

FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 11, 2016

Agenda Item: 2016-2017 Game Damage/Management Season/Wildlife Health Authorization Quotas

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 minutes

Background

Game Damage/Management Season/Wildlife Health quotas have long been adopted for each region for deer, elk and antelope. These quotas represent authority and limits to prescribed harvest from any future game damage hunts and/or management seasons and hunts to address wildlife health issues such as brucellosis. To clarify, these quotas represent the upper limits to potential prescribed harvest—not necessarily permit/license numbers or hunter numbers. FWP proposes changing the deer quota in Region 1 from 500 to 800, all other quotas are to remain unchanged from 2014-2015.

Game Damage/Management Season/Wildlife Health
maximum harvest quotas for 2016 and 2017

| Region | Deer | Elk | Antelope |
|--------|--------------------|------|----------|
| 1 | 500 800 | 500 | 0 |
| 2 | 400 | 1000 | 20 |
| 3 | 1400 | 2000 | 200 |
| 4 | 750 | 1000 | 450 |
| 5 | 1400 | 600 | 300 |
| 6 | 2000 | 500 | 100 |
| 7 | 2000 | 200 | 500 |

FWP is proposing no changes to those adopted in December.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Public comment ran from Dec. 10 to Jan 22. We received 18 comments on this item, but few actually spoke to authorizing the quotas. Most talked about shoulder seasons, which emphasizes the confusion among the public about the difference between shoulder seasons and game damage. All comments are included in the Commission packet.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2015 (status quo). Without some quota adoption, game damage hunts and management seasons could not proceed.

Proposed Motion

I move the Commission adopt the 2016 and 2017 Game Damage and Management Season Quota authorizations as proposed by FWP.