



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 5, 2019

Agenda Item: 2020-2021 Bison Hunting Seasons and Hunting District Boundaries

Action Needed: Proposed

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Minutes

Background: Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted for most game species every other year between December and final adoptions in February. In proposing regulations to the commission, FWP proposes adopting the existing 2019 structure except for specific changes. Proposals are based on population status and/or other circumstances.

There are no proposed changes for bison.

Public Involvement Process & Results: Thirteen bison season comments were received during the Aug. 15 – Sep. 16 scoping, and while comments varied, several spoke to wanting more opportunity. In addition to public comment taken during the Dec. 5 commission meeting, public comment will run through 5 p.m., Jan. 22, 2020. Any final adoptions will take place at the February 2020 commission meeting.

Alternatives and Analysis: Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions, or no change from 2019 (status quo).

Proposed Motion: I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt for public comment the 2020 and 2021 bison hunting seasons and hunting districts as presented by FWP, and that all other aspects of the bison season remain unchanged unless addressed in other proposals.