

#	Species	MUs	Proposal	Suggested by	Proponent's rationale
1	All spp	Province	Restrict power / zoom technology on scopes to limit kill distance or 50 caliber rifles	Holger	Long distance kills (up to 1000 m) are dangerous, unfair to wildlife and may increase hunter success dramatically.
2	All spp	433	Create no shooting zone in Upper Arrow drawdown zone	BC Hydro	Complaints of people discharging firearms close to houses.
3	Bighorn sheep	402, 422	GOS to LEH for residents in 422 (for Bull River herd)	Wildlife staff	Over 3% HR on Bull River herd. Approx. 40% declines in Bull River and Galtons. Watch harvest rate in the rest of 422 and consider expanding LEH in the future. Return to GOS if/when population increases.
4	Bighorn sheep	415/16	Close LEH on Syringa herd	Wildlife staff	Herd likely no longer exists as none observed this winter and only 12 observed last year.
5	Black bear	Province	Remove requirement to retrieve edible portions	Trail/WKBGTA	Could help lower bear populations.
6	Bobcat	Region	Increase bobcat harvest	Trail/WKBGTA	Increase bobcat hunting opportunity due to high bobcat cycle in the West Kootenay.
7	Cougar	East side of	Extend season to Feb 28, no female bag limit	Southern guides	Increase harvest of cougar.
8	Cougar	Province	Reduce costs of cougar tags and increase provincial bag limit to 3	Trail/WKBGTA	Increase cougar harvest in areas with minimal harvest.
9	Elk	414	Add a cow/calf LEH or GOS to address agricultural issues (Nov - March)	Edgewood landowners	Reduce crop depredation.
10	Elk	WK	Shorten 6-point season (close on Oct 5 instead of Oct 20)	Southern guides	Concerns with Bull:cow ratios and calf recruitment. Concerns about impacts of use/access on habitat. Maintains GOS.
11	Elk	Trench	Close spike bull season (Sept 10-19)	Southern guides/hunters	Increase bull to cow ratios.
12	Elk	EK	Open bull elk season in mid-October	Hunter	Align with other states and provinces. Avoid hunting during rut.
13	Elk	Elk Valley	Change antlerless elk LEH zone in Elk Valley	Southern Guides Sparwood F&W	Increase elk population. Reduce harvest on migratory elk.
14	Elk	Region	Shorten 6-point season (close on Oct 10 instead of Oct 20)	Southern guides	Reduce harvest on migratory elk. Not all outfitters support.
15	Elk	WK	Cancel 6-point GOS and open LEH	Trail/WKBGTA	Increase WK elk population. Create a higher quality hunt.

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16	Elk	Region	Open a GOS for senior hunters for 6-point or better bulls from Sept 1-9	Trail/WKBGTA	Increase hunting opportunity for seniors. Provide a quality hunt with less competition in the field. Small percentage of senior hunters. Increase hunter retention. Sept 1-9 already caters to special interest group (bow hunters).
17	Elk	Zone 408C	Close LEH for antlerless elk	Trail/WKBGTA	Huge decline in WK elk population?
18	Elk/moose	Province	Change bag limit to one elk or one moose	Trail/WKBGTA	One hunter doesn't need that much meat.
19	Goat	423	Create additional LEH subzone Mt Bleasdel	Irene	Logging and road construction has increased and concentrated success.
20	Goat	426	Create no goat LEH zone Mt Allen	Irene	Very small somewhat isolated herd of goats.
21	Goat	436	Re-establish LEH unit for 4-36A	Irene	Very high harvest in 2015. Safety issue parking on highway. Close to Golden. Local COs support.
22	Grizzly bear	427, 429	June 1st closing date for grizzly bear season in MUs 4-27 and 4-29	Bear viewing company	Conflict between bear viewing and hunting.
23	Grizzly bear	406 to 409	Open new grizzly bear LEH zones in WK	Trail/WKBGTA	Increase grizzly bear hunting opportunity where populations have increased. More bear sightings and incidentals.
24	Lynx	403-405, 420	Curb harvest and shift season back two weeks (hunting, trapping?)	EKTA	Overharvest concerns. Hunter harvest has risen due to extended early lynx season. Past management practices have been based on past harvest levels. Harvest levels have risen by hunters due to extended early season. There is no scientific data available to continue further harvest practices. Our trapper AGM had a number of topics for discussion lynx being one. A motion was put forward and voted on by the 40 trappers in attendance and the vote was unanimous in favour.
25	Moose	Region	Close spike bull season	Sparwood F&W	Recovery moose populations.
26	Mule deer	EK	Close any buck season for youth and archery	Sparwood F&W	Return mule deer populations to past numbers.
27	Mule deer	Region	Shorten mule deer buck season (Sept 10 - Oct 31)	Trail/WKBGTA	Mule deer meat during rut isn't good for sustenance.

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28	Turkey	Region	Liberalize seasons to address problem turkeys. Long winter season on private land? Either sex, increase bag limit. GOS on private land?	Wildlife staff/landowners throughout region	Preferable to kill permits. Concerns about turkey impacts on landowners and to native wildlife.
29	Turkey	Region	Increase spring turkey bag limit to 2 toms	Trail/WKBGTA	Increasing turkey population in the West Kootenay. Provide additional hunting opportunity.
30	White-tailed deer	Region	Close doe season	Bow hunters	Concerns with reduction in WT numbers, overwinter mortality and high predator numbers.
31	White-tailed deer	Region	Close doe season	Southern guides Trail Sparwood	Increase white-tailed deer population and fawn recruitment.
32	White-tailed deer	Region	Shorten buck season	Sparwood F&W	Combine with no doe season to encourage resurgence of white-tailed deer population.
33	White-tailed deer	Region	Close December archery season	Southern guides	To eliminate the harvest of female whitetail deer and to reduce the pressure placed on whitetail deer in December to allow deer to prepare for a long Kootenay winter.
34	White-tailed deer	438/439	Lengthen season through the winter for both sexes	Wildlife staff	Reduce white-tailed deer to benefit caribou
35	Wolf	Province	Ban use of snares Apr 1 - Nov 30	Bob Faiers	Most trappers are finished trapping and the season closure is March 31 anyone trapping past this point is not trapping for quality fur but just pest removal (under 1100 m in EK). This would ensure incidentally caught wildlife would have the best recovery possible.
36	Wolf	406, 407	Expand no closed season for trapping to MUs 4-6 and 4-7, to align with hunting season.	Wildlife staff	Caribou conservation, makes sense to align hunting and trapping no closed seasons for wolves
37	Wolf	Province	Solid wolf trap anchors	Bob Faiers	Use of solid anchors for wolf traps so incidentally trapped bears pull out instead of escaping with the trap
38	Wolf	Province	No closed season	Sparwood F&W	Increase ungulates. Maintain migratory behaviour.
39	Wolf	Region	No bag limit for wolves	Trail/WKBGTA	Increase hunting opportunity and help control increasing wolf populations in the Kootenays.

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40	Wolverine	Region	Close trapping or shorten season	Mowat	Population small (based on recent inventory) and high risk of overharvest.