



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: April 23, 2020

Agenda Item: 2020 Moose, Bighorn Sheep, and Mountain Goat Quotas Outside Biennial Range **Action Needed:** Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 10 Minutes

Background: Biennial quotas for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat licenses were adopted as final in February 2020. That adoption set minimum and maximum numbers of licenses that may be annually issued without additional commission review for any single license type. Field surveys identified one mountain goat license type (LPT) where the prescribed 2020 quota is outside the adopted range. To address this, the following single proposed adjustment to the 2020 quota and biennial range is proposed for annual adoption for the 2020 season. Other changes and/or maintenance of 2020 quotas will take place within the established quota ranges. The proposed amendment is:

Mountain Goat – Region 3

HD 312-20: decrease mountain goat licenses from 4 to 1; adjust biennial quota range from 4–8 to 1–8.

Public Involvement Process & Results: Any public comment received will be shared with the commission at the April commission meeting.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale: FWP recommends the commission adopt the proposed 2020 adjustment to the mountain goat 312-20 annual quota and biennial quota range. This recommendation is consistent with the biological survey data obtained since the quota range was adopted.

Proposed Motion: I move the commission adopt the proposed adjustment to the mountain goat 312-20 annual quota and biennial range as proposed by FWP.