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Political Calendar

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announcement.

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County Tax Assessor/Collector Ticha Jo Lindsev Gina Williams

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Commissioner Precinct 1 **Donald Robertson**

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...Mountain lion program

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There are also no trap check requirements, except commercial trappers. They're required to check traps every 36

Canned hunting of mountain lions is legal.

"There have been a number of petitions in addition to the 2022 petitions, and suffice to say, recommendations have been made, some studies have been conducted, but to-date, we do not have a management plan for mountain lions. The reason for that is we don't have the data," Fitzsimmons, who has also served as parks and wildlife chairman, said.

The working group could not advise the commission on the abundance, status, distribution and persistence of mountain lions in Texas, which is charge one, because more data is

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needed.

The group also could not make recommendations on the development of a mountain lion management plan because of the lack of data.

There was general support from the stakeholder working group to develop a plan.

Fitzsimmons commission the livestock and hunting communities feel the plan should ensure landowner's ability to manage depredation of livestock from mountain lions.

The stakeholder working group was split on the third charge, which is harvest reporting.

"All the experts that briefed us were clear that harvest reporting is critical for building management plan, Fitzsimmons said. "You've got to know age, sex and, if possible, have some DNA material to really understand a population. We lack that. We don't have mandatory reporting."

The question, real Fitzsimmons said, is whether harvest reporting should be mandatory or voluntary.



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"The split was pretty clear in the agricultural/livestock and some of the hunting community to stay with voluntary reporting," Fitzsimmons said. "The scientific community was equally clear that mandatory reporting was much more reliable than voluntary."

The petitioners unanimous in their recommendation to follow the standard mandatory reporting.

"The problem, as you see, is that as pointed out by landowners, there was a risk of alienating private landowners with harvest reporting," Fitzsimmons said. "Obviously, if you're not getting the participation of the very people who are managing the lion habitat, you may be undermining those efforts by going to mandatory."

The working group suggested voluntary reportingencouraging landowners, hunters and others to voluntary report harvests to TPWD through services like the My Texas Hunt Harvest app.

The group did not have a clear consensus on requiring trap checks, and Fitzsimmons said

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