

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

Issue 4: Modifying cougar hunting seasons for areas where harvest is BELOW objective

**Page 5, Q1. Which of the following options would you prefer for addressing the issue of modifying cougar hunting seasons for areas where harvest is BELOW objective?**

1	No hunting. Relocation of problem animals.	Sep 21, 2011 8:03 AM
2	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 7:46 AM
3	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 7:24 AM
4	Do not hunt the cougar for sport.	Sep 21, 2011 7:18 AM
5	No cougar hunting	Sep 21, 2011 7:16 AM
6	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 6:52 AM
7	eliminate all hunting	Sep 21, 2011 3:55 AM
8	Cougars are not a 'crop' and should not be harvested	Sep 21, 2011 1:48 AM
9	allowing use of dogs in these areas would increase the harvest success rate for cougars in these areas	Sep 20, 2011 11:29 PM
10	Harvest under 12%.	Sep 20, 2011 10:39 PM
11	stop hunting cougars!	Sep 20, 2011 9:56 PM
12	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 9:53 PM
13	# 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 9:30 PM
14	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 9:22 PM
15	see above on issue three	Sep 20, 2011 9:18 PM

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17	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 9:14 PM
18	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 9:04 PM
19	Stop the hunting of cougars, it is for trophy which is sick and inhumane	Sep 20, 2011 9:03 PM
20	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
21	stop hunting and killing cougars	Sep 20, 2011 8:58 PM
22	I would prefer all hunting of cougars be done only with bare hands.	Sep 20, 2011 8:52 PM
23	Lower harvest objective, let predator/prey relationships and starvation lower manage cougar populations	Sep 20, 2011 8:48 PM
24	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
25	Fix the weapon type issue back to rifles from the start as it should be. Using bows will keep the take below the objective, Fix this.	Sep 20, 2011 8:39 PM
26	Please incorporate PAWS cougar hunting/killing policy. I support it.	Sep 20, 2011 8:37 PM
27	open up hound hunting again and solve the below objective numbers.	Sep 20, 2011 8:24 PM
28	Hunting is murder	Sep 20, 2011 8:17 PM
29	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
30	Leave cougars alone	Sep 20, 2011 7:39 PM

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31	No hunting of any animal allowed.	Sep 20, 2011 7:33 PM
32	Do not allow cougar hunting, especially with the inhumane practice of using hounds	Sep 20, 2011 7:31 PM
33	SPENT YOUR TIME DOING SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE INSTEAD OF KILLING FOR THE FUN OF IT, ASSHOLE	Sep 20, 2011 7:28 PM
34	Humans move into cougar territory and then want them killed if they come into their yards. People need to be educated on how to live with cougars. I don't believe it is necessary to needlessly kill them. Educating people is a humane way to deal with cougars. Also, please do not extend cougar management to include the indiscriminate and inhumane practice of sport hound hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 6:59 PM
35	stop the hunting	Sep 20, 2011 6:52 PM
36	NO COUGAR HUNTING...PERIOD!	Sep 20, 2011 6:46 PM
37	start any-weapon season on August 1 and extend through march 31 of the next year	Sep 20, 2011 6:46 PM
38	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 6:44 PM
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40	•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 6:39 PM
41	12% only.	Sep 20, 2011 6:27 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 6:20 PM
43	Do not allow more than a 12% mortality rate with any change and no use of dogs,	Sep 20, 2011 6:13 PM

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please.

44	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 6:12 PM
45	STOP HUNTING if there aren't enough animals to kill. How can you consider anything else?	Sep 20, 2011 6:05 PM
46	total mortality rate of less than 12% and zero sport hound hunting. Also, I'm offended by the use of the term "harvest". That is for plants.	Sep 20, 2011 5:49 PM
47	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
48	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 5:42 PM
49	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 5:38 PM
50	quota as specified above not to exceed 12%	Sep 20, 2011 5:37 PM
51	The more stable the population is, the less trouble it causes. Leave 'em alone! Thank you.	Sep 20, 2011 5:35 PM
52	•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
53	Have a public vote on whether the residents of WA think we should allow hunting of cougars at all	Sep 20, 2011 5:34 PM
54	Don't hunt cougars	Sep 20, 2011 5:32 PM
55	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 5:32 PM

