



## MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**Meeting Date:** April 23, 2020

**Agenda Item:** 2020 Mountain Lion Quotas

**Action Needed:** Proposed

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 20 Minutes

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**Background:** Proposed harvest quotas for mountain lion are based on research, surveys, harvest and mortality data, and public comment. Below are proposed changes from 2019 quotas and subquotas. All other quotas and subquotas are proposed as unchanged from 2019 levels. Quotas apply to “any legal lion” unless otherwise noted and as influenced by subquotas.

### Region 3

Mountain lion HD 350, 370: decrease total quota from 4 to 3, while maintaining female subquota at 1.

Mountain lion HD 392: increase total quota from 3 to 4, while maintaining female subquota at 1.

Mountain lion HD 390, 391: increase total quota from 10 to 11, while maintaining female subquota at 5.

Mountain lion HDs 322, 326, 330: decrease total quota from 7 to 6, while maintaining female subquota at 2.

Mountain lion HDs 323, 324, 325, 327: decrease total quota from 7 to 6, while maintaining female subquota at 2.

### Region 4

Mountain lion HD 422, 423, 424, 425, 442: decrease total quota from 13 to 12 and male quota from 8 to 7, while maintaining female quota at 5.

Mountain lion HD 447, 405, 471: increase total quota from 7 to 8 and male quota from 4 to 5, while maintaining female quota at 3.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** Formal public comment period will run through 5 p.m. Monday, May 25, 2020. Any final adoption will take place at the June commission meeting.

**Agency Recommendation and Rationale:** FWP recommends approval of proposed quota adjustments as well as the no-change proposals in other HDs. Supporting rationale includes mountain lion population management accommodating human tolerance, safety, prey populations, and hunter opportunity.

**Proposed Motion:** I move to adopt the proposed 2020 mountain lion quotas and subquotas as presented by FWP.