

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: June 11, 2015

Agenda Item: 2015 Mountain Lion Quotas

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 30 minutes

Background

Hunting districts listed below have proposed changes from 2014 mountain lion quotas and subquotas. Additional documents with the justification for each proposal are in the Commission packets. All other quotas/subquotas not listed are proposed to be unchanged from 2014 levels. Quotas apply to "any legal lion" unless otherwise noted.

Region 2

Proposed Adjustments – 2015 Mountain Lion Quotas

Hunting District	Current Quotas			Proposed Quotas		
	Males	Females	Special Licenses	Males	Females	Special Licenses
200/201	12	8	20	13	7	20
202/203	18	12	30	20	10	30
204/260/261/262	4	2	6	4	1	5
213/214	2	1	3	2	0	2
270	5	4	9	6	5	11
283/285	7	8	15	7	4	11

Region 3

Proposed Adjustments – 2015 Mountain Lion Quotas

Hunting District	Current Quotas		Proposed Quotas	
	Total Quota	Female Subquota	Total Quota	Female Subquota
300/302/328/329	6	3	10	5
301	6	1	8	4
310/311/360/361/362	7	2	10	3

Public Involvement Process & Results

Formal public comment will run through 5 p.m., May 15. We received 40 comments: 22 agreed, 15 disagreed, and 3 undecided. Most comments agreeing with the proposals spoke to an abundance of lions and a need to reduce numbers. Many disagreeing did so because they wanted higher quotas. Others disagreeing spoke to specific areas, reducing female harvest further, the need to include other mortalities, or were not in favor of harvesting lions.

Alternatives and Analysis

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, or no change from 2014 as per staff justifications, public comment and Commission discussion.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends approval of proposed quota adjustments with no changes in other hunting districts. Rationale includes mountain lion population management accommodating human tolerance, safety, prey populations and hunter opportunity.

Proposed Motion

I move the Commission approve the proposed 2015 Mountain Lion quotas/sub quotas as presented by FWP.