

2022 Season Tag Designation--UPDATE

Please be aware that there are changes related to the anticipated designation of 2022 Season tags resulting from a recent Idaho Fourth Judicial District Court decision. Earlier this year, an outfitter appealed the Board's December 2020 decision designating tags for the 2021 season in three of the outfitter's hunts. The Board calculated those designations based on the last two years of outfitted hunter tag use history, as stated in the law, Idaho Code Section 36-2120(2)(a):

(2) An individual outfitting operation's base allocation number is computed as follows:

(a) In capped hunts, the average of the last two (2) years of all outfitted hunter tag use history in the hunt with the most similar framework to the hunt for which the allocated tag is being designated.

However, the Judge's Opinion is that the law should have been interpreted to mean the Board uses the two seasons that precede the season for which the tags are first allocated. In short, the 2021 designations would have been based on tag use from the 2019 and 2020 seasons, not from the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

What this means to you:

As to the Board's prior designations, the Judge's Opinion affects ONLY the three hunts that were appealed. It would also affect the Board's future decisions, including designations for the 2022 season in general deer hunts and uncapped elk zones where the Commission made changes to the total allocation in September 2021. The Board will be unable to designate the tags for those 2022 season hunts before tags go on sale on December 1, 2021. The Board will likely make those designations no later than its regular meeting in March 2022.

Individual hunts for general season deer and uncapped elk zones may be looked up using the charts below.

Hunts where designations will be available on or before March 2022:

GMU	Tag Type	2022 Tag Allocation	GMU	Tag Type	2022 Tag Allocation
1	REGULAR	4	19A	REGULAR	62
1	WHITETAIL	2	20	REGULAR	58
4	REGULAR	53	21A	REGULAR	3
4	WHITETAIL	14	22	REGULAR	6

4A	REGULAR	17
4A	WHITETAIL	4
6	REGULAR	31
6	WHITETAIL	19
7	REGULAR	27
7	WHITETAIL	1
8A	REGULAR	13
10	REGULAR	45
10	WHITETAIL	22
10A	WHITETAIL	61
12	REGULAR	42
13	WHITETAIL	15
14	REGULAR	3
14	WHITETAIL	24
15	REGULAR	2
15	WHITETAIL	8
16	REGULAR	4
16A	REGULAR	10
18	REGULAR	8
18	WHITETAIL	9
19	REGULAR	18

25	REGULAR	27
26	REGULAR	66
29	REGULAR	10
32	REGULAR	5
32A	REGULAR	3
33	REGULAR	26
36	REGULAR	54
36A	REGULAR	34
36B	REGULAR	12
40	REGULAR	6
42	REGULAR	1
43	REGULAR	14
49	REGULAR	52
51	REGULAR	13
62	REGULAR	8
66	REGULAR	37
66A	REGULAR	45
67	REGULAR	20
69	REGULAR	53
75	REGULAR	49
78	REGULAR	6

Zone	Species	Elk Tag	2022 Tag Allocation
Bear River	ELK	A	60
Dworshak	ELK	A	36
Island Park	ELK	A	8
Lemhi	ELK	A	82
McCall	ELK	A	140
McCall	ELK	B	101
Palisades	ELK	A	26
Palisades	ELK	B	22
Palouse	ELK	A	10
Palouse	ELK	B	8
Panhandle	ELK	A	54
Pioneer	ELK	A	129
Smoky-Bennett	ELK	A	32
South Hills	ELK	A	5
Tex Creek	ELK	A	45
Weiser River	ELK	A	4

General Hunts that no longer have designated allocated tags for the 2022 Season:

GMU	Tag Type	2022 Tag Allocation
11	WHITETAIL	0
11A	REGULAR	0
16A	WHITETAIL	0
20	WHITETAIL	0
23	WHITETAIL	0
32	WHITETAIL	0
32A	WHITETAIL	0
66	WHITETAIL	0

General hunts that were not affected by the Opinion or changed by the Commission for the 2022 season--the 2021 designation remains in effect, and therefore, Outfitters will have the same number of designated tags:

GMU	Tag Type	2022 Tag Allocation
8A	WHITETAIL	28
10A	REGULAR	47
11A	WHITETAIL	42
12	WHITETAIL	1
16	WHITETAIL	6
17	REGULAR	165
19A	WHITETAIL	1
20A	REGULAR	45
20A	WHITETAIL	4
21	REGULAR	34
21	WHITETAIL	4
23	REGULAR	45
27	REGULAR	193
28	REGULAR	48
34	REGULAR	24
35	REGULAR	24
37	REGULAR	1
37A	REGULAR	9
47	REGULAR	7
48	REGULAR	8
50	REGULAR	10
56	REGULAR	1
59	REGULAR	1

59A	REGULAR	1
61	REGULAR	1
62A	REGULAR	2
74	REGULAR	6
77	REGULAR	55

Zone Species Elk Tag 2022 Tag Allocation

Beaverhead	ELK	A	8
Panhandle	ELK	B	92
Salmon	ELK	A	48
Tex Creek	ELK	B	40