



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 13, 2020

Agenda Item: 2020-2021 Mountain Lion Hunting Seasons, Quotas and HD Boundaries

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 minutes

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Background:

Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted biennially for most game species. This happens every other year between December and final adoptions in February.

FWP proposals to mountain lion regulations include those below (**yellow highlights represent changes to December adoptions**). Additional proposed changes are included in the master list.

HDs 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 109, 110, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124 & 130: Replace the current total and male sub quotas in these HDs with separate male and female special licenses. **Make female licenses available only on a 1st choice application. Unsold licenses available through surplus.**

HDs 121, 122, 123 & 124: Adjust the following quotas for these HDs:

HD 121, 10 male and 20 female

HD 122, 7 male and 12 female

HD 123, 4 male and 7 female

HD 124, 3 male and 6 female

HD 140: Increase quota from 6 to **8** 10.

R1 Boundary Changes: Remove HD 132 by placing private lands in expanded HD 170 and the Forest Service lands into expanded HDs 130 & 140. Remove HD 151 by combining it into a new larger HD 150.

R4 Boundary Changes: East Front (HDs 404, 421 & 444), Snowy (HDs 411 & 412) and Castle mountains (combine HDs 449 & 452).

HDs 500, 502, 530, 570, 575 & 590: Combine all lion HDs in the eastern ecoregion into a single management unit with a harvest quota of 23.

R6 Boundary Changes: Combine HDs 611 and part of 670; combine HDs 640, 641 and parts of 651 & 670; combine HDs 650 and part of 651; combine HDs 680 & 690.

Public Involvement Process & Results: Public comment was taken from Dec. 5 to Jan. 27 and forwarded to commissioners and FWP staff for their consideration.

Alternatives and Analysis: Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions, or no change from 2019 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

Proposed Motion: I move that the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt as final the 2020-2021 mountain lion hunting seasons and hunting districts as presented by FWP. Except for calendar rotation and those season elements specifically identified for change, all other aspects of these seasons are to remain unchanged.