

NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

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Title 163 - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Chapter 4 - Wildlife Regulations

037 Mountain Lions

The following regulations are prescribed by the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-304, 37-308, 37-308.01, 37-314, 37-228, 37-404, 37-405, 37-411, 37-426, 37-452, 37-473, 37-613. For purposes of these regulations, unless context otherwise requires, the definitions found in Chapter 37, sections 202 through 247 of the Game Law, are used. These regulations are effective following enactment by the Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

037.01 Management Unit Boundaries: Federal and state sanctuaries and refuges are closed, unless otherwise authorized.

037.01A Keya Paha

Keya Paha County and those parts of Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, and Rock counties east of U.S. Hwy. 83, north of U.S. Hwy. 20, and west of U.S. Hwy. 281.

037.01B Pine Ridge

Those parts of Box Butte, Dawes, Sheridan, and Sioux counties north of the Niobrara River and west of NE Hwy. 27.

037.01C Prairie

Those parts of Nebraska not included in the Keya Paha, Pine Ridge, or Upper Platte units.

037.01D Upper Platte

Banner, Cheyenne, and Kimball counties and those parts of Deuel, Garden, Morrill, and Scotts Bluff counties south and west of a line commencing at the junction of U.S. Hwy. 26 with the Nebraska-Wyoming state line,

thence east on U.S. Hwy. 26 to State Link 62A, thence east on State Link 62A to U.S. Hwy. 385, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to U.S. Hwy. 26, thence east on U.S. Hwy. 26 to NE Hwy. 27, thence south on NE Hwy. 27 to U.S. Hwy. 30, thence west on U.S. Hwy. 30 to U.S. Hwy. 385, thence south on U.S. Hwy. 385 to the Nebraska-Colorado state line.

037.02 Open Seasons:

037.02A Keya Paha: Closed.

037.02B Pine Ridge:

Season 1: January 1 through February 14, 2014, except the season shall immediately close if either the annual harvest quota or female sub-quota (037.03B) is reached prior to February 14.

Season 2: February 15 through March 31, 2014, except the season shall immediately close if either the annual harvest quota or female sub-quota (037.03B) is reached prior to March 31.

037.02C Prairie: January 1 through December 31, 2014.

037.02D Upper Platte: Closed.

037.03 Annual Harvest Quotas:

037.03A Keya Paha: Zero (0).

037.03B Pine Ridge:

Season 1: Two (2) mountain lions, with a sub-quota of one (1) female.

Season 2: Two (2) mountain lions, with a sub-quota of one (1) female.

037.03C Prairie: Unlimited quota.

037.03D Upper Platte: Zero (0).

037.04 Permits:

037.04A Keya Paha: Zero (0).

037.04B Pine Ridge:

Season 1: The Commission shall issue one (1) permit by lottery to a resident and one (1) permit by auction to a resident or nonresident. Any permittee who does not harvest a mountain lion during Season 1 may hunt during Season 2. If a permittee does not harvest a mountain lion during Season 1 or Season 2 their permit will remain valid during the open seasons of the next year in which a season is authorized in the Pine Ridge Unit.

Season 2: The Commission shall issue one hundred (100) permits by lottery. No person shall be issued more than one (1) permit per calendar year. Permits shall be issued to Nebraska residents only.

037.04C Prairie: No limit. No person shall be issued more than one (1) permit per calendar year. Permits shall be issued to Nebraska residents only.

037.04D Upper Platte: Zero (0).

037.05 Permit Bag Limit: One (1) mountain lion of either sex.

037.06 Shooting Hours: 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

037.07 Application Periods:

037.07A Keya Paha, Pine Ridge and Upper Platte Units: Applications for lottery permits shall be accepted from 1:00 p.m. CST on the Tuesday following Labor Day through September 30 prior to each open season. Mail applications must be received in the Commission's Lincoln headquarters office by 5 p.m. CST, and internet applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. CST. All valid applications accompanied by the required fee (Administration Regulations, Chapter 1,

Section 006) shall be considered equally in a random drawing. It shall be unlawful to submit more than one application per calendar year for a mountain lion permit. If more than one such application is submitted by or for any person, all of that person's applications shall be excluded from the drawing and the accompanying fees shall be forfeited.

037.07B Prairie Unit: Applications for permits shall be accepted from 1:00 p.m. CST on December 16, 2013, through December 31, 2014.

037.08 Checking: Any mountain lion harvested must be reported to the Commission within eight (8) hours of recovering the animal using a phone number or website specified by the Commission, or in person at a district office during normal business hours. The entire unfrozen carcass must be presented to a Commission representative within 24 hours of the time it is killed to allow for inspection and attachment of an official harvest seal, unless the Commission has been notified and arrangements are made for a later check. The permittee shall furnish the Commission with the date and location of kill prior to the attachment of the harvest seal. The harvest seal must remain attached to the mountain lion until the pelt is tanned, mounted or otherwise preserved. The Commission shall collect two premolar teeth to allow determination of age and a tissue sample from each mountain lion harvested.

037.09 Weapons Allowed: Firearms and archery equipment as specified in 001.01B2.

037.10 It shall be unlawful to:

037.10A harvest or attempt to harvest a mountain lion with a spotted coat (kitten) or any mountain lion accompanying another mountain lion.

037.10B hunt mountain lions in a unit with a limited harvest quota without first confirming that the season is open each day by checking the Commission-provided toll-free number or season status website.

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037.10C hunt mountain lions with the aid of dogs, traps or bait, except that dogs may be used during Season 1 in the Pine Ridge Unit and during January 1 through March 31 in the Prairie Unit.

037.10D fail to check or report any mountain lion taken as prescribed in 037.08.

037.10E falsely check or report the harvest of any mountain lion.

037.10F harvest a mountain lion within 24 hours of obtaining a mountain lion permit

037.10G obtain more than one mountain lion permit per calendar year