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MEMORANDUM

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

From: Shawn Espinosa, Administrator, Game Division

Title: CR 24-11 Black Bear Harvest Limits and Quotas

Brief Explanation of Proposed Black Bear 2024 Harvest Limits and Quotas

The Department recommends a few small changes to the 2024 Harvest Limits and Quotas

- Increase unit group harvest limit for Hunt Unit group 192, 194, 195 and 196 numbers from 10 to 15.
- Increase 2024 Resident Quota from 30 to 38.
- Decrease 2024 Nonresident Quota from 7 to 4

The recommendation for these slight increases is due to increasing populations of black bear in Nevada and increases in the metapopulation that is connected to the California black bear population.

Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Commission review and adopt the proposed regulation changes as presented.

CR 24-11 2024 BLACK BEAR QUOTAS AND HARVEST LIMITS

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 bear:

Unit Group	2024 Season Dates	Unit Group Harvest Limit	Unit Group Female Harvest Limit	Resident Quota	Nonresident Quota
Hunt units 192*, 194*, 195, 196 (except those portions of 192 and 194 described below in Special Regulations.)	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)	15	5		
Hunt unit group 201, 202, 204 and 206	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)	12	4	38	4
Hunt unit group 291 and 203	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)	15	5		

Resident and Nonresident Black Bear - Either Sex Any Legal Weapon Hunt 6151 and 6251

• 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 of the annual black bear indoctrination courses is mandatory for tag holders AND their representative guides and sub-guides. A person represented by a guide or sub-guide at the indoctrination must take the indoctrination course; their guide and sub-guides must also take the indoctrination course. Tags will only be issued upon completion of one indoctrination course. Black bear indoctrination courses are scheduled for Thursday August 15 from 6 pm to 9pm and Saturday, August 17, 2024, from 1 pm to 4 pm. Both courses will be held the Nevada Department of Wildlife's conference room, 1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada and streamed on Zoom. Courses will be recorded on Zoom and available for First Come First Serve tagholders. The Department will provide all tag holders with directions for registration prior to August 15, 2024.
- The Department phone number to call and report a harvested black bear is 775-688-BEAR. Please 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 US. 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 north by U.S. Highway 395 from its junction with State Highway 431 to the southern edge of Township 16 North, Range 19 East, Section 14, 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.