

ISSUES SUBMITTAL FORM

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ISSUE: Should the following mountain lion regulation changes (harvest limit group composition) presented in the draft version of the East Slope Mountain Lion plan be implemented beginning in the April 2025-March 2026 lion season?

DISCUSSION (FACTS AND FIGURES, EXPLANATION OF ISSUE):

The East Slope Mountain Lion Management Plan was presented in draft form as an informational item at the August 22-23, 2024 Parks and Wildlife Commission (PWC) meeting. The harvest limit Game Management Unit (GMU) grouping regulation changes necessary to implement the plan beginning in April of 2025 were included in the draft plan presentation and supporting materials at that meeting.

This issue paper implements the draft harvest limit GMU group changes proposed in the East Slope Lion Plan. If the East Slope Lion Plan is approved at the November 2024 PWC meeting, this draft regulation issue will be introduced to the PWC as Step 1 of 2 as an informational item later in the meeting. At the January 2025 PWC meeting, these regulation changes will be an action item, Step 2 of 2 of the traditional lion regulation cycle.

The 2025-2026 East Slope harvest limits proposed in the East Slope Lion Management Plan will be introduced under the traditional regulatory cycle in January 2025 along with West Slope (DAUs NW and SW) harvest limit proposals.

New harvest limit groups proposed for implementation on April 1, 2025 have been defined below.

- 1) Harvest Limit groups (Chapter W-2, #242 A.3.): East Slope (NE and SE Regions) harvest limit groups currently in regulation would change to what is outlined below. Remaining harvest limit groups on the West Slope would remain status quo.

Hunt Code; Harvest Limit Group Name	List of GMUs in harvest limit group
LE007O1R; I-70 North	7, 8, 9, 19, 20, 29, 38, 191
LE104O1R; Eastern Plains	104, 105, 110, 128, 129, 130, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 146, 147
LE039O1R; I-70 South	39, 46, 50, 51, 391, 461, 500, 501
LE059O1R; Rampart	59, 511, 591
LE048O1R	48, 56, 481, 561
LE049O1R	49, 57, 58, 581
LE085O1R	85, 851
LE069O1R	69, 84, 86, 691, 861

STATE LAW REQUIRES CPW TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS THAT MAY BE AFFECTED POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY BY THE PROPOSED RULES. THE FOLLOWING STAKEHOLDERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF AND INVITED TO PROVIDE INPUT ON THE REGULATORY CHANGES PROPOSED IN THIS ISSUE PAPER:

***IT IS ASSUMED THAT ALL NECESSARY INTERNAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED*.**

This issue paper represents the harvest limit group regulations that were put forth in the East Slope lion management plan draft. Therefore these proposed regulations were explicitly part of the later phases of public outreach and draft plan review process. The process of reviewing the draft plan included 4 weeks of online comment and outreach to stakeholder groups. Additionally, these regulations were presented at the August 2024 PWC meeting so interested parties were also notified and provided an opportunity for input as part of that process.

ALTERNATIVES: (POSSIBLE OUTCOMES or POSSIBLE REGULATIONS):

1. ***Preferred Alternative*:** Revise mountain lion regulations for the season beginning in April 2025 to implement the aforementioned proposed changes approved in the East Slope Mountain Lion Management Plan.
2. **Status quo.** This would not allow implementation of an approved East Slope Plan as described in the Plan.

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REQUIRES NEW SPACE IN THE BROCHURE?	YES
ARE ADEQUATE STAFF AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO IMPLEMENT?	YES
REGION, BRANCH, OR SECTION LEADING IMPLEMENTATION	Terrestrial
RECOMMENDED FOR CONSENT AGENDA?	NO