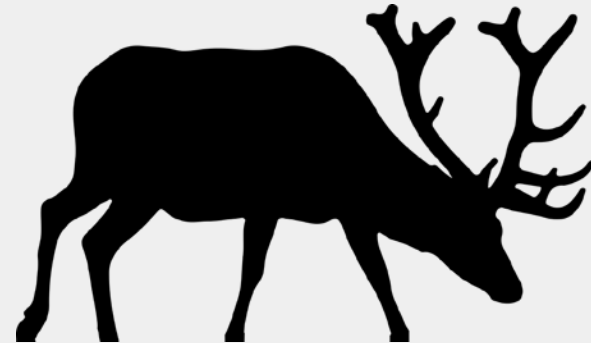


License Allocation and Preference Point Alternatives - Outreach Update & Next Steps

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Public Outreach Overview

Engage CPW comment form and guestbook tool

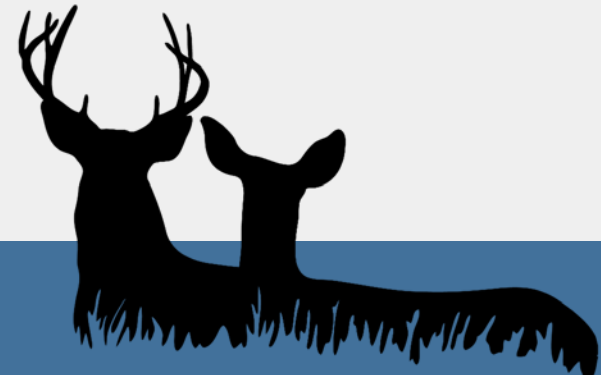
- Available for a total of 6 weeks, from January 9 through February 20, 2023.
- CPW received a total of **2,819** completed comment forms and **214** short-form responses from members of the public.



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Comment Form Results - Question 1

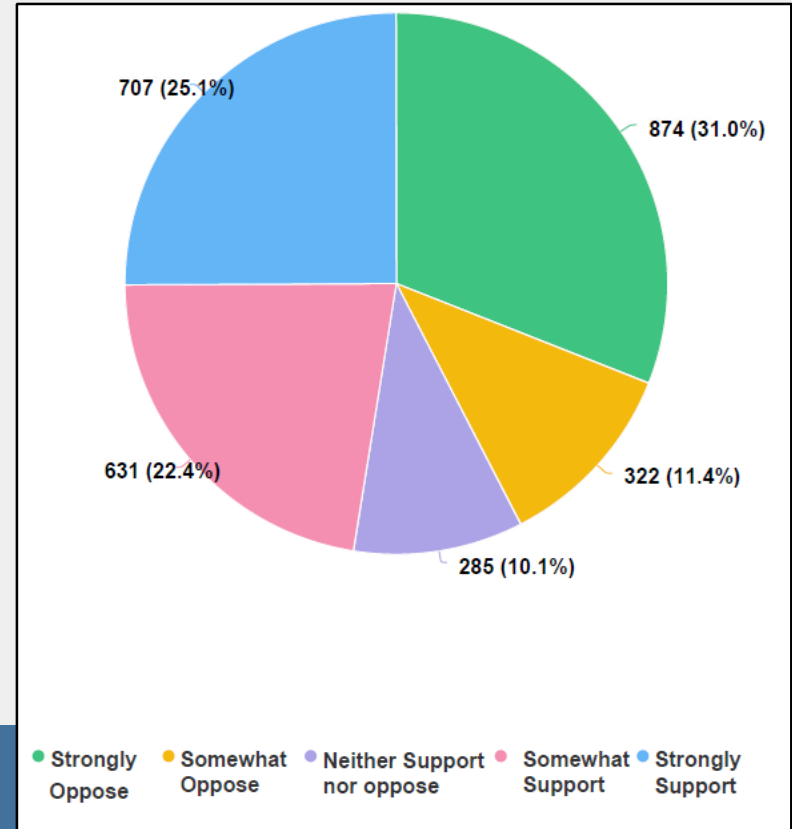
68.7% of respondents identified as Colorado residents, while 31.3% percent identified as nonresidents.



