

2012-14 Hunting Season Development
Issue Scoping Survey - Final Results

Issue 3: Modifying cougar hunting seasons for areas where harvest is ABOVE objective

Page 4, Q1. Which of the following options would you prefer for addressing the issue of modifying cougar hunting seasons for areas where harvest is ABOVE objective?

1	No hunting. Relocation of problem animals.	Sep 21, 2011 8:03 AM
2	The harvest rate of 14% is too high to maintain stable cougar populations in Washington state. Please do not exceed 12% harvest rate.	Sep 21, 2011 7:58 AM
3	Cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 21, 2011 7:44 AM
4	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 21, 2011 7:24 AM

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5	Do not hunt the cougar for sport.	Sep 21, 2011 7:18 AM
6	No cougar hunting	Sep 21, 2011 7:16 AM
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8	suspend harvest until population is stable	Sep 21, 2011 4:22 AM
9	Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy. Also, please do not extend cougar management to include the indiscriminate and inhumane practice of sport hound hunting.	Sep 21, 2011 4:10 AM
10	eliminate all hunting	Sep 21, 2011 3:54 AM
11	Please do not exceed a 12 percent mortality by humans rate so that we may maintain a stable population	Sep 21, 2011 2:18 AM
12	Cougars are not a ' crop ' and should not be harvested	Sep 21, 2011 1:47 AM
13	use a draw tag system for hunting cougars in over-harvested areas to reduce # of animals taken.	Sep 20, 2011 11:27 PM
14	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU). Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy. Also, please do not extend cougar management to include the indiscriminate and inhumane practice of sport hound hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 11:14 PM
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16	N/a	Sep 20, 2011 10:51 PM
17	Cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 10:39 PM
18	stop hunting cougars!	Sep 20, 2011 9:55 PM

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20	Please do not exceed a 12% human caused mortality rate which facilitates a stable cougar population	Sep 20, 2011 9:49 PM
21	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 20, 2011 9:43 PM
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25	year round season	Sep 20, 2011 9:14 PM
26	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 20, 2011 9:13 PM
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28	Limit total harvest to 10-12%.	Sep 20, 2011 9:09 PM
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30	It is trophy hunting, which is barbaric and horrid stop this insanity !	Sep 20, 2011 9:02 PM
31	I object to ANY sport hunting of wildlife, including cougars. ESPECIALLY cougars and other wild cats. I believe human activity and encroachment is the cause of so-called nuisance cougars. If the state insists on allowing cougars to be hunted, it should NOT be for sport and the absolute minimum should be taken.	Sep 20, 2011 9:02 PM
32	stop hunting cougars.	Sep 20, 2011 8:56 PM
33	I prefer whatever option involves the least killing of wild animals. Frankly I would have open season on hunters, and open some badlands for hunter versus hunter combat.	Sep 20, 2011 8:51 PM
34	Let predator/prey relationships and starvation manage populations, lower harvest limit	Sep 20, 2011 8:47 PM
35	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU). Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy. Also, please do not extend cougar management to include the indiscriminate and inhumane practice of sport hound hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 8:42 PM
36	Use hounds, hunters can choose to shoot male or female as the Game mangement plan calls for.	Sep 20, 2011 8:37 PM
37	I concur with PAWS reasoning on the cougar killing issue	Sep 20, 2011 8:36 PM
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39	• Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy.	Sep 20, 2011 8:22 PM
40	Unless these cougars are proving to be a direct threat to humans or the ecosystem, an alternative to hunting needs to be established.	Sep 20, 2011 8:20 PM

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41	Do away with killing	Sep 20, 2011 8:17 PM
42	Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy. Also, please do not extend cougar management to include the indiscriminate and inhumane practice of sport hound hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 8:06 PM
43	No more killing (that's what it is, killing not 'harvesting') cougars	Sep 20, 2011 7:39 PM
44	No hunting of any animal allowed.	Sep 20, 2011 7:33 PM
45	Stop hunting cougars. Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans.	Sep 20, 2011 7:30 PM
46	YOU CALL HIDING AND AMBUSHING ANIMALS SPORT? WOW, I BET YOU CHEAT AT CHECKERS TOO!	Sep 20, 2011 7:27 PM
47	Stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU). Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy.	Sep 20, 2011 6:57 PM
48	relocate the cougars and stop the hunting	Sep 20, 2011 6:51 PM
49	use a general cougar season ,where season length is used to limit harvest and allow a hunter to only harvest one cougar in a five year period.	Sep 20, 2011 6:46 PM
50	NO COUGAR HUNTING....PERIOD!	Sep 20, 2011 6:45 PM
51	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU). Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy. Also, please do not extend cougar management to include the indiscriminate and inhumane practice of sport hound hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 6:43 PM
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53	Distribute hunt quotas statewide so that no one GMU is overharvested.	Sep 20, 2011 6:41 PM
54	•Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists	Sep 20, 2011 6:38 PM

