Those tags out of NR quota made available for sale to outfitted hunters

Allocation – Tags from the set-aside reserved for outfitted hunters for each unit or zone

Designation – Distribution of allocated tags by IOGLB to individual outfitters



Newly implemented (2021) system of managing NR participation

- Limits number of non-residents in each unit (deer) or zone (elk)
- Created need for outfitter allocation framework in newly limited units/zones
- Legislation supported by industry describes mechanism for allocation based on historical use (IC §36-408(4))

The issue

- Historical use data is messy (difficult to know how many hunters in each unit/zone).
- Concern from Industry the set-aside doesn't have enough tags to cover allocation.
- IOGA petitioned for rule change to fix set aside at 25%.
- Commission adopted a temporary rule to increase elk set-aside for 2021 season, and adjusted set-aside again for 2022 allocation based on updated outfitter use data.
- Deer allocation not limited by set-aside, so rule wasn't changed.
- On request of industry, Commission allocated tags several months earlier.

Going forward

- New license vendor and outfitter use reporting system will bring much needed clarity to picture beginning in 2021 to fully inform allocation.
- IDFG working with industry to keep outfitters whole as we transition to new reporting system.
- Negotiated rule-making process will remain open as we collect up-to-date, reliable outfitter use data that can be used to inform any changes.