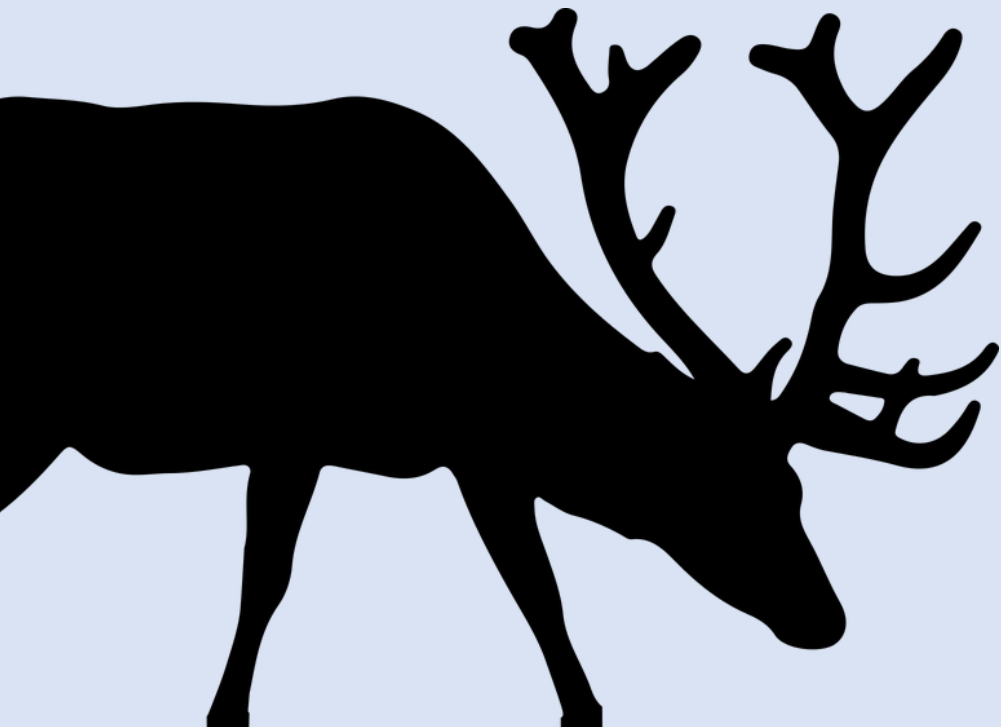




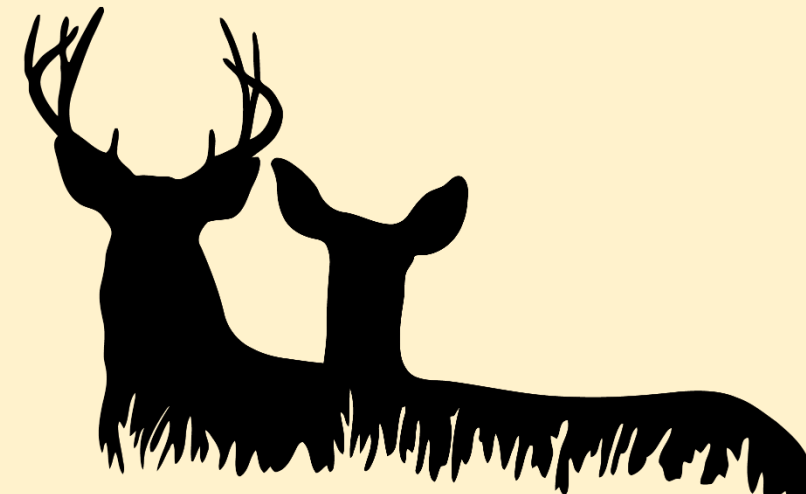
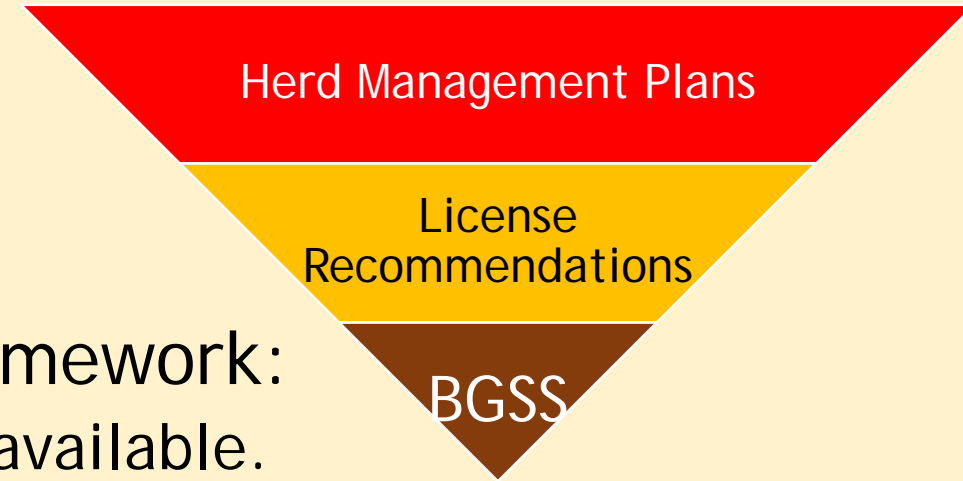
# 2020-2024 Big Game Season Structure

