

# **FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AMENDMENT**

**FWP proposal to be amended:** 2024–2025 Mountain Lion Quota

**Commissioner:** Burrows

**Date Received by Commission:**

**Proposed amendment:**

I move the Commission adopt the following amendments from the recommended quota: LMU 210 (4M 3F 7T), LMU 240 (2LL 8M 8F 18T), LMU 250 (10M 8F 18T), LMU 270 (2LL 10M 10F 22T), LMU 380 (1LL, 6F, 12T).

**Requested by FWP:** No

**Rationale and Background:**

I appreciate the efforts of the LEPOC and the work that went into the quota recommendations. The following quota amendments to the LEPOC recommendation are made in consideration of both a sustainable Mountain Lion and ungulate population.

**Department response:**

The proposed amendment represents an increase in quota from that recommended by the West-central Lion Ecoregional Population Objective Committee and the department but represents a reduction from that adopted by the commission in June 2023. The department does not anticipate any adverse biological effects to the west-central ecoregional lion population because of the amendment. The mountain lion population in this ecoregion would be expected to decline slightly if quotas were met due to this amendment.

Should the commission adopt this amendment, the department would suggest that for LMU 380, the commission might consider using the quotas adopted in December 2023, which were 1 limited license, a winter quota of 5 male lions, and a winter quota of 6 female lions (note that separate quotas for male and female were adopted in LMU 380 in December 2023) on which to base the amended quotas.