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55	12% mortality is stable, & stable leads to safe. Cougars are part of natural controls of wildlife.	Sep 20, 2011 6:26 PM
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57	Do not allow more than a 12% mortality rate and do not allow sport hunting with dogs.	Sep 20, 2011 6:13 PM
58	cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 6:09 PM
59	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers define a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit. Thus 14% is too high.	Sep 20, 2011 6:03 PM
60	Cougars should not be hunted at all! Cougars are a very important part of our ecosystem, and as one of the few places in the world that the cougar calls home it is our state's responsibility to protect this beautiful Washington native big cat. If not killing the cougar is not an option, please then do not allow the mortality rate to exceed 12% and please do not allow the practice of sport hound hunting of cougars in Washington.	Sep 20, 2011 6:01 PM
61	Cougar management policy to be under 12% mortality rate and no sport hound hunting	Sep 20, 2011 5:46 PM
62	Change season back to the way it used to be. Sept. to March of next year	Sep 20, 2011 5:45 PM
63	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU). Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy. Also, please do not extend cougar management to include the indiscriminate and inhumane practice of sport hound hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 5:43 PM
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65	Stable cougar populations are very important to not only Washington's ecology but help protect humans, livestock and livelihood. Stable populations lead to less interaction with humans when the mortality rate is less than 12% from hunting/culling. Additionally, sport hound hunting can be exceptionally inhumane and doesn't really involve a lot of sport. Keep dogs out of the hunts and keep the allowed limit under 12% mortality (taking into account natural deaths) per Game Management Unit.	Sep 20, 2011 5:37 PM
66	quota based on adult population abundance in the GMU	Sep 20, 2011 5:35 PM
67	•Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 20, 2011 5:34 PM
68	Keep it under 12% please. Harvest/Mortality/Whatever. Just don't increase it, please.	Sep 20, 2011 5:34 PM
69	We hardly have any cougars in WA as it is and the "science" that allows the hunting of cougars is biased and bogus. There is no good reason to hunt them and it should be illegal.	Sep 20, 2011 5:32 PM
70	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 20, 2011 5:32 PM
71	Don't hunt cougars Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 20, 2011 5:31 PM
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73	eliminate all hunting	Sep 20, 2011 5:29 PM
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76	Outlaw killing cougars.	Sep 20, 2011 5:27 PM
77	General Season with Quota and 72 hr reporting time	Sep 20, 2011 4:26 PM
78	Cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 4:18 PM
79	Allocate harvest by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU. Each GMU should have a harvest quota no greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 3:10 PM
80	do not harvest cougars	Sep 20, 2011 3:02 PM
81	eliminate cougar hunting entirely	Sep 20, 2011 2:55 PM
82	Cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 2:39 PM
83	cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance	Sep 20, 2011 1:53 PM
84	Stop the sport hunting of cougars. there is no biological data supporting the hunting of cougars period. Cougars should only be removed from an area when an individual has shown to be dangerous to human life or property. Killing cougars for sport like black bear hunting orphans dependent young is unethical and immoral.	Sep 20, 2011 1:22 PM
85	cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance	Sep 20, 2011 1:16 PM
86	Choose a plan that best controls the population of cougar; too many cougar is not good.	Sep 20, 2011 1:09 PM
87	No hunting at all	Sep 20, 2011 12:55 PM
88	.	Sep 20, 2011 12:34 PM
89	Population objectives should be changed to keep the population at a level that doesn't push the excess into populated areas to endanger people, pets and livestock.	Sep 20, 2011 12:25 PM
90	No cougar hunting! They are america's last great cat and need to be 100% protected. If hunting is necessary to control population, I would not object to allowing hunters to hunt male cougars with a 6" knife only! No dogs, no guns and let the best animal win!	Sep 20, 2011 12:02 PM

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91	harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance	Sep 20, 2011 11:58 AM
92	Use quota as first above but close season in alternating years to facilitate better kitten survival.	Sep 20, 2011 11:49 AM
93	Don't believe there are areas with overharvesting. Cougar population is exploding since hound ban.	Sep 20, 2011 11:46 AM
94	allocate harvest by quota based on each GMU's abundance of adult cougars with the harvest quota not to exceed 12%	Sep 20, 2011 11:30 AM
95	cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 11:29 AM
96	cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance	Sep 20, 2011 11:24 AM
97	Please use ensure you do not exceed a 14% harvest rate. Please do not attempt to use hounds for a sport hunt. And please consider all the sound science out there to make your policy decisions on this ecologically essential creature.	Sep 20, 2011 11:24 AM
98	cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 11:17 AM
99	None	Sep 20, 2011 11:17 AM
100	cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 11:16 AM
101	No hunting at all.	Sep 20, 2011 11:02 AM
102	I don't support hunting cougars	Sep 20, 2011 10:53 AM
103	Cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 10:51 AM
104	cougars are a keynote species and are on the decline. They are an important part of the ecosystem and should not be hunted.	Sep 20, 2011 10:51 AM
105	cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance	Sep 20, 2011 10:49 AM
106	I feels that the cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 10:46 AM

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107	moratorium on cougar hunting	Sep 20, 2011 10:44 AM
108	Forbid Cougar hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 10:43 AM
109	normal season length for hunting w/o permit and cougar population will naturally adjust to other areas as needed	Sep 20, 2011 8:22 AM
110	Identification of male & female can only be done with the use of hounds. You should have history on male female quota system with the aid of hounds.	Sep 20, 2011 7:52 AM
111	separate Cougar and bear on the licenses and utilize a permit only system like spring bear.	Sep 20, 2011 7:50 AM
112	no cougar hunt	Sep 20, 2011 7:44 AM
113	cougar populations are at an all time high due to the "no dog rule" the seasons do not need to be limited until populations are back to a balanced number	Sep 20, 2011 7:28 AM
114	make changes according to requests of the majority of cougar hunters	Sep 20, 2011 6:43 AM
115	allow hunting w/dogs with a quota	Sep 19, 2011 10:31 PM
116	should be open to all even with hounds	Sep 19, 2011 9:14 PM
117	Year around season---our agricultural industry is hurting from predetors as it is. Our forefathers were not 'crazy' when they controlled these animals!	Sep 19, 2011 8:01 PM
118	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any GMU.	Sep 19, 2011 7:55 PM
119	for areas where harvest exceeds objective,use a permit season to hunt with hounds until quota is met.	Sep 19, 2011 7:32 PM
120	If there is more cougars being taken in these areas maybe there is more cougars than we think there is. Cougars are not easy to hunt and are only taken on a chance incounter. If there are so many being killed there must be quite a few mountain lions out there. Our deer hurds are obviously hurting and the increase in the cougar populations doesn't help the deer recover. Leave the seasons as they are!	Sep 19, 2011 7:19 PM
121	No change	Sep 19, 2011 5:56 PM
122	None of these options seem to actually address decling lion populations in selected areas. If the population is declining ... you allow NO hunting in this area... until your research shows that the lion population is at a safe level.	Sep 19, 2011 5:45 PM
123	Limit all human-caused cougar mortality in each and all GMUs to less than 12%.	Sep 19, 2011 5:29 PM
124	Make it a hound controlled hunt where the quota can be managed effectively by the WDFW biologist. Open a hound hunt in the blues for goodness sakes! Bears, cougars and now wolves. Gotta control the predator population. Already past due.population.	Sep 19, 2011 5:21 PM
125	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 12% of adult cougars in GMU	Sep 19, 2011 4:30 PM

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126	no change.	Sep 19, 2011 4:28 PM
127	general season with a 24 hour harvest report and cut season off when quota is reached	Sep 19, 2011 4:22 PM
128	have a general season but quota the hunts with a 24 hr hotline	Sep 19, 2011 4:08 PM
129	Manage based on biology infop rather than WDFW revenue stream. Open to hound hunting across the state as soon as possible.	Sep 19, 2011 3:29 PM
130	don't make any changes	Sep 19, 2011 2:10 PM
131	Use general cougar season with a quota system	Sep 19, 2011 1:57 PM
132	allow Dogs	Sep 19, 2011 1:31 PM
133	Open a general season and lift the ban on using dogs	Sep 19, 2011 1:22 PM
134	use of hounds	Sep 19, 2011 1:18 PM
135	Weapon restriction needs to be removed, and should be a general season from january to march like it was.	Sep 19, 2011 12:33 PM
136	unless dogs are involved, there really is no way to effectively manage cougars.	Sep 19, 2011 12:05 PM
137	maybe if harvest exceeds objective, your ESTIMATE of this elusive animals population is is too low. Just maybe?	Sep 19, 2011 11:40 AM
138	no comment	Sep 19, 2011 10:53 AM
139	For areas where harvest exceeds objective, use a general cougar season with a quota in place to limit harvest to allow for a greater pool of hunters while still keeping that harvest levels sustainable.	Sep 19, 2011 10:21 AM
140	make the objective work.	Sep 19, 2011 10:02 AM
141	continue with hound hunting drawn permits	Sep 19, 2011 9:52 AM
142	N/A	Sep 19, 2011 9:44 AM
143	use hounds and a quota	Sep 19, 2011 8:37 AM
144	Use a general cougar season where ANY licensed hunter may harvest a cougar until the QUOTA is met.	Sep 19, 2011 7:53 AM
145	Eliminate weapon specific seasons so cougar callers can use rifles throughout the whole season.	Sep 19, 2011 5:49 AM
146	Enough season to eliminate down to the minimum population.	Sep 18, 2011 11:57 PM
147	If you won't ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington, then total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 18, 2011 9:03 PM
148	go back to aug 1 to march 31 in all areas and allow dog hunting for them	Sep 18, 2011 8:17 PM

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149	Use a general cougar season and allow everyone to hunt until the quota is reached.	Sep 18, 2011 8:11 PM
150	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any GMU.	Sep 18, 2011 5:50 PM
151	The fact that the harvest trends are above objective means that hunting rules are not being enforced. If places where it is above objective, then just let the cougars alone and let them get their own population under control.	Sep 18, 2011 11:11 AM
152	leave season as is close off areas where the population is too low to allow only hunting for nuisance cougars	Sep 18, 2011 10:43 AM
153	General and Public	Sep 17, 2011 12:52 PM
154	I question wether any of these choices prevents illegal shooting of Cougars. It is not a "harvest" , it is for trophy only.	Sep 17, 2011 10:57 AM
155	don't hunt cougar	Sep 17, 2011 10:20 AM
156	I don't Cougars ask the cougar hunter and the rancher	Sep 17, 2011 10:01 AM
157	hunt with hounds	Sep 17, 2011 6:27 AM
158	in areas where harvest exceeds objective have moratorium on hunting those cougars, especially females	Sep 17, 2011 6:12 AM
159	Discontinue cougar "harvesting."	Sep 17, 2011 4:49 AM
160	start dog hunting again	Sep 16, 2011 8:48 PM
161	Do NOT allow 'sport' hunting with dogs! This is inhumane and WAY too unfair to wildlife!	Sep 16, 2011 5:18 PM
162	Cougar's self regulate the population, no hunting needed	Sep 16, 2011 4:41 PM
163	Listen to the Department's own scientists; Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any GMU.	Sep 16, 2011 2:08 PM
164	State wide permit only hound season	Sep 16, 2011 11:13 AM
165	Howzabouts we let them live, and learn more about protecting our livestock?	Sep 16, 2011 10:54 AM
166	Harvesting cougars? Do you equate them with wheat?	Sep 16, 2011 10:37 AM
167	No change... if the harvest is above objective it is probably because the population is well above estimates.	Sep 16, 2011 10:04 AM
168	the quota must NOT exceed 10% of the breeding adults. and zero on female cougars w/cubs less than 2 year old.	Sep 16, 2011 10:03 AM
169	No comment	Sep 16, 2011 8:50 AM
170	If harvest is above objective, then there should be no hunting of cougars. After wards a limited quota should be allowed	Sep 16, 2011 7:42 AM

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171	no cougar hunting	Sep 16, 2011 7:13 AM
172	Please stop killing cougars.	Sep 16, 2011 5:55 AM
173	If you won't ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington, then total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 16, 2011 5:39 AM
174	If you will not ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington, then total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any Game Management Unit.	Sep 15, 2011 11:29 PM
175	If you won't ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington, then total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 15, 2011 10:19 PM
176	If you won't ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington, then total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 15, 2011 9:39 PM
177	The recreational killing of cougars must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 15, 2011 9:15 PM
178	Stop hunting cougars - there is no valid biological or safety reason to do so - ask California	Sep 15, 2011 9:13 PM
179	no increased or hound hunting	Sep 15, 2011 9:09 PM
180	Reduce the cougar "harvest" since man keeps encroaching on their territory, and they deserve the right to life as we do.	Sep 15, 2011 9:06 PM
181	Do not exceed 12% kill by human means of area adult population by sex	Sep 15, 2011 9:02 PM
182	moratorium on cougar hunting	Sep 15, 2011 8:23 PM
183	If you won't ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington, then total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 15, 2011 7:30 PM
184	Don't hunt/kill cougars.	Sep 15, 2011 7:10 PM
185	If you won't ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington, then total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 15, 2011 7:05 PM
186	Lower the season length. Lower the overall quota. Limit to experienced hunters, no dogs, and controlled entry and exit from state annd national preserves or hunting areas.	Sep 15, 2011 6:51 PM
187	It is clear that you will do anything to justify the increase of animal death.	Sep 15, 2011 6:45 PM
188	stop killing cougars!	Sep 15, 2011 6:23 PM
189	I prefer the permit/quota/fewer hunters option. But I feel that 12% harvest rate is more acceptable.	Sep 15, 2011 6:11 PM

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190	Ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington	Sep 15, 2011 6:01 PM
191	Do not exceed 12% harvest rate	Sep 15, 2011 5:56 PM
192	Eliminate the killing of cougars	Sep 15, 2011 5:29 PM
193	NO HUNTING!!!! Stop this barbaric activity. Why do these horrible humans need to murder these beautiful creatures?	Sep 15, 2011 5:21 PM
194	no hunting	Sep 15, 2011 4:58 PM
195	Reduce the number of cougars killed: The Department's own scientists have recommended a reduction in the number of cougars killed across the state.	Sep 15, 2011 4:52 PM
196	Cease issuing permits	Sep 15, 2011 4:43 PM
197	NO new hunts	Sep 15, 2011 4:27 PM
198	Ban the killing of cougars	Sep 15, 2011 4:27 PM
199	Leave the cougars alone.	Sep 15, 2011 4:26 PM
200	If you won't ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington, then total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 15, 2011 4:26 PM
201	not enough information to make a determination. There are too many cougars at this point so what you term acceptable levels is too high. Where do you think it is merited	Sep 15, 2011 4:22 PM
202	If you won't ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington, then total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any Game Management Unit (GMU).	Sep 15, 2011 4:20 PM
203	NO DOGS	Sep 15, 2011 4:13 PM
204	Simply ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington.	Sep 15, 2011 4:10 PM
205	stop hunting	Sep 15, 2011 4:10 PM
206	how about limit cougar kills to those that attack people.	Sep 15, 2011 3:58 PM
207	if harvesting is exceeding objectives, quit killing cougars there!	Sep 15, 2011 3:54 PM
208	There should be no hunt at all in this case. I don't agree with recreational hunting of cougars. Nevertheless, if you're going to have hunts, set the threshold lower: 12% of the adult population as calculated by game management unit.	Sep 15, 2011 3:52 PM
209	No hunting of cougars = should another alternative to control the cougars	Sep 15, 2011 3:50 PM
210	their population is self regulating, reduce the quota. i'm sick of the special interests with tons of money screwing the public. do your damn job and work for the residents of washington state and not the nra.	Sep 15, 2011 3:39 PM
211	No hunting	Sep 15, 2011 3:37 PM

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212	No hunting. We need our predators to keep all animal populations and their habitats in balance	Sep 15, 2011 12:53 PM
213	"...ongoing research data.." (???) How about just leaving the poor critters alone!	Sep 15, 2011 12:11 PM
214	Stop hunting all together!	Sep 15, 2011 10:28 AM
215	Do not hunt cougar. Just hope that populations are kept healthy and managed well.	Sep 15, 2011 9:37 AM
216	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any GMU.	Sep 15, 2011 9:32 AM
217	Ban cougar hunting all together	Sep 15, 2011 9:01 AM
218	No cougar hunting	Sep 15, 2011 8:10 AM
219	no hunting	Sep 15, 2011 5:23 AM
220	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any GMU.	Sep 15, 2011 1:20 AM
221	Prohibit cougar hunting statewide. The hunting of predators causes an imbalance within the ecosystem.	Sep 15, 2011 12:42 AM
222	go back to prior, 2 cougars a yr and long season	Sep 15, 2011 12:11 AM
223	No hunting of cougars . Make a law that resembles that of California which doesn't allow cougars to be hunted. No increase in cougar hunt. All hunting of cougars needs to br decreased. Stop letting hunters kill our wildlife. Tourism is declining as a result	Sep 15, 2011 12:00 AM
224	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any GMU.	Sep 14, 2011 7:17 PM
225	http://www.causes.com/causes/620854-petition-to-ban-trophy-hunting-of-cougars-in-wa-state?m=c04fda7c&recruiter_id=27306988	Sep 14, 2011 6:23 PM
226	no hunt	Sep 14, 2011 3:21 PM
227	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 1% of adult cougars in any GMU	Sep 14, 2011 1:47 PM
228	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 12% of adult cougars in any GMU	Sep 13, 2011 9:52 PM
229	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 12% of adult cougars in any GMU	Sep 13, 2011 9:50 PM
230	No change	Sep 13, 2011 8:38 PM
231	No changes	Sep 13, 2011 8:29 PM
232	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 12% of adult cougars in any GMU	Sep 13, 2011 6:12 PM
233	NA	Sep 13, 2011 4:42 PM
234	shut it down if harvest exceeds objective	Sep 13, 2011 4:31 PM