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# Big Game Management- Purpose of BGSS?

- Establishes a 5-year big game hunting framework:
  - What types of hunting opportunities will be available.
  - When opportunities will be available.
  - Where opportunities will be available.
  - How the opportunities will be divided amongst methods of take.
- Gather internal and external input to evaluate current season structure and develop policy recommendations for the next 5 years.



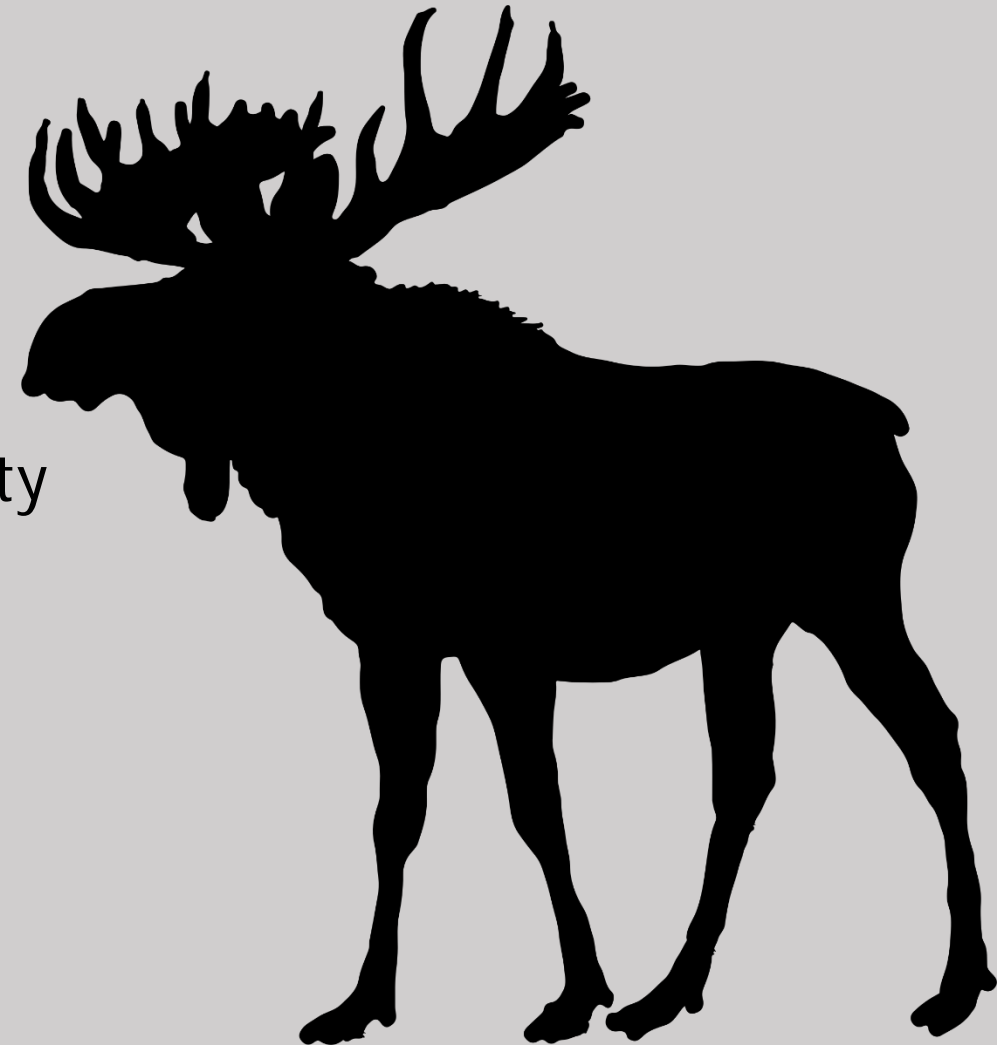
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# Why 5 years?

