



# MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

**Meeting Date:** February 13, 2020

**Agenda Item:** 2020-2021 Mountain Goat Hunting Seasons and Hunting District Boundaries

**Action Needed:** Final

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 5 Minutes

**Background:** Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted for most game and other managed 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.

Some of the more substantial changes are:

Region 3 - Combine HDs 327 & 328 into a new larger HD 327.

Region 4 - Close HD 460 to mountain goat hunting.

Region 5 - Create a new HD 521 in the upper West Fork of the Stillwater with new 521-20 either sex license, quota 4 (range 1-6). This boundary description has been slightly modified from the December commission meeting. The boundary description for adjacent mountain goat HD 316 has been similarly modified with no actual change to either boundary.

These and all other proposed changes are on the commission master list. Except for the minor boundary description modifications in yellow highlight, there are no proposed changes to the mountain goat seasons proposal adopted by the commission in December.

**Public Involvement Process & Results:** Public comment was taken from Dec. 5 to Jan. 27 and forwarded to commissioners and FWP staff for their consideration.

**Alternatives and Analysis:** Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions, or no change from 2019 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

**Proposed Motion:** I move that the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt as final the 2020-2021 mountain goat hunting seasons and hunting districts as presented by FWP. Except for calendar rotation and those season elements specifically identified for change, all other aspects of these seasons are to remain unchanged.