

FISH and WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 15, 2018

Agenda Item: 2018-2019 Game Damage/Management Season/Wildlife Health/Special Chronic Wasting Disease Hunt Quotas

Division: Wildlife

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 Min

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. A new and separate item included here are deer, elk and moose quotas for any Special CWD Hunts that may occur in responding to CWD detections anywhere in the state. To clarify, these quotas represent the upper limits to potential prescribed harvest—not necessarily permit/license numbers or hunter numbers.

Game Damage/Management Season/Wildlife Health maximum harvest quotas for 2018 and 2019

Region	Deer	Elk	Antelope
1	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

Special CWD Hunt maximum harvest quotas for 2018 and 2019.

Deer	Elk	Moose
5000	1000	20

Public Involvement Process & Results: Public comment ran from Dec. 7 through Jan. 24, and we received 16 comments. Those that spoke to the topic mentioned having a better way to sell CWD hunt licenses, CWD hunts only to residents, and that CWD licenses should go to landowners first.

Alternatives and Analysis: Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2017 (status quo). Without some quota adoption game damage hunts, management seasons, wildlife health and Special CWD Hunts could not proceed.

Proposed Motion

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt the 2018 and 2019 Game Damage, Management Seasons, wildlife health and Special Chronic Wasting Disease Hunt Quota authorizations as proposed by FWP.