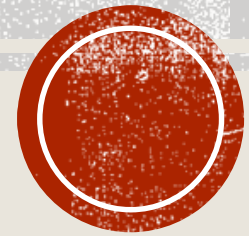


# QUOTAS AND SEASONS



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- Short answer – yes, but...  
there are trade offs!



# BENEFITS

- When applying for hunts, applicants would know the number of tags available for each hunt
- Biologists, CABs, and Commissioners could establish season structures knowing tag numbers
- Might require fewer Commission meetings to address (one meeting instead of two)



# COSTS

- Likely to lengthen the single Commission meeting!
- May result in increased conservatism in agency recommendations if biologists are less confident in data quality due to inadequate survey or modeling time
- Could shorten application period, postpone draw date, or otherwise shift key dates (anchor points)



# ANCHOR POINTS

- Draw results by Memorial Day Weekend
- Application period, draw, verification
- Posting requirements for Commission Regulation, meeting scheduling
- Big game (deer) survey data and quota development
- Harvest questionnaire data
- Currently easier for some species than for others
  - Information is available earlier for antelope, bighorn sheep, bear, mountain goat
  - Later for elk and mule deer.



# OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Implementing big game survey improvements
- Data collection through a tablet-based system
- Integrated Population Modeling



# LONGER ANSWER

- The Department is exploring techniques and technologies that soon may better position the agency to implement season and quota setting
- May be premature to implement at this time
- Value in public outreach to determine opinions about anticipated benefits and costs, similar to exploring license simplification





**QUESTIONS?**

