

STATEMENT OF REASON
WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION
CHAPTER 42
MOUNTAIN LION HUNTING SEASONS

W.S. § 23-1-302 directs and empowers the Commission to fix seasons and bag limits, open, shorten or close seasons on any species or sex of wildlife except predatory animals, predacious birds, protected animals and protected birds.

In Section 2, a definition has been added for “reduced price mountain lion license” and edits have been made to the definition of “mortality” to further clarify these term.

In Section 4, language has been provided to allow for the issuance of reduced price mountain lion licenses in specific hunt areas. The “date of kill” is being added to the required information a hunter shall provide upon registering a mountain lion kill. Edits have been made to the Hunt Areas, Season Dates and Limitations chart including removal of Mountain Lion Management Unit information, listing all hunt areas in numeric order and renaming the Annual Mortality Quota and Annual Female Mortality Quota columns. This table may have additional changes made to season dates, mortality quotas or female mortality quotas (including removal or combining some mortality quotas) pending analysis of harvest data. Adjustments in mortality quotas may be made to keep in alignment with management objectives.

In Section 6, hunt area descriptions have been adjusted to provide additional clarity.

Minor grammatical and formatting edits have been incorporated to provide additional clarity but do not change the intent of the rules and regulations.