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**MEMORANDUM****December 30, 2020**

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

**From:** Mike Scott, Administrator, Game Division

**Title:** **Commission Regulation 21-05, 2021-2022 Mountain Lion Season and Harvest Limits – For Possible Action**

**Description:** The Commission will consider adopting 2021-2022 hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations for Mountain Lions.

**Presenter:** Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson

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Summary:

Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502.370 establishes mountain lion season dates beginning March 1 through the end of February of the succeeding year unless the harvest limit established by the Commission is met prior to that date. Because season dates are established in this NAC, this Commission Regulation (CR) does not address season dates.

The Department prepared the 2021-2022 mountain lion hunting season open units, harvest limits by unit group, hunting hours, and special regulations similar to those adopted by the Commission in for 2020-2021, with the exception of including Unit 091 into the combined harvest limit.

The proposed CR for mountain lions in 2021-2022 includes a combined harvest limit of 247 for the state, excluding closed units. The harvest limit is increased by 2 over the 2020-21 limit and considers harvest characteristics within unit groups developed through published, peer-refereed research to identify genetic population structures within Nevada. These published sources on genetic population structures indicate unit groups where genetic interchange is most frequent and further confirms that genetic interchange occurs among unit groups to a lesser extent. Harvest limits may be established for individual genetic populations in future years if harvest demographic

data indicates that exploitation is excessive, and the management objective is to maintain mountain lion populations.

Examination of recent harvest data provides no indication that harvest levels are excessive. Females make up less than 50% of the total harvest take, whereas adult females comprise less than 35% of the total harvest.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION REGULATION 21-05, 2021-2022 MOUNTAIN LION SEASONS AND HARVEST LIMITS AS PRESENTED.**

**CR 21-05**  
**Open Management Units and Harvest Limits**  
**2021 Mountain Lion Season**

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners under the authority of Section 501.181, 503.090, 503.120 and 503.140 of the Nevada Revised Statutes, does hereby adopt the following regulations for the management of mountain lions.

**Resident and Nonresident Mountain Lion - Either Sex**

Unit Groups	Harvest Limits
142,143, 144, 145, 155, 161, 162, 163, 171, 172, 173, 183, 184, 251	247
102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 109, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 121, 231	
044, 045, 046, 051, 061, 062, 064, 065, 066, 067, 068, 071, 072, 073, 074, 075, 076, 077, 078, 079, 081, 091*, 101, 107, 141, 151, 152, 153, 154, 156	
011, 012, 013, 014, 015, 021, 022, 032, 034, 041, 192, 194, 195, 196, 201, 202, 203, 204, 206, 291	
131, 132, 133, 134, 164, 221, 222, 223, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 253, 254, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 271, 272	
031, 035, 042, 043, 181, 182, 205, 207, 208, 211, 212, 213, 252	
033, 269, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 286	Closed Units

- The limit is one animal per tag, 2 tag maximum per person.
  - Hunting hours are any time day or night
  - A hunter, or their licensed guide or subguide if applicable, must call the mountain lion hotline at 1-800-800-1667 prior to hunting to determine if a unit group is open or closed.
- \*Special Regulations
- Unit 091 is an Interstate hunt with Utah. Nevada and Utah hunters may hunt within open units in both states (Nevada Unit 091, Utah Unit 1C). Nevada hunters hunting in Utah must abide by Utah regulations and season dates on the Utah portion of the hunt area.