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235	Cougar hunting should be all year to many cougars	Sep 13, 2011 4:30 PM
236	Implement a statewide quota system	Sep 13, 2011 3:53 PM
237	Manage cougars with a quota system by gmu.	Sep 13, 2011 3:38 PM
238	there are to many cats on west side	Sep 13, 2011 1:49 PM
239	Use a statewide quota on cougars killed per GMU; with all GMU's included in quotas, not just overharvested areas. The hunt/harvest requires hunter effort to be more widely and evenly distributed throughout the state.	Sep 13, 2011 12:19 PM
240	Go back to the old season. Aug.1 to march. any weapon	Sep 13, 2011 6:22 AM
241	We need to harvest more cats in all areas.	Sep 12, 2011 12:00 PM
242	More season for the S Central area. They are killing too many deer	Sep 11, 2011 6:39 PM
243	protect them in wild areas and in housing areas control with hunting	Sep 11, 2011 12:29 PM
244	Have cougar hunting year round until they are on the verge extinction	Sep 11, 2011 10:30 AM
245	no change	Sep 10, 2011 7:04 PM
246	Permit only season with the use of hounds	Sep 10, 2011 3:49 PM
247	DON'T CARE	Sep 9, 2011 6:19 PM
248	bring hounds back and make it a permit	Sep 7, 2011 7:26 PM
249	No cougar hunting!!!	Sep 7, 2011 6:55 PM
250	Make hunting for cougars with the use of hounds legal in Washington state. Cougars are overpopulated and are decimating the deer herds.	Sep 6, 2011 8:14 AM
251	Do not worry about over harvesting. Do not change	Sep 5, 2011 8:26 PM
252	n/a i don't hunt them	Sep 5, 2011 9:02 AM
253	cougar population is way too high in lewis county. Bring back the dog hunting	Sep 3, 2011 9:31 PM
254	Harvest is not keeping up with recruitment. General Season or all weapons Sept 1-March 31	Sep 2, 2011 3:48 PM
255	the objective harvest made by game mangement seems to be to low myself and friend have seen more cats inthe middle of the day over the past few years .	Sep 1, 2011 12:07 PM
256	dont know	Aug 31, 2011 9:18 PM
257	I don't believe you can ever have a harvest above objective	Aug 31, 2011 2:16 PM
258	I don't hunt cougar	Aug 31, 2011 12:44 PM
259	there are more cougars in field than your data shows we are seeing cats in day time	Aug 30, 2011 9:47 PM

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260	not sure	Aug 30, 2011 3:51 PM
261	For areas where harvest exceeds objective, use a general cougar season, where season length is used to limit harvest and potentially all licensed cougar hunters may hunt. I would prefer you go back to this method and allow hunters to manage this game species instead of the micro-predator management of the state WDFW. The issue here in Klickitat County is still much of a concern dealing with cougars and the state continues to ignore the replies of the public and work off the "quota" system. I can't wait until the wolves make there way into our region and decimate local deer and elk populations and have you try and manage these species. Ultimately, there will be no deer or elk populations, but that doesn't concern you on the west side of the mountains.	Aug 30, 2011 2:13 PM
262	Use of Dogs	Aug 30, 2011 2:11 PM
263	Use a quota system based on science and a general season.	Aug 29, 2011 11:23 PM
264	Stop Cougar hunts	Aug 29, 2011 6:32 PM
265	east side cougar hunts should be set by local government rather than west side voters	Aug 29, 2011 9:50 AM
266	there is too many cougars here already and you have already limited the seasons, if any changes are to be made your quotas should be higher.	Aug 28, 2011 7:43 PM
267	not sure, never been successful	Aug 28, 2011 4:21 PM
268	where they threaten public	Aug 28, 2011 8:59 AM
269	Open the season to any tag holder with no quota	Aug 28, 2011 6:12 AM
270	HOUND HUNTING	Aug 27, 2011 5:41 PM
271	HOUND HUNTING	Aug 27, 2011 4:51 PM
272	use a general cougar season ,and once a hunters harvest a cougar ,they are not allowed to hunt cougars for five years	Aug 26, 2011 11:22 PM
273	not what I wanted to comment on.	Aug 26, 2011 5:29 PM
274	stay the same-male/female cougars will find the other naturally	Aug 26, 2011 4:16 PM
275	continue studying cougar populations in all areas and ranges.	Aug 26, 2011 3:53 PM
276	There needs to be more dna studies done on both west and east sides to have a beter idea of populations.	Aug 26, 2011 1:58 PM
277	For areas where harvest exceeds objective use the current (extended) general cougar season, with emergency closure within 24 hours when quota is met.	Aug 26, 2011 3:38 AM
278	Remove weapon restrictions on coigar hunting	Aug 25, 2011 11:06 PM
279	i do not know on this one I pass	Aug 25, 2011 5:59 PM
280	No limits, the deer populations in this state have tanked due to too many cats.	Aug 25, 2011 12:37 PM

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281	Go back to general season/any method from the start of season. Add in hound hunting to licensed hunters.	Aug 25, 2011 11:44 AM
282	Bring back hunting with hounds.	Aug 25, 2011 3:29 AM
283	Let use dogs to hunt them before you have a real problem on your hands	Aug 24, 2011 9:36 PM
284	Use Hound Hunters, they indentify nearly all the cats treed with out killing females	Aug 24, 2011 8:59 PM
285	general season open to all licensed cougar hunters.....subject to WDFW established quota	Aug 24, 2011 7:36 PM
286	We aren't overharvesting! Increase harvest statewide	Aug 24, 2011 6:07 PM
287	cougar populations are too high	Aug 24, 2011 5:14 PM
288	open special hound hunting permits	Aug 24, 2011 2:22 PM
289	No change. i've hunted N.E. Washington for the past three yrs, cougar specific. No Sign and No such luck to even see one or bag one. I'd hate to see more limitations placed on seasons	Aug 24, 2011 12:11 PM
290	year long seasons with quotas.	Aug 23, 2011 9:15 PM
291	year long seasons with quotas.	Aug 23, 2011 9:02 PM
292	no change to current regulations/rules	Aug 23, 2011 8:50 PM
293	Third option and let dogs to be used to hunt again	Aug 23, 2011 7:24 PM
294	quit shortening seasons	Aug 23, 2011 4:01 PM
295	No change. Deer and elk populations show that the Cougar populations are too high.	Aug 23, 2011 11:48 AM
296	use of dogs allow hunters to be more selective	Aug 23, 2011 11:36 AM
297	Western Washington needs more hound hunting opportunities to control the population	Aug 23, 2011 10:48 AM
298	Re-instate the pilot hound hunting program. Contrary to documented numbers, there are too many cougars in several areas.	Aug 23, 2011 8:04 AM
299	Cougars have a large impact on deer populations. Deer hunting has been getting worse and worse over the years. Let us harvest more cougars so we have more deer.	Aug 23, 2011 5:22 AM
300	Allow houndmen to use their dogs to tree cougars. Houndmen are very selective of the animals that they will harvest. No females with kittens will be chased so therefore no females with kittens will be shot.	Aug 22, 2011 9:13 PM
301	No restrictions, year round, all units	Aug 22, 2011 8:56 PM
302	allow dogs and kill them all	Aug 22, 2011 7:00 PM

