

FISCAL NOTE

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
NON-ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT			
Anticipated Revenue increase			
GAME & FISH FUND	\$105,794	\$105,794	\$105,794

NOTE: Grizzly bears are currently listed as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act. Below is a potential revenue projection if a hunt was able to proceed.

Source of revenue increase:

The collection of grizzly bear license application fees and the sale of grizzly bear licenses would result in increased revenue for the Game and Fish Department.

Assumptions:

Grizzly bear licenses will be issued per Wyoming Game and Fish Commission regulation Chapter 68 and W.S. 23-1-302(p), W.S. 23-1-703(c), W.S. 23-1-101 and W.S. 23-2-104.

Assumptions are based on the 2018 grizzly bear hunt season data.

Game and Fish assumes there will be a total of 12 licenses available in limited quota draw area 7; Game and Fish estimates 9 residents and 3 nonresidents will be successful in obtaining a license resulting in a revenue increase of \$23,424.

For areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 mortality limits will be determined based on science each year. However, if the combined total mortality limits for these areas are similar to what was identified in 2018, Game and Fish anticipates approximately 10 licenses would be available. Of those 10 licenses, using the separate license issuance lists, