

COMMITTEE STAFF SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 WRC

9. UPLAND GAME HUNTING DRAWS**Today's Item****Information** ☒**Action** ☐

Discuss a potential future rulemaking to integrate bird and mammal special hunts into the DFW Automated License Data System (ALDS).

Summary of Previous/Future Actions (N/A)**Background**

DFW uses lottery draws for issuing almost all hunting permits, with most opportunities having transitioned from the antiquated DFW Special Hunts System to ALDS; however, some hunts remain in the system because existing regulations do not accommodate lottery drawings using ALDS.

The application and attendance rates for apprentice hunts through the DFW Special Hunts System are low; in the most recent season, there were fewer applications than permits available. DFW data indicates that public exposure and interest in hunts have increased significantly when the hunts are brought into ALDS (e.g., turkey and pheasant).

DFW proposes regulatory changes to add all special hunts to ALDS to provide "one-stop" shopping for customers and give DFW flexibility to accommodate additional hunting draws. The proposed changes would also allow for drawings involving "priority" numbers for apprentice hunters. The proposed changes would provide summary statistics allowing assessment of program goals, marketing and outreach.

Today, DFW will provide an overview of the proposed changes (Exhibit 1).

Significant Public Comments (N/A)**Recommendation (N/A)****Exhibits**

1. DFW presentation (to be provided separately)

Committee Direction/Recommendation (N/A)