



# MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**Meeting Date:** December 14, 2021

**Agenda Item:** 2022–2023 Game Damage-Management Season-Wildlife Health-Urban Wildlife Quota Authorizations

**Action Needed:** Proposed

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 15 Minutes

**Background:** Game Damage-Management Season-Wildlife Health-Urban Wildlife harvest quotas are adopted biennially for deer, elk, and antelope, wildlife health quotas and special CWD hunt quotas are adopted for deer, elk, and moose. 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, tuberculosis, respiratory illness, and CWD. To clarify, these quotas represent the upper limits to potential prescribed harvest—not necessarily issued permit-license numbers or hunter numbers. The department is proposing no change from the 2020–2021 quotas for most quotas, but the department is specifically identifying new urban wildlife quotas and quotas for bison (game damage) and bighorn sheep (wildlife health). The commission is considering all quotas for adoption from 2020-2021 season, whether a change is proposed or not.

Game Damage-Management Season-Wildlife Health  
maximum harvest quotas for 2022 and 2023.

Region	Deer	Elk	Antelope	Bison	Bighorn Sheep
1	800	500	0	0	5
2	400	1000	20	0	5
3	1400	2000	200	10	5
4	750	1000	450	0	5
5	1400	600	300	0	5
6	2000	500	100	0	5
7	2000	200	500	0	5

Special CWD Hunt maximum harvest quotas for 2022 and 2023.

Deer	Elk	Moose
5000	1000	20

Urban Wildlife maximum harvest quotas for 2022 and 2023.

Deer
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**Public Involvement Process and Results:** Public comment will be accepted through Jan. 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

**Alternatives and Analysis:** Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustments, with additions, with deletions, or no change from 2019 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals. A final recommendation will be presented to the commission at their February meeting.

**Proposed Motion:** I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission vote to adopt for public comment the 2022 and 2023 Game Damage-Management Season-Wildlife Health-Urban Wildlife Quota authorizations as proposed by the department.