

Santa Catalina Big Horn Sheep Reintroduction Advisory Committee Minutes February 5, 2013

Mountain lion Management:

Explained multiple bag limit for people who missed the last meeting

How long has mandatory check in been in effect? Since 2007

Data going back 10 years shows no dramatic increase in lions killed when multiple bag limit is in place and more lion tags are sold.

Sport harvest and depredation balance each other: when sport harvest increases then depredation decreases and vice versa.

Administrative removal: Hounds men will need an incentive to go on Pusch Ridge Wilderness area.

How many lions can be taken using administrative removal?

Public relations: how many lions removed using both administrative removal and sport harvest will the public stand?

Two proposals: Close entire wilderness area to lion hunting or close only the bighorn sheep management area.

Instead of closing hunt structure for entire unit, close only portion of unit where the reintroduction is taking place

What happens if you can't close the unit to lion hunting?

Fund Raising Questions:

Electronic solicitations set up by Bighorn Sheep Society to accept credit card donations, is already active.

Would like to see a separate domain linked to the Advisory Committee.

Sponsor levels: Concern raised with the definition of "*Prominent Role*" in news conferences & briefings. Will sponsor have speaking role? No they will be able to stand alongside or behind speaker at the news conferences and briefings.

Next meeting: Stan Helin will do presentation on Firescape in Catalinas

Action Items;

Age Structure for unit 33            Ben