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56	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 5:32 PM
57	eliminate all hunting	Sep 20, 2011 5:29 PM
58	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 5:28 PM
59	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 5:28 PM
60	Outlaw killing cougars.	Sep 20, 2011 5:28 PM
61	Lengthen the season to year around starting in september and have a quota. when the quota is reached shut the season down until the next september.	Sep 20, 2011 4:27 PM
62	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
63	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
64	do not harvest cougars	Sep 20, 2011 3:02 PM
65	eliminate cougar hunting completely	Sep 20, 2011 2:55 PM
66	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 2:40 PM
67	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 1:54 PM
68	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 1:17 PM
69	No hunting at all	Sep 20, 2011 12:56 PM
70	.	Sep 20, 2011 12:34 PM
71	Allow hound hunting. The population was kept pretty well in check until hound hunting wasn't generally allowed.	Sep 20, 2011 12:29 PM
72	Study the effects of below objective harvests for 10 years and then revisit the subject with statistics and analysis of the environmental impact.	Sep 20, 2011 12:03 PM

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73	Close season in alternating years to facilitate better kitten survival. The population can be controlled without too much emphasis on one area needing more harvest than another. There are other complicated reasons for this that just targeting numbers does not achieve with predators unlike ungulates.	Sep 20, 2011 11:55 AM
74	Bring back hound hunting and longer seasons.	Sep 20, 2011 11:47 AM
75	should not exceed 12% of estimated population in each GMU	Sep 20, 2011 11:32 AM
76	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 11:30 AM
77	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
78	None	Sep 20, 2011 11:18 AM
79	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
80	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
81	No hunting at all.	Sep 20, 2011 11:02 AM
82	I don't support hunting cougars	Sep 20, 2011 10:54 AM
83	The data that wildlife biologists should be used to determine what action is appropriate. That is their area of expertise based on their studies.	Sep 20, 2011 10:52 AM
84	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
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 10:51 AM
86	As I said in my previous comment, 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 10:47 AM
87	moratorium on cougar hunting	Sep 20, 2011 10:45 AM
88	Eliminate Cougar hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 10:43 AM
89	It is obvious that if you lengthen the season too many females will be harvested. Again you have history on male female quota system with the aid of hounds this is the only viable method of harvesting per gender.	Sep 20, 2011 7:56 AM

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90	no cougar hunt	Sep 20, 2011 7:45 AM
91	dogs	Sep 19, 2011 11:07 PM
92	reduce hunting of cougars	Sep 19, 2011 9:49 PM
93	should be open with hounds	Sep 19, 2011 9:16 PM
94	Bring back the use of dogs.	Sep 19, 2011 8:24 PM
95	see previous answer	Sep 19, 2011 8:02 PM
96	allow use of dogs in those areas	Sep 19, 2011 6:32 PM
97	Normally I would have checked "no change" - but what concerns me about all of these options is that they to include spring hunting. My position here is the same as for bears spring hunting of ANY animal is unethical.	Sep 19, 2011 5:49 PM
98	Limit all human-caused cougar mortality in each and all GMUs to less than 12%.	Sep 19, 2011 5:35 PM
99	Allow limited quota hound hunting. Especially in the Blue mountains (Blue Creek unit) and on private land. Landowners will welcome hound hunters on their property, especially those who run cattle. Please research possibility. If not feasible, make it any weapon. Gotta get hounds in there, big population of mature cats.	Sep 19, 2011 5:26 PM
100	Allow special permits to hunt with dogs again.	Sep 19, 2011 5:15 PM
101	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 12% of adult cougars in GMU	Sep 19, 2011 4:30 PM
102	open all units to extended season sept 1 to mar 31 any weapon.	Sep 19, 2011 4:29 PM
103	have a quota season for every GMU. have the season start sept 1 and for areas that do not meet the quota have the season open year around.	Sep 19, 2011 4:10 PM
104	See answer on issue 3	Sep 19, 2011 3:30 PM
105	Allow dogs	Sep 19, 2011 1:31 PM
106	Lift the ban on hunting with dogs	Sep 19, 2011 1:23 PM
107	year round with no permit open to all, and all weapons	Sep 19, 2011 12:40 PM
108	Start an any-weapon season from sept to march, and allow the use of dogs for cougar hunting!	Sep 19, 2011 12:18 PM
109	allow hounds in troubled areas	Sep 19, 2011 12:09 PM
110	dogs and bait	Sep 19, 2011 10:53 AM
111	Provide the extended seasons and allow the use of hounds in those GMU's or areas where the cougar populations are out of control. As with bear, finding a cougar by simply walking through the woods is next to impossible. Man and hound have also been the #1 predator throughtout time for cougar and this state did not experince near the unwanted encounters we have experincd in the last	Sep 19, 2011 10:01 AM

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10-12 years.

