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Re: Title 163, Chapter 4, Wildlife Regulations, Section 037, Mountain Lions

Dear Commissioners and Director McCoy:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Title 163, Chapter 4, Wildlife Regulations, Section 037, Mountain Lions.

The proposed changes to Title 163, Chapter 4, Wildlife Regulations, Section 037, Mountain Lions generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of mountain lions while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. Particularly, SCI supports adding additional areas open to harvest and increasing harvest limits, as proposed in the changes.

SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including carnivores such as mountain lions, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Title 163, Chapter 4, Wildlife Regulations, Section 037, Mountain Lions. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Department and the Commission. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

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