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303	Again - I doubt we're having above objective harvest rates. Consider a healthy cat will kill 1 deer or elk per week. that's 52 less deer in an area per year. If you have a female with kittens that's more deer being killed. Again, this proves we need to get the politics out of our wildlife laws and outdoorsmen who understand the biology of the animals. I know this is a fact. Since dogs have been illegal to use, we've seen a steady decline of deer. I used to see 25+ deer per day around the Grays Harbor county area ... mostly Wynoochee / Minot Peak and then south in East Pacific County round the North River / Falls River area. I see cougar kills more than I used to. I don't want to be next.	Aug 22, 2011 5:37 PM
304	This isn't PC but the majority of hunters see cougars as a dangerous varmint and unfortunately shoot them on sight. Only have it open in conjunction with Bear, Deer, and Elk season. It will limit poaching and help obtain accurate harvest numbers.	Aug 22, 2011 3:50 PM
305	No comment	Aug 22, 2011 3:19 PM
306	Eliminate cougar season	Aug 22, 2011 1:27 PM
307	bring back hounds	Aug 22, 2011 1:08 PM
308	severly restrict harvest of cougar hunting	Aug 22, 2011 12:15 PM
309	use dogs to hunt cougars	Aug 22, 2011 12:12 PM
310	no limits	Aug 22, 2011 11:18 AM
311	Use of dogs	Aug 22, 2011 7:25 AM
312	allow dogs again	Aug 22, 2011 6:47 AM
313	open season any method until desired balance is achieved	Aug 21, 2011 10:07 PM
314	bring back the hounds a permit season.	Aug 21, 2011 12:56 PM
315	no change. too many cougars in those areas that is why the harvest rate is so high. success rate will fall in those areas in the coming years with no change in season length.	Aug 21, 2011 12:03 PM
316	no interest	Aug 21, 2011 7:44 AM
317	We want General Seasons. But how can you tell whether you have over harvested or there is simply a large population.	Aug 21, 2011 7:26 AM
318	NA	Aug 20, 2011 5:51 PM
319	keep things the way they are but allow hunting with dogs.	Aug 20, 2011 4:38 PM
320	Options 2 and 3 are both good solutions, but it might be prudent just to shut certain gmu's down for cougar hunting for one season. Give the population a chance to recover, and use less taxpayer dollars to moniter this. Also, lower the price of cougar tags.	Aug 20, 2011 4:35 PM
321	shorten the season	Aug 20, 2011 3:21 PM

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322	The science is unknown to me	Aug 20, 2011 3:11 PM
323	general season with quota normal length	Aug 20, 2011 2:43 PM
324	Close the areas until population stabilizes	Aug 20, 2011 2:42 PM
325	all areas open to boot hunters during the months when there is snow on the ground, no dog hunting	Aug 20, 2011 1:04 PM
326	Please please please bring back hunting cougars with dogs. Understanding the extremely vocal and powerful minority against this of course. Considering the rise in top level predators in the state, and that this trend will only continue - coupled with the dramatic drop in deer populations in certain area we need a balance point that is sustainable.	Aug 20, 2011 12:36 PM
327	Can not overkill cougar population as least in my area. Harvest objective is way too low if you are ever exceeding it.I am 63 years old and saw my first cougar in the wild 5 years ago and since have seen 6 cougars.	Aug 20, 2011 12:01 PM
328	No comment	Aug 20, 2011 11:08 AM
329	return hound hunting	Aug 20, 2011 6:24 AM
330	Have a general season with a quota and a 24 hour reporting requirement that ends the season for that GMU after the quota is reached	Aug 20, 2011 2:38 AM
331	The current traditional ammunition restrictions pertain to quail, dove, pheasant and any upland bird hunted on the pheasant release sites. No scientific studies have been cited showing population-level impacts on any species. The WDFW seems to be acting on emotion and politics, citing the "potential" for problems associated with traditional ammunition as the basis for these far-reaching restrictions.	Aug 19, 2011 11:25 PM
332	you are not going to overhunt cougars hunting without dogs so just let any legal tag holder hunt	Aug 19, 2011 11:21 PM
333	Hire someone to manage the cougars who isn't anti hunting and uses proper statiscal means to set the seasons.	Aug 19, 2011 8:29 PM
334	N/A	Aug 19, 2011 7:39 PM
335	Reinstate the ability of hunters to use dogs and regulate the taking of specific sex as you determine	Aug 19, 2011 5:42 PM
336	go back to the old cougar season with any weapon until march 31 and quit trying to make special permit money on every species. there are to many cougars out there and we all know it. they are killing all of our deer.	Aug 19, 2011 4:56 PM
337	use of dogs to track cougar in certian areas	Aug 19, 2011 1:00 PM
338	allow hound hunting;in the 300 GMU's we have cougars running out of our ears	Aug 19, 2011 12:47 PM
339	I think more areas should use the hound hunting, I think you get more controlled kills of the animals instead of immature males and females, this also reduces the overharvest of all females.	Aug 19, 2011 12:43 PM