112	continue with cougar hound hunting permit program	Sep 19, 2011 9:53 AM
113	N/A	Sep 19, 2011 9:44 AM
114	allow the use of dogs during cougar season	Sep 19, 2011 8:51 AM
115	use hounds and a quota	Sep 19, 2011 8:38 AM
116	Start any weapon season on August 1 or concurrent with bear season opener using ANY-weapon season.	Sep 19, 2011 7:55 AM
117	One tag with a year long season.	Sep 18, 2011 9:40 PM
118	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
119	allow dog hunting for everyone	Sep 18, 2011 8:18 PM
120	allow the use of hunting dogs in areas where the harvest is below objective	Sep 18, 2011 10:44 AM
121	Make the use of dogs non-permit	Sep 18, 2011 12:50 AM
122	haven a any weapon season followed by a hound hunt on a quota system season until objective is met for the hound hunt	Sep 17, 2011 11:14 AM
123	Why is this only about harvest? There is no reason to kill Cougars. I am a hiker and outdoor enthusiast, my opinion should count.	Sep 17, 2011 10:58 AM
124	Implement or increase special hound hunt permits.	Sep 17, 2011 10:52 AM
125	Allow the use of dogs in same season and report to hotline.	Sep 17, 2011 10:32 AM
126	I don't hunt cougar ask the cougar hunter and the rancher	Sep 17, 2011 10:02 AM
127	none	Sep 17, 2011 6:27 AM
128	study these areas for population sinks	Sep 17, 2011 6:13 AM
129	Discontinue cougar hunting.	Sep 17, 2011 4:50 AM
130	Do NOT allow 'sport' hunting with Dogs. Also, this "below objective" aspect is arbitrary; ALL cougar hunting is ABOVE Objective in truth. Do NOT increase any cougar hunting.	Sep 16, 2011 5:20 PM
131	No hunting needed, Cougars self regulate the population	Sep 16, 2011 4:42 PM
132	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
133	Where there is domestic predation keep the season open until the problem is eliminated. The season should last in the area until objective is reached - no restrictive season.	Sep 16, 2011 12:52 PM

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134	Do not increase the harvest in areas where harvest is below objective.	Sep 16, 2011 10:48 AM
135	Why are cougars not left to survive on their own?	Sep 16, 2011 10:38 AM
136	if the harvest is below the objective, let it be!	Sep 16, 2011 10:03 AM
137	No comment	Sep 16, 2011 8:50 AM
138	There are other uses of wildlife beyond hunting; hunting should be very conservative and should be ancillary to the majority of people that have voted to maintain a high density of lions - all people, not just hunters, should be your constituents.	Sep 16, 2011 7:44 AM
139	no cougar hunting	Sep 16, 2011 7:14 AM
140	Please stop killing cougars	Sep 16, 2011 5:55 AM
141	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
142	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 11:30 PM
143	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 10:20 PM
144	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
145	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
146	See answer to previous question - also, why are you only trying to survey hunters when the entire citizenry are your "customers"	Sep 15, 2011 9:13 PM
147	Do not exceed 12% killing by humans of adult population by sexby management area	Sep 15, 2011 9:04 PM
148	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). No hunting with dogs should be allowed!	Sep 15, 2011 7:31 PM
149	Don't hunt or kill cougars.	Sep 15, 2011 7:10 PM
150	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
151	No cougar hunting . Period.	Sep 15, 2011 6:46 PM

