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MEMORANDUM

December 30, 2020

To: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife, and Interested Public

From: Mike Scott, Administrator, Game Division

Title: **Commission Regulation 21-04, 2021 Black Bear Season – For Possible Action**

Description: The Commission will consider adopting the 2021 hunting season dates, open management unit, or unit-groups, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, hunt boundary restrictions, and dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bears.

Presenter: Wildlife Staff Specialists Pat Jackson

Summary:

The Department is recommending no changes to the Black Bear season from 2020. This includes hunting season dates, open management units, hunting hours, special regulations, animal sex, legal weapon requirements, and hunt boundary restrictions. Dates and times for indoctrination courses for black bear will be provided to successful applicants. The proposed season spans September 15 to December 1 based on prior seasons approved by the Commission.

The hunt area is subdivided into three separate hunt unit groups to manage harvest with seasons running concurrently. Total harvest and female harvest limits will be approved during the quota process. There will be a single hunt application number for residents and another for non-residents, and tags will be valid for all hunt unit groups. Hunt unit groups may be closed as individual harvest limits are met, but all tags will remain valid in the remaining open unit groups until harvest limits are met or the season closing date is reached.

In 2020, a total of 13 bears (6 male, 7 female) was harvested during the hunt. The female harvest limit was reached in Unit Group 203-291, which closed that unit group on November 22. The 3-year averages for percent females in the harvest and mean age of females indicate a moderate harvest, while mean age of males indicates a light harvest.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION REGULATION 21-04, 2021 BLACK BEAR SEASON AS PRESENTED**

CR 21-04
2021 BLACK BEAR SEASON

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of Section 501.181, 503.090, 503.140 and 503.245 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulations for the management of Black Bears:

Unit Group	2021 Season
Hunt Units 192*, 194*, 195, 196 are open to bear hunting except those portions of 192 and 194 described below in Special Regulations.	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)
Hunt Units 201, 202, 204 and 206 are open to bear hunting	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)
Hunt Unit 291 and 203 are open to bear hunting	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)

- The limit is one animal per tag.
- Hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Tag holders, or their licensed guide if applicable, must call the Black Bear Harvest Information Hotline prior to hunting to determine if the hunt has been closed due to the harvest objective being reached. The number is 1-800-800-1667 and is accessible 24 hours a day.
- Attendance at one black bear indoctrination class is mandatory for tag holders or their representative guides or sub-guides. A person represented by a guide or sub-guide at the indoctrination may only hunt under the direct supervision of the guide or sub-guide who attended the class for them. Tags will only be issued upon completion of one indoctrination class. Black bear indoctrination classes are scheduled for Saturday, August 21, 2021, and on Saturday, September 11, 2021, from 1 pm to 4 pm. Courses will be available through Zoom. The Department will provide all tag holders with directions for registration prior to August 21, 2021.
- The Department phone number to call and report a harvested black bear is 775-688-BEAR. Leave a message.

***Special Regulations**

Those areas within Units 192 and 194 that are within the U.S. Forest Service Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (LTBMU) and those areas bounded on the west by the LTBMU boundary from the southern boundary of Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Section 13 to the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary (approximately located at the Relay Ridge Radio Tower), by the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary from the LTBMU boundary to the western boundary of Range 19 East, and by the western boundary of Range 19 East from the Mount Rose Wilderness Area boundary to USFS Road No. 41049 (Logan Meadow Lane/Thomas Creek), bounded on the north by USFS Road No. 41049 from the western boundary of Range 19 East to Timberline Drive, by Timberline Drive from its junction with USFS Road No. 41049 to State Highway 431 (Mount Rose Highway), and by State Highway 431 from its junction with Timberline Drive to its junction with U.S. Highway 395, bounded on the east by U.S. Highway 395 from its junction with State Highway 431 to the southern boundary of Township 16 North, Range 19 East, Section 14 (approximately located at the northbound Bellevue Interchange off-ramp), and bounded on the south by the southern edge of Township 16 North, Range 19 East, Sections 14 – 18, following the southern boundary of the University of Nevada, Reno Little Valley Study Area, and Township 16 North, Range 18 East, Section 13 to the LTBMU boundary.