- Provide consistency and predictability.
- Evaluation:
  - Achievement of management objectives
  - Hunter satisfaction and participation
  - Revenue
  - Law enforcement and regulation complexity



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# History

- First initiated in the 1970s
- First twenty years- focused mainly on length and timing of seasons.
- 2000-2009- scope expanded to include license allocation, preference points, youth opportunity, and OHV use.
- 2010-2014- refocused on season length and timing. Hybrid draw added.
- 2015-2019- Intensive public outreach. Outcomes included new timing of the antelope muzzleloader season, a concurrent rifle bear season, and expanded youth opportunities.



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# Public Involvement

Media Outreach

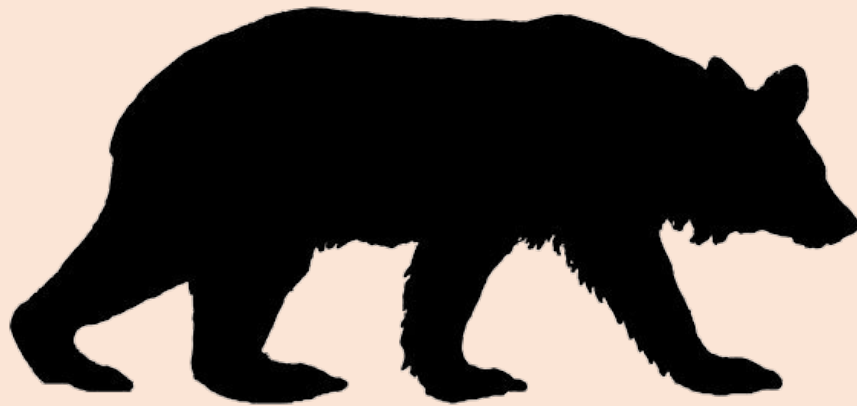
Live Online Events

Telephone Town Halls

Public Meetings/Stakeholder Briefings

Focus Groups

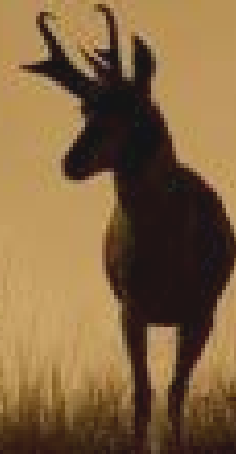
Surveys- Big Game Attitudes and Harvest Surveys



# Staff Recommended Topics/Guidelines

- Topics:

- Archery/Muzzleloader Overlap
- Pronghorn season timing and length
- Moose season timing and length
- Converting some OTC either-sex archery elk licenses to bull only
- Youth hunting opportunities and participation
  
- Topics to Avoid?
- Limited Elk Units?



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# Proposed Timeline

Tasks	May 2018	August 2018	Sept 2018	January 2019	Feb 2019	March 2019	June 2019	July 2019
Initiate BGSS discussion with PWC.								
Finalize topic list with PWC. Start media outreach.								
Update Sportsmen's Roundtable.								
Hold public meetings, telephone town hall, and public online event. Harvest survey data collected.								
Share feedback from public meetings with PWC and Sportsmen's Roundtable members.								
Present draft to PWC.								
Present final proposal of 2020-2024 BGSS to PWC for approval.								



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