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152	stop killing cougars	Sep 15, 2011 6:24 PM
153	I prefer cougar hunting to be banned in the state, with the exception of problem animals, and many of those should be hazed with dogs before lethal options are used.	Sep 15, 2011 6:14 PM
154	Ban the recreational killing of cougars in Washington.	Sep 15, 2011 6:02 PM
155	Eliminate killing cougars	Sep 15, 2011 5:29 PM
156	NO HUNTING! Stop murdering these fantastic felines!	Sep 15, 2011 5:23 PM
157	no hunting	Sep 15, 2011 4:59 PM
158	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
159	Cease issuing permits	Sep 15, 2011 4:44 PM
160	NO hunting on any public lands. Private lands are not our business.	Sep 15, 2011 4:27 PM
161	ban all killing!	Sep 15, 2011 4:27 PM
162	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
163	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
164	No Dogs for Cougar	Sep 15, 2011 4:14 PM
165	Simply ban recreational killing of cougars in Washington.	Sep 15, 2011 4:11 PM
166	stop hunting	Sep 15, 2011 4:11 PM
167	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 4:01 PM
168	Again remove the cougars that attack people.	Sep 15, 2011 4:00 PM
169	why is your cougar management questionnaire only geared towards hunters? what about other people who appreciate them alive and quit basing your kill quotas on this biased perspective?	Sep 15, 2011 3:58 PM
170	Similar to issue 3 response. There's no reason to push to meet this objective. The "objective" itself is set higher than is appropriate. Go to 12% of the adult population at the maximum per GMU.	Sep 15, 2011 3:55 PM
171	No hunting of cougars - should another alternative of controlling the cougars	Sep 15, 2011 3:51 PM
172	see previous page, reduce the number allowed.	Sep 15, 2011 3:39 PM

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173	No hunting	Sep 15, 2011 3:37 PM
174	No hunting or killing of cougars at all.	Sep 15, 2011 12:54 PM
175	The "human-cougar interaction I'm hoping for is to see a cougar in the wild.	Sep 15, 2011 12:14 PM
176	Stop hunting all together!	Sep 15, 2011 10:28 AM
177	I do not hung cougar. Just hope that populations are well-managed in the long run.	Sep 15, 2011 9:37 AM
178	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any GMU.	Sep 15, 2011 9:32 AM
179	Ban cougar hunting all together	Sep 15, 2011 9:01 AM
180	No cougar hunting	Sep 15, 2011 8:11 AM
181	no hunting	Sep 15, 2011 5:24 AM
182	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any GMU.	Sep 15, 2011 1:21 AM
183	No need to have a harvesting goal.	Sep 15, 2011 12:43 AM
184	No increase in cougar hunting . Let the cougars live . They have enough stress from the enviironment that limits their numbers	Sep 15, 2011 12:03 AM
185	let nature take it's course, the Cougar populsation will be determined by the available food and territory available!	Sep 14, 2011 11:32 PM
186	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult cougar population in any GMU.	Sep 14, 2011 7:17 PM
187	I am preparing a bill to be proposed to the legislature which would mirror the California law. Hunting of cougars in Wa. State for reasons other than safety or protection of property is not justified by current science as was demonstrated at the recent hearings and merely caters to hunters desire to hunt for trophies. This is in contravention to the general ethos against hunting of wild indigenous animals that pose no threat to person or property.	Sep 14, 2011 6:31 PM
188	no hunt	Sep 14, 2011 3:21 PM
189	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 1% of adult cougars in any GMU.	Sep 14, 2011 1:48 PM
190	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 12% of adult cougars in any GMU	Sep 13, 2011 9:53 PM
191	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 12% of adult cougars in any GMU	Sep 13, 2011 9:50 PM
192	Total human-caused mortality not to exceed 12% of adult cougars in any GMU	Sep 13, 2011 6:21 PM
193	NA	Sep 13, 2011 4:42 PM
194	extended seasons lead to more elk and deer being harvested by people using the tag to hunt. cougars the only way to manage cats is with dogs 80% of boot	Sep 13, 2011 4:34 PM

