



MONTANA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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Meeting Date: April 1, 2021

Agenda Item: 2021 Mountain Lion Quotas

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 20 Minutes

Background: Proposed harvest quotas for mountain lion are based on research, surveys, harvest and mortality data, and public comment. Below are proposed changes from 2020 quotas and subquotas. All other quotas and subquotas are proposed as unchanged from 2020 levels. Quotas apply to “any legal lion” unless otherwise noted and as influenced by subquotas.

Region 2

- Mountain lion hunting district (HD) 204/260/261/262: increase total quota from 5 to 6, increase female subquota from 1 to 2, and maintain male subquota at 5.
- Restructure mountain lion combinations for HDs 211 through 217:
 - HD 214: male subquota 2, female subquota 1
 - HD 212/213/217: male subquota 5, female subquota 1
 - HD 215: male subquota 3, female 1
 - HD 211 and 216: no change to quotas but eastern boundary will change to Storm Lake Road

Region 4

- Mountain lion HD 418/420/448: increase total quota from 8 to 10, increase female subquota from 4 to 5, increase male subquota from 4 to 5

Public Involvement Process and Results: Formal public comment will be accepted at the April commission meeting and through May 3, 2021, at 5 p.m.

Agency Recommendation and Rationale: The department recommendation is based on biological data, data on depredation and conflict, and public feedback.

Proposed Motion:

I move that the commission vote to adopt for public comment the 2021 proposed amendments to mountain lion hunting districts, quotas and subquotas as presented by the department, with all other aspects of the 2021 season unchanged except for any standard season calendar changes.