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340	Option 1, with the addition of steep penalties for those hunters who do not report a harvest.	Aug 19, 2011 12:43 PM
341	Open it up longer population allow dog hunting.	Aug 19, 2011 12:07 PM
342	No change	Aug 19, 2011 11:13 AM
343	no change to existing regulations	Aug 19, 2011 10:56 AM
344	I agree with the first choice but include the use of dogs	Aug 19, 2011 10:50 AM
345	Special season - hunt cougars with hounds	Aug 19, 2011 10:11 AM
346	hunting should be open during all deer and elk seasons!!!	Aug 19, 2011 9:50 AM
347	allow hunting with dogs until quota	Aug 19, 2011 9:04 AM
348	Objectives are too low	Aug 19, 2011 9:03 AM
349	open season they are killing off to many deer and elk	Aug 19, 2011 8:57 AM
350	leave it	Aug 19, 2011 8:56 AM
351	bring back hound hunting. cougars will not be controled without hounds no matter how many tags you issue	Aug 19, 2011 8:42 AM
352	More liberal cougar seasons to control their numbers	Aug 19, 2011 8:20 AM
353	do not hunt cougar	Aug 19, 2011 7:58 AM
354	Without the use of hounds, I don't think there is any area in the state that is going to harvest "too many" cougars. And the current general seasons are a joke. Go back to a general season starting on Sept 1st with ANY firearm.	Aug 19, 2011 6:55 AM
355	no comment	Aug 19, 2011 6:49 AM
356	No change. Leave current season as is.	Aug 19, 2011 5:59 AM
357	No preference	Aug 19, 2011 5:50 AM
358	use dogs	Aug 18, 2011 11:41 PM
359	Remove weapon type restrictions on all general season hunts, set season length according to desired harvest goals and success rates. When and where harvest exceeds objectives for 2-3 consecutive seasons, close the GMU to all cougar hunting until population has chance to return to stability/population objective. Permit hunts without hounds is not a desirable option, as hunt success is generally poor.	Aug 18, 2011 10:21 PM
360	No change, your counts are full of bull shit	Aug 18, 2011 10:16 PM
361	raise the harvest objective.	Aug 18, 2011 10:09 PM
362	hound hunting permits	Aug 18, 2011 10:07 PM

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363	Leave it up to your people.	Aug 18, 2011 9:50 PM
364	WDFW want Wolfs to exist Cougar should as well, If hunters were allowed to travel the roads in order to access hunting areas and land was open to hunting there likely would be a harvest increase.	Aug 18, 2011 9:28 PM
365	Cougars are more plentiful than ever. They do a lot of damage year round, for example, killing two of my chickens 4th of July week-end. And yes, I did see it, it is not imaginary. Cougar season should be year round; especially now that it is largely done without dogs.	Aug 18, 2011 9:26 PM
366	okanogan county with cattle should be open doring moder firearm deer seas	Aug 18, 2011 9:20 PM
367	Allow hunters to hunt them again with dogs again. I have seen a large increase dead fawns and younger deer, and young elk. I know that you paid to have professionals to go in with their dogs to remove unwanted pests around schools. (cougar) I am not a dog hunter, but they do harvest and maintain a decent level of cougar per area, and bear.	Aug 18, 2011 8:47 PM
368	allow master hunters to work with game biologists and game officers in targeting males of a certain age structure	Aug 18, 2011 8:42 PM
369	Permit season for everyone, includeing HOUNDS; with quota system	Aug 18, 2011 8:39 PM
370	n/a	Aug 18, 2011 8:27 PM
371	open the season for any hunter year around	Aug 18, 2011 8:27 PM
372	Allow the use of dogs to a controlled amount of hunters to prevent predetation from continuing.	Aug 18, 2011 8:24 PM
373	bring back hound hunting	Aug 18, 2011 8:17 PM
374	No change. If over harvest is occuring then hunter success in the area will drop and objectives will be met.	Aug 18, 2011 7:58 PM
375	hounds	Aug 18, 2011 7:28 PM
376	General season with toll free hotline managment system	Aug 18, 2011 6:54 PM
377	ue hounds so you can tell the sex of animal with 24 hr hotlines	Aug 18, 2011 6:38 PM
378	Keeps hunts as they are and allow the use of dogs.	Aug 18, 2011 6:04 PM
379	Discontinue permitting hunting and killing cougars	Aug 18, 2011 5:25 PM
380	Do not hunt cougar.	Aug 18, 2011 4:56 PM
381	Have longer general hunting seasons for cougars overall. The number of people reporting sightings on a regular basis is continually increasing. Without the use of dogs, general season hunters are unlikely to damage overall populations.	Aug 18, 2011 4:27 PM
382	Use a general season with a large pool of hunters until the quota is reached the quota system is managed by a toll free hotline	Aug 18, 2011 4:12 PM

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383	General season with quota	Aug 18, 2011 3:46 PM
384	no comment	Aug 18, 2011 3:45 PM
385	For areas where harvest exceeds objective, use a general cougar season, where season length is used to limit harvest and potentially all licensed cougar hunters may hunt. Require reporting within 24 hours.	Aug 18, 2011 3:40 PM
386	eliminate hound hunting restrictions	Aug 18, 2011 3:37 PM
387	Support Hound Hunters and bring the hounds back as they are the ONLY good management tool.	Aug 18, 2011 3:35 PM
388	Copugar populations are not in jeopardy of declining without the use of dogs. More cougar quotas are the only answer.	Aug 18, 2011 3:27 PM
389	Allow boot hunters to harvest cats in the N.E year around. We have a HUGE problem here with them.	Aug 18, 2011 3:26 PM
390	it is time the agency steps up and stops bowing to political and special intrest groups and reestablish a full aug 1 to mar 15 season state wide for and tag holder and rectify the overpopulation of cats state wide and begin smart managment program	Aug 18, 2011 3:26 PM
391	Cougar hunting should be year-round with no limits. Current cougar populations are too high and must be brought down drastically!	Aug 18, 2011 3:25 PM
392	use of dogs!	Aug 18, 2011 3:14 PM
393	Allow anyone wanting to pursue cougars to buy a pursuit tag and lottery the kill tags based on the areas population	Aug 18, 2011 2:59 PM
394	give this to master hunters only. they are the best hunters to solve wildlife problems.	Aug 18, 2011 2:58 PM
395	reduce or stop hunting in areas that cougars have declined in	Aug 18, 2011 2:57 PM
396	Raise objective to harvest is well below and add more hunts. :)	Aug 18, 2011 2:55 PM
397	What enviromental put this gibberish together? Cogars are slaughtering the deer in Klickitat County. Deal with it.	Aug 18, 2011 2:53 PM
398	N/A	Aug 18, 2011 2:40 PM
399	Yu definetly need aid of hounds and a permit/quota systems or we will have more and more cougar to human attacks, and our Elk and deer populations will decrease dirasticly.	Aug 18, 2011 2:37 PM
400	indifferent	Aug 18, 2011 2:27 PM
401	make cougar season from sept1 to march15 and allow 2 tags and give more permits for the west side, especially stormking and mashel	Aug 18, 2011 2:17 PM
402	No special permit needed. Larger pool of hunters all hunt until the quota is reached. The quota system is managed through a toll-free hotline.	Aug 18, 2011 2:12 PM

