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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: Mike Scott, Administrator, Game Division

Title: **Commission Regulation 21-04 Amendment #1, 2021 Black Bear Quotas – For Possible Action**

Description: The Commission will establish regulations for the numbers of tags to be issued for the 2021 black bear season

Presenter: Wildlife Staff Specialist Pat Jackson

Summary:

The Department is recommending a resident quota of 45 tags and a non-resident quota of 5 tags for the 2021 Black Bear season. These recommendations have remained unchanged since 2017. The Department recommends a total harvest limit of 20 bears with the same harvest limits as 2020: combined limit of 6 bears from Units 192, 194, 195, & 196 with a female limit of 3; combined total of 6 bears from Units 201, 202, 204, and 206 with a female limit of 2; and a combined limit of 8 bears from Units 291 and 203 with a female limit of 3. If either the female limit or total limit is reached in a unit group, that unit group will be closed to further bear hunting.

The Department estimates the statewide bear population at 600-700 animals (18 months of age or older). The population in Units 192, 194, 195, 196, and 291 combined was calculated using population estimation procedures in Program MARK. The population in these areas has stabilized and is estimated at 400 – 450 animals. These areas represent roughly half of the occupied bear habitat in Nevada. The Department has also initiated a Passive Survey Estimate of Black Bears in Nevada to add to the knowledge base to estimate the Nevada bear population. The Nevada population is contiguous and integral with the bear population in California, which now estimates their hunted black bear population at 40,000.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends that the Commission **VOTE TO ADOPT COMMISSION REGULATION 21-04 Amendment #1, 2021 BLACK BEAR QUOTAS AS PRESENTED**

CR 21-04 Amendment #1 2021 BLACK BEAR QUOTAS

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:

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

Unit Group	2021 Season	Unit Harvest Limit	Unit Female Harvest Limit
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)	6	3
Hunt units 201, 202, 204 and 206 are open to bear hunting.	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)	6	2
Hunt unit 291 and 203 are open to bear hunting.	Sept 15 - Dec 1 (or until harvest limits are met)	8	3

- 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 holder 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.