

**From:** [Michael Kantor](#)  
**To:** [FWP Wildlife](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments on proposed rule amendments  
**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2022 1:49:56 PM

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I appreciate it.

I am a Montana resident and a conservationist and hunter.

**1. I strongly support the change proposed for marten trapping, I support reinstating that trappers must personally present pelts of marten for tagging within 10 days.**

**Marten are one of my favorite species. I did a little marten trapping many years ago. This proposed change is much needed in order to monitor and manage the marten harvest .**

**2. I support the proposal which, as I understand it, will increase nongame wildlife funding. A good idea.**

**3. I support the proposed motorized boat restrictions for the Boulder river. A beautiful river that needs some protection.**

**Again, thanks so much for the opportunity to comment. You do a great job!!**

**Mike Kantor  
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**From:** [Ben Demmerly](#)  
**To:** [FWP Wildlife](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comment on Td1 bobcat quota and Marten pelt tagging  
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Hi, just wanted to comment on these two proposals the first one being the reduced bobcat quota for TD 1. I can't speak for the status of unit 2 but as far as TD 1 is concerned I spend a good portion of my year in the mountains and in my opinion there is no shortage of bobcats. I see bobcat sign fairly regularly . It seems that Fwp is Always putting the squeeze on trappers and houndsmen and giving them less to hunt and trap every year.

This may not be the case but that is how it seems a lot of the time. At any rate maybe some of the biologists need to start running the mountains with The outdoorsman that actually spend a lot of time in the woods Because the species population numbers that the biologists give a lot of the time here in region one does not add up with what is actually out in the woods. If the bobcat population is actually suffering I am all for reducing the quota but I do not believe that it is. My main complaint with reducing the quota is that it seems once a quota is reduced it is never increased again. Which means that we are not doing our job to get the population back on track after We reduce the quota. If The bobcat quota Is reduced here in District one than the population should go up and we should be able to increase thequota again in a couple years. My experience unfortunately is that that will not happen as the bobcat quota used to be 300 or more as I recall, and now it keeps getting reduced.

As far as reinstating the old Marten tagging law I would be In support of that as long as we do away with the 24 hour call in requirement. I trap up in the mountains Far from cell service so it is not practical to have to call in within 24 hours of catching a marten.

Thanks for considering these comments

Ben

**From:** [Phyllis Schaefer](#)  
**To:** [FWP Wildlife](#)  
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I used to have a great deal of respect for the FWL, however, due to recent trapping, baiting, and hunting decisions, I no longer believe this is an agency to be respected.

It has become politicized and truly does not show any ethical regard for the wildlife under its jurisdiction. It's all about shoot, shoot, trap, kill, kill, kill without regard to ethics and ethical hunting. Let's kill collared animals....let's inhumanly kill wolves, from the air, at night and without a quota per hunter. And bears, oh yes, while we're out hunting, let's get a bear, too.

Ethical and done with respect, not any more. The politicians and their rich friends now run this organization. As a lifelong Montanan, I'm truly saddened by the decisions this agency has made in the past couple of years.

Phyllis Schaefer

**From:** [Jim](#)  
**To:** [FWP Wildlife](#)  
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To Whom it may concern:

I saw the proposals you have recommended regarding hunting and trapping of bobcats, marten, and wolves. I am for all the proposals that will reduce the trapping and hunting quotas for all of these animals. With regards to wolf trapping near the boundary of Yellowstone Nat'l Park, it should be completely eliminated. The Park's packs do not know the boundaries and it is essential to maintaining the integrity of the packs that they not be effected by trappers outside the park.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim Brenna

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