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425	Bring back hound hunting with Quota and male harvest only	Aug 17, 2011 5:05 PM
426	No hunting. Human efforts increase damage. We take out the dominate males, creating instability and fighting among junior males.	Aug 17, 2011 1:56 PM
427	use hounds to remove lions in high populated areas and general seasons with no weapon restrictions	Aug 17, 2011 1:23 PM
428	bring back general hound hunting state wide	Aug 17, 2011 11:59 AM
429	cougar popluation has grown out of control longer season and more dogs permits are needed. deer and elk popuations are suffering!	Aug 17, 2011 6:50 AM
430	The Cougar seasons now in my opion are to help the cougar population not to help hunters take animals. The cougar population is exploding all across the state and we are just making it worse by limiting the method used to kill cats. The fawn population is now starting to decline I believe because of the higher cougar population.	Aug 17, 2011 6:36 AM
431	change back to all hunting methods ,mod, arch, muzzle	Aug 16, 2011 10:30 PM
432	Usa a general cougar season, and quota system through a toll-free hotline, closing season on specific date or if quota reached then close season.	Aug 16, 2011 9:21 PM
433	Make cougar hunting available to early high hunt Buck Hunters	Aug 16, 2011 8:37 PM
434	Allow hunters to use dogs to hunt cougar--there are too many cougars close to populated areas and need to be thinned out.	Aug 16, 2011 4:53 PM
435	Do not limit cougar harvest. Data collected on cougar population size is unreliable. Open cougar seasons year round with no limit.	Aug 16, 2011 3:09 PM
436	LIMITED PERMITS USED WITH ONLY THE AID OF DOGS TO INSURE THE SEX OF THE HARVESTED COUGAR	Aug 16, 2011 2:14 PM
437	bring hound hunting with a hound permit back to WA since you loosing needed revenue to Idaho and several other states.	Aug 16, 2011 12:47 PM
438	Go back to the old season from august first to march 31st. Right now i am unable to even hunt cougar because the season is closed the only times that i go out during modern deer.	Aug 16, 2011 12:38 PM
439	there is no way that the quota is met by boot hunters	Aug 16, 2011 12:11 PM
440	let Rich take care of all the cougar problems with his new dogs that what he does in chelan Co. and wait til a couple more kids are killed or mauled before you stand up for the hunters instead of the non hunters!	Aug 16, 2011 10:37 AM
441	I question the harvest guidelines and cougar population estimates. Cougar are becoming more protected each year in WA and our deer and elk populations are suffering as a result. Cougars need to be hunted more aggressively and more effectively in most areas in WA. Please call me at 425 941 6483.	Aug 16, 2011 8:49 AM
442	USE HOUND ONLY OPTION	Aug 16, 2011 8:46 AM

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443	Its cyclic, allow the use of Hounds for identification and harvest	Aug 16, 2011 7:28 AM
444	Use general season with quota to limit harvest. All hunters must call before hunting cougar to make sure harvest limits have not been met.	Aug 16, 2011 7:18 AM
445	Leave the season alone, it will balance out	Aug 15, 2011 10:45 PM
446	no personal interest in cougar hunting	Aug 15, 2011 9:49 PM
447	Allow pursuit season (ie hounds) to shape harvest objectives. Pursuit season will allow for specific shaping of age and sex of harvest.	Aug 15, 2011 9:46 PM
448	I think you should stop all the damage hound hunters because they take more cougar a than most hunters,and let any tag holder use any weapon to hunt during the sept 1 thru march 31. a one or two cougar bag limit	Aug 15, 2011 9:35 PM
449	no hound hunting for cougars	Aug 15, 2011 8:52 PM
450	I think the method of estimation of cougar numbers is lacking. It is my understanding that the WDFW uses harvest # to determine the quantity of cougar in an area. This method is inexpensive but prone to poor correlation of actual population #. I think some kind of pursuit only season with hounds requiring documentation is a good way to gain population estimates at little cost to the state yet gives houndsmen an opportunity to train dogs.	Aug 15, 2011 8:42 PM
451	Make cougar season year round. Increase bag limit to two cats.	Aug 15, 2011 8:37 PM
452	Like #1 but smaller pool of hunters would be easier to manage	Aug 15, 2011 8:31 PM
453	limit hunters by some method, thus less kill	Aug 15, 2011 8:27 PM
454	I have reviewed cougar management studies and population estimates and conclude that there is no where in this state that cougar numbers are too low. Furthermore, if you want selective harvest of cougars to controll population effectivly you need hound hunting. This question is scewed based on faulty data.	Aug 15, 2011 8:22 PM
455	General Season that has a 7 day closure once quota met	Aug 15, 2011 8:16 PM
456	Hounds	Aug 15, 2011 8:01 PM
457	close the area to hunting	Aug 15, 2011 6:16 PM
458	more hunting with the aid of dogs	Aug 15, 2011 5:32 PM
459	Objectives need to be revisited. The local populace needs to have a larger voice than those who live hours away. The cougar population in NE Washington certainly does not need to grow. Esp now that wolves are becoming a factor.	Aug 15, 2011 5:18 PM
460	Drawing for permit	Aug 15, 2011 4:59 PM
461	Increase objective	Aug 15, 2011 4:58 PM
462	No opinion	Aug 15, 2011 4:55 PM
463	go to permit only through out the state. there are still lots of hunters using dogs	Aug 15, 2011 1:34 PM

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with over the counter tags. There is also an increase in hunters calling in predators.