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	hunt kills are illegal	
195	statwide hunting all year long	Sep 13, 2011 4:31 PM
196	Implement a statewide quota system	Sep 13, 2011 3:53 PM
197	Use quotas/GMU to distribute potential harvest more equatably throughout the state.	Sep 13, 2011 12:20 PM
198	Ability to use dogs	Sep 13, 2011 12:02 PM
199	Go back to hunting with hounds	Sep 13, 2011 11:51 AM
200	Any-weapon season Sept. 1st through March 31st and bring back the use of hounds, you could also charge for having a hound stamp or something of the sort.	Sep 10, 2011 3:50 PM
201	oct 1st to leave archery hunters there season and keep the amount of poachers down during archery,	Sep 9, 2011 8:44 PM
202	DON'T CARE	Sep 9, 2011 6:20 PM
203	For areas where harvest is below objective, allow use of hounds/dogs. Possibly use a quota limit with a toll-free hotline to verify limit and/or emergency closure.	Sep 8, 2011 2:36 PM
204	bring hounds back and make it a permit	Sep 7, 2011 7:26 PM
205	No cougar hunting!	Sep 7, 2011 6:55 PM
206	break into archery/muzzleloader/modern	Sep 7, 2011 3:55 PM
207	Make hunting cougars with hounds legal statewide. Cougars are overpopulated and are decimating the deer herds. Chances of seeing a cougar are next to none without the help of hounds.	Sep 6, 2011 8:16 AM
208	Does no good to provide a longer season on Private land if they won't let us access there land spen the extra money and get these private lands open here on the west side so we have somewhere to hunt! I am tired of seeing the areas closed where I have hunted for over twenty years and WDFW does nothing but open more land in eastern washington.	Sep 6, 2011 7:35 AM
209	no opinion	Sep 5, 2011 9:03 AM
210	General Season for all weapons Sept 1-March 31	Sep 2, 2011 3:49 PM
211	Let people hunt with hounds. That is the only real way to identify sex of the animal and control the population. Cougars are destroying the deer population. It is ridiculous that hunters are not allowed to do their part in managing the out of control cougar population.	Sep 2, 2011 6:00 AM
212	the numbers are higher than mangers think is out there the september to march is the way but like in chelan county one female was to low	Sep 1, 2011 12:11 PM
213	Start any-weapon season after the Sept. Archery hunt and extend through March 31.	Sep 1, 2011 7:13 AM

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214	I don't hunt cougar	Aug 31, 2011 12:45 PM
215	use dogs	Aug 30, 2011 7:01 PM
216	Use of Dogs	Aug 30, 2011 2:11 PM
217	open areas with livestock damage to hunters with dogs and extend the season for general hunting in areas without livestock loss reported	Aug 29, 2011 9:07 PM
218	DECREASE the length of season	Aug 29, 2011 6:33 PM
219	reinstate hound hunting	Aug 29, 2011 6:53 AM
220	open with an extended season with the aid of dogs during increased human-cougar interactions and livestock depredations.	Aug 28, 2011 6:03 PM
221	aug 1st - march 31st	Aug 28, 2011 1:09 PM
222	HOUND HUNTING	Aug 27, 2011 5:41 PM
223	HOUND HUNTING	Aug 27, 2011 4:51 PM
224	use hounder to keep population in control	Aug 26, 2011 7:00 PM
225	not what I wanted to comment on.	Aug 26, 2011 5:30 PM
226	The only way to harvest the target number of males or females is to use hounds. Looking at a cougar in a tree is the only way to identify the sex and then decide if you want to harvest that animal or not.	Aug 26, 2011 2:01 PM
227	allow the use of dogs	Aug 26, 2011 9:15 AM
228	For areas where harvest is below object, provide extended season on all lands (don't limit it to private lands).	Aug 26, 2011 3:41 AM
229	Remove weapon restrictions on cougar hunting	Aug 25, 2011 11:07 PM
230	allow use of dogs with general season	Aug 25, 2011 2:36 PM
231	Start any-weapon season from September 1 through March 31 and add in baiting/hound hunting to licensed hunters.	Aug 25, 2011 11:46 AM
232	allow houndsmen hunt these areas unrestricted	Aug 25, 2011 9:45 AM
233	Bring back hound hunting	Aug 25, 2011 3:30 AM
234	let us use dogs pretty simple, and don't let the tree huggers in king county dictate our hunting regulations. again pretty simple	Aug 24, 2011 9:37 PM
235	Guess my answer, hound hunting is the key. fight for our rights.	Aug 24, 2011 9:00 PM
236	allow the use of dogs. we didnt have cat over population back when the cats were still afraid of humans and dogs.	Aug 24, 2011 8:44 PM
237	Any weapon season, year-round.	Aug 24, 2011 6:09 PM