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Comment Form Results - Question 2

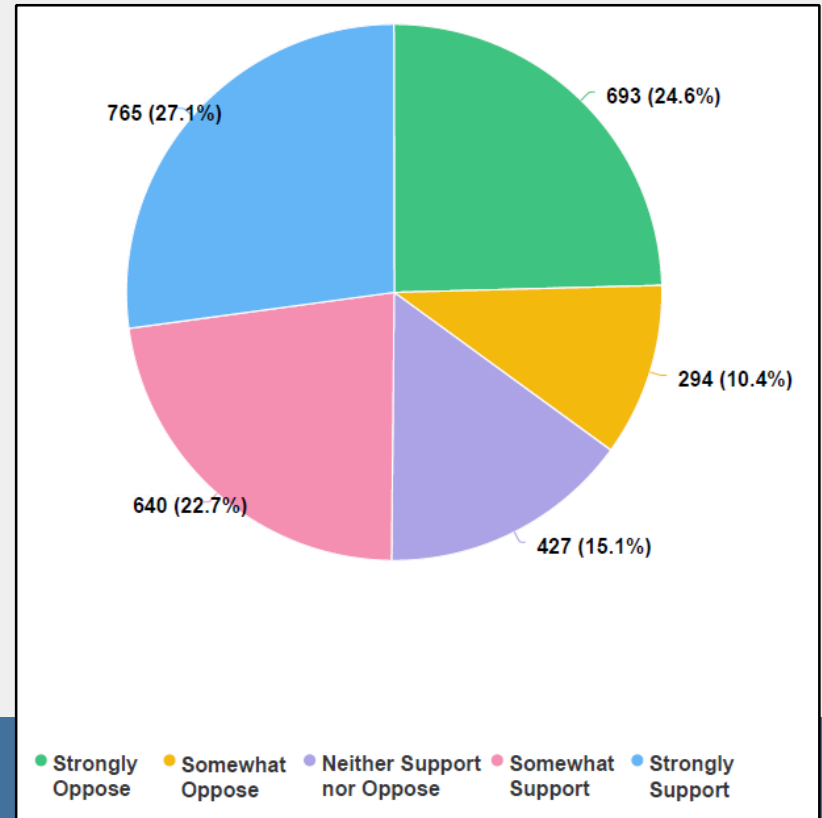
- “How would you describe your opposition or support for a preference point banking system where hunters use only that portion of their preference points needed plus 2-3 additional points to draw for deer, elk, pronghorn, and bear, and retain their remaining accumulated points?”



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Comment Form Results - Question 3

- “To what extent would you oppose or support averaging group applicant preference points when applying in the primary draw for deer, elk, pronghorn, and bear? (The current elk, deer, pronghorn, and bear draws assign the group the number of points the applicant with the fewest points applied with.)”



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Comment Form Results - Question 4

Percentage of respondents ranking an alternative as first or second choice

	All	Residents	Nonresidents
75/25 (R/NR) Across-the-Board Allocation	82%	86%	74%
90/10 (R/NR) High Demand Allocation	68%	83%	34%
Status Quo	50%	31%	92%



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Staff Recommendation - Preference Points (Banking and Group Averaging)

Recommendation



*Maintain status quo
(i.e., do not
implement preference
point banking or group
averaging)*



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Rationales for Recommendation- Banking

1. Public comment form results
2. 2022 Big Game Attitudes Survey results
3. Increasing complexity of hunting regulations
4. Potential for point creep
5. Online system logistics



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Rationales for Recommendation- Group Averaging

1. Public comment form results
2. Does not address point creep
3. Unregulated commercialization of preference points
4. Unforeseen loopholes
5. Online system logistics



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Staff Recommendation - License Allocation

Recommendation



Transition from the current license allocation system to a simpler 75/25 (R/NR) across-the-board allocation for deer, elk, pronghorn and bear



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Rationales for Recommendation- 75:25 single allocation

1. Top issue for resident hunters
 - a. Public outreach results split by residency
2. Resident preference for more substantial increase in net license allocation than the status quo
3. Higher level of predictability
4. Simplifies CPW operations and regulations
5. Increases customer understanding



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Commission Discussion

Request for Guidance: To implement any of these changes for the 2024 season, the Division requests that the Commission give strong guidance on the direction they are heading today and take final regulatory action in May 2023.



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End of presentation



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Preference Point Banking: Staff Alternative

- Implement a simple point banking system.
- Stipulating a minimum number of points to be used per license drawn could reduce the impact banking would have on the lower-point hunt codes.
- 2 to 3 point penalty for using banked points to draw a license



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Group Applications: Possible Alternatives

- Improve a group applicants chance of drawing instead by:
 - Having each applicant go through the drawing independently, using their own preference points, applicable allocation, and preference.
 - If not all draw, still none draw.



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