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Hunt Recommendations for Fall 2025 and Spring 2026

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Re: Hunt Recommendations for Fall 2025 and Spring 2026

Dear Commissioners and Director Finley:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Hunt Recommendations for Fall 2025 and Spring 2026.

The proposed changes to hunt recommendations generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of all species while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters, and particularly in Commission Order 9: Black Bear, and Commission Order 10: Mountain Lion. 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 bears and 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 all wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Hunt Recommendations for Fall 2025 and Spring 2026. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the partnership with the Agency and the Commission. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

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