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238	allow hound hunting for general season	Aug 24, 2011 5:15 PM
239	Use dogs	Aug 24, 2011 5:01 PM
240	allow dogs	Aug 24, 2011 4:10 PM
241	open cougar hound hunt special permits	Aug 24, 2011 2:22 PM
242	I agree with option 2, any-weapon. Real solution is to bring back hound hunting.	Aug 24, 2011 1:24 PM
243	let the general public hound hunt	Aug 24, 2011 12:39 PM
244	Bring back the hound hunting permits.	Aug 24, 2011 10:15 AM
245	For areas where harvest is below objective, Allow second cougar hunts, or lower cougar license price.	Aug 24, 2011 9:34 AM
246	year long seasons with quotas.	Aug 23, 2011 9:15 PM
247	year long seasons with quotas.	Aug 23, 2011 9:05 PM
248	Provide hound hunting permits to reach the quota.	Aug 23, 2011 3:49 PM
249	Again, to initiate hunting as a means to regulate populations based on impacts to farmers/ranchers/forest owners is not in the benefit of wildlife. The landowners need to learn to take responsibility for wildlife damages as a result of them living and operating within wildlife areas. There are other means to limit damages, such as fencing, scare tactics etc. Wildlife populations should not be set based on damages to property because eventually we will have no wildlife. It is time to change our approach.	Aug 23, 2011 2:14 PM
250	Bring back some hound hunting opportunities for Cougar	Aug 23, 2011 10:49 AM
251	Allow hound hunting and Hound pursuit only seasons	Aug 23, 2011 9:50 AM
252	BRING BACK HOUND HUNTING, USING YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT, NOT THE PUBLIC THAT IS PERSUADED BY ANIMAL RIGHTS PEOPLE	Aug 23, 2011 8:51 AM
253	Keep campaigning for hound hunting.	Aug 23, 2011 7:56 AM
254	do not allow guns in archery units!!!! Danger, Danger!!!	Aug 23, 2011 7:48 AM
255	We should have both option two and three.	Aug 22, 2011 9:50 PM
256	by permit, allow the use of hounds	Aug 22, 2011 9:33 PM
257	Permit only hunts with use of dogs.	Aug 22, 2011 9:24 PM
258	Allow dogs to chase cougars and/or allow a longer season.	Aug 22, 2011 9:14 PM
259	Issue hound hunting permits.	Aug 22, 2011 8:54 PM
260	Allow Hound Hunting by permit-generate revenue and increase success	Aug 22, 2011 8:51 PM
261	allow dogs and kill them all	Aug 22, 2011 7:00 PM

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262	See my previous comment. I like the idea of the "any-weapon season on Sept 1 - March 31".	Aug 22, 2011 5:38 PM
263	No comment	Aug 22, 2011 3:19 PM
264	Eliminate cougar season	Aug 22, 2011 1:27 PM
265	bring back hounds	Aug 22, 2011 1:08 PM
266	no limits -open year round	Aug 22, 2011 11:19 AM
267	allow the use of hounds only in those areas	Aug 22, 2011 10:52 AM
268	permit (drawing) dog hunts to target a specific gender and use the quota system where hunts must be reported with in a deadline. The permits should be offered to anyone with a cougar tag.	Aug 22, 2011 8:45 AM
269	the use of hounds would solve this problem and provide selective harvest but I'm sure this is not politicaly correct	Aug 22, 2011 7:48 AM
270	use of dogs	Aug 22, 2011 7:26 AM
271	open season any method until desired balance is achieved	Aug 21, 2011 10:08 PM
272	no interest	Aug 21, 2011 7:44 AM
273	Cougar hunting should be open year round	Aug 20, 2011 11:08 PM
274	Any weapon season and allow the use of hounds until quota reached	Aug 20, 2011 5:54 PM
275	Allow hunters to use dogs, lower the price of cougar tags, and extend the seasons.	Aug 20, 2011 4:36 PM
276	Need to do everything possible to extend the season and provide any options to increase the harvest.	Aug 20, 2011 12:03 PM
277	No comment	Aug 20, 2011 11:08 AM
278	return hound hunting	Aug 20, 2011 6:25 AM
279	Extend the general season for Modern Firearm to June-August for those areas and have a quota with a 24 hour reporting system	Aug 20, 2011 2:40 AM
280	allow the use of dogs	Aug 19, 2011 11:49 PM
281	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
282	I'm not sure why permit issue can't be increased. Don't like opening season during summer months when hikers/campers will be out. Would choose extending season.	Aug 19, 2011 9:28 PM

