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Ladies and Gentlemen:

RE: Mammal Hunting Reg Changes—Agenda Item 28-Feb 12, 2015

In an era of diminishing wildlife habitat, decreasing wildlife populations in specific regions, poaching issues, and climate change unknowns, we strongly urge that any mammal hunting regulation changes be made solely for the benefit of the wildlife—the “game”—and not for any “maximum sustained yield” numbers. If that means tag quotas need to be reduced for a number of years so that the Department of Fish and Wildlife can conduct surveys to be certain where wildlife population numbers are headed, so be it.

Because killing wildlife is a taking or a “depletion” of our natural resources, those who buy tags should have a lawful mandate to return tags or (1) lose hunting privileges for life (repeat offense), or for a specified number of years (first offense), and (2) pay steep fines to both cover law enforcement costs and act as a deterrent. If a Fish and Wildlife office is not convenient, with the ALDS computer process, making the required tag reports is not a difficult task.

We urge the Commission to not allow tag quotas to increase and to strengthen reporting back processes from those who buy tags.

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