



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: February 4, 2022

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

Action Needed: Final

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. 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. This recommendation represents no change from that proposed and adopted by the commission at their meeting in December.

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 was accepted through Jan. 21, 2022. Based on the substance of public comment received through Jan. 14, the department is recommending no changes to the Game Damage-Management Season-Wildlife Health-Urban Wildlife Quota Authorizations adopted in December. Any final adjustments to these recommendations based on final public comment will be made at the commission meeting on Feb. 4.

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