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283	N/A	Aug 19, 2011 7:39 PM
284	start any weapon season 9/1/11 allow use of dogs again. If a human is harmed by a cat shame on us.	Aug 19, 2011 6:09 PM
285	combine any weapon usage with the june - august extended season	Aug 19, 2011 6:04 PM
286	see previous	Aug 19, 2011 5:42 PM
287	bring back a hound hunt	Aug 19, 2011 4:57 PM
288	No change in regulations but negotiate or provide better access	Aug 19, 2011 4:35 PM
289	Bring general hound hunting back.	Aug 19, 2011 4:06 PM
290	Allow Hound Hunting	Aug 19, 2011 2:11 PM
291	hunt with dogs	Aug 19, 2011 1:17 PM
292	use of dogs	Aug 19, 2011 1:00 PM
293	Again I think the use of dogs in more areas will get you to the harvest levels needed.	Aug 19, 2011 12:44 PM
294	No change, add the use of dogs	Aug 19, 2011 10:50 AM
295	allow hunting with hounds	Aug 19, 2011 10:22 AM
296	Allow hunting cougar with hounds	Aug 19, 2011 10:12 AM
297	allow hunt with dogs, no season change.	Aug 19, 2011 9:52 AM
298	dog hunting	Aug 19, 2011 9:05 AM
299	provide extended seasons on public lands!	Aug 19, 2011 9:05 AM
300	start any-weapn season when bear season starts (8/1 or 8/13 through 3/31)	Aug 19, 2011 9:04 AM
301	hound hunting. cougars will not be controled without hound hunting no matter how many tags are issued	Aug 19, 2011 8:43 AM
302	use hounds	Aug 19, 2011 8:11 AM
303	do not hunt cougar	Aug 19, 2011 7:59 AM
304	General Cougar Season. August 1st thru March 31st.	Aug 19, 2011 7:46 AM
305	allow use of hounds	Aug 19, 2011 7:41 AM
306	allow hunters to use dogs. Limit season length as appropriate.	Aug 19, 2011 7:08 AM
307	No preference	Aug 19, 2011 5:51 AM
308	let hunters use hounds	Aug 18, 2011 11:42 PM
309	Start any weapon season on September 1 for all units and any weapon type	Aug 18, 2011 10:27 PM

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which extends until March 31. Set season length based on hunt success and harvest levels. Reduce season length or restrict hunting in GMUs where harvest exceeds desired harvest objectives. Retain any weapon season structure and length when below objective.

310	Any weapon season Sept 1 through March 31 and allow dogs for tracking.	Aug 18, 2011 9:45 PM
311	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 9:29 PM
312	quota for all including hounds	Aug 18, 2011 8:40 PM
313	allow use of hounds	Aug 18, 2011 8:37 PM
314	open the season for any hunter all year	Aug 18, 2011 8:28 PM
315	n/a	Aug 18, 2011 8:27 PM
316	release the hounds	Aug 18, 2011 8:17 PM
317	hounds	Aug 18, 2011 7:28 PM
318	Issue special hound hunts	Aug 18, 2011 6:45 PM
319	use dogs to get more	Aug 18, 2011 6:30 PM
320	Sept 1 to March 31 with the use of dogs the entire season for any licensed hunter.	Aug 18, 2011 6:05 PM
321	Discontinue hunting and killing cougars	Aug 18, 2011 5:30 PM
322	For areas where harvest is below objective, start any-weapon season all year around for 12 consecutive months, with a hound hunting provision allowed by raffle.	Aug 18, 2011 5:17 PM
323	As before	Aug 18, 2011 4:56 PM
324	Start hound hunting season	Aug 18, 2011 3:47 PM
325	no comment	Aug 18, 2011 3:45 PM
326	For areas where harvest is below objective, provide extended seasons on private lands. (as long as access is granted to limit hunter by permit. An extended season would likely occur in June-August, when there is typically a seasonal increase in human-cougar interactions and livestock depredations.	Aug 18, 2011 3:42 PM
327	Support Hound Hunters and bring hound hunting back	Aug 18, 2011 3:35 PM
328	Allow year around boot hunting in those units.	Aug 18, 2011 3:27 PM
329	Establish a year-round hunting season, any-weapon, no limits and no tags necessary. Cougar are wiping out our game animals at an unprecedented rate, and their populations need to be brought down to bare minimums	Aug 18, 2011 3:25 PM
330	make the use of hounds legal	Aug 18, 2011 3:18 PM



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354	Allow hound hunting until objective is reached	Aug 18, 2011 8:02 AM
355	No opinion	Aug 17, 2011 9:56 PM
356	hound permits	Aug 17, 2011 9:55 PM
357	allow the use of hounds	Aug 17, 2011 8:12 PM
358	State wide year round cougar season. If you want to continue to sell deer and elk tags, the predator problem must be addressed and not avoided like it has in the past.	Aug 17, 2011 7:50 PM
359	Allow hound hunting and use a quota system for the season ending	Aug 17, 2011 3:23 PM
360	no answer	Aug 17, 2011 3:19 PM
361	No hunting. Human management efforts create greater misbalance.	Aug 17, 2011 1:59 PM
362	bring hound permits back and provide a season with no weapon restrictions on the general lion tags	Aug 17, 2011 1:24 PM
363	use of dogs	Aug 17, 2011 12:42 PM
364	i liked the old way aug 1st through march15th but the 31st would work	Aug 17, 2011 12:32 PM
365	Allow use of dogs	Aug 17, 2011 10:46 AM
366	Allow a normal season with the use of hounds.	Aug 17, 2011 7:55 AM
367	increase dog permit hunting in these areas	Aug 17, 2011 6:52 AM
368	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
369	extend season from June through March with same toll free quota phone line. When quota is met close season!	Aug 16, 2011 9:23 PM
370	in Area where tharvest is below objective, provide permits and work with lands owners where livestock depredations is a problem.	Aug 16, 2011 9:14 PM
371	Allow hound hunting by permit for anyone that wishes to apply, quota to be checked by phone daily for those that are tag holders.	Aug 16, 2011 2:55 PM
372	ALLOW THE USE OF DOGS WITH PERMITS TO MAXIMIZE OBJECTIVES	Aug 16, 2011 2:17 PM
373	BRING BACK HUNTING WITH DOGS	Aug 16, 2011 1:47 PM
374	bring hound hunting back with a hound permit with limit kills but a long persuit season to keep the animals deep in the forest.	Aug 16, 2011 12:49 PM
375	the hound hunting pilot program needs to be re-instated	Aug 16, 2011 12:12 PM

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376	let the wolves eat all the deer and then the cougars will die! BRING BACK HOUND HUNTING IF THE WDFW CAN USE DOGS SO SHOULD THE TAX PAYERS!	Aug 16, 2011 10:39 AM
377	By far the most effective method to hunt cougar is with well-trained hounds. I favor hound aggressive hunting and making cougar tags available for boot hunters with long seasons	Aug 16, 2011 8:53 AM
378	combine both option 2 and 3.	Aug 16, 2011 8:15 AM
379	Permit hound hunts	Aug 16, 2011 8:14 AM
380	Allow hound hunting with quotas. Manage it with a call in hotline. Close the season when the quota is reached and notify hunters/houndsman by television alerts and through email. (this is done in states such as Maine and NH with bear hunting) If the harvest level gets too high they notify the public and close the season.	Aug 16, 2011 8:12 AM
381	use a permit draw for limited hound hunting for sportsman after other hunting seasons so there would be limited conflicts with others	Aug 16, 2011 8:09 AM
382	Extend the Season, and allow the use of hounds.	Aug 16, 2011 7:29 AM
383	Allow for special pursuit season to help reach harvest objective	Aug 15, 2011 9:53 PM
384	no personal interest in cougar hunting	Aug 15, 2011 9:50 PM
385	Year-round season with zone quotas	Aug 15, 2011 9:46 PM
386	Increase the tags for the hound permits. WDFW uses the houndsmen to harvest problem cougars but with the current hound season it is not worth the expense of training and equipment for a season that you may not draw a tag for. Increase opportunity for houndsmen and WDFW will retain a much needed resource!	Aug 15, 2011 8:54 PM
387	Make cougar season year round. Increase bag limit to two cats.	Aug 15, 2011 8:38 PM
388	use some controlled method. Open seasons are not good.	Aug 15, 2011 8:27 PM
389	I agree with number 2 in starting any weapon season Sept 1 through March 31. However, this should be across the board and not restricted to certain GMU's.	Aug 15, 2011 8:24 PM
390	Keep the season the same and let the hunters know there is a higher population in the areas that need a bigger harvest	Aug 15, 2011 7:37 PM
391	#3 also have cougar season open during modern rifle season	Aug 15, 2011 5:37 PM
392	more hunts with the aid of dogs	Aug 15, 2011 5:33 PM
393	go back to hound permits!	Aug 15, 2011 5:29 PM
394	2 & 3 combined.	Aug 15, 2011 5:20 PM
395	Allow pursuit with hounds to better address harvest trends that are below acceptable levels	Aug 15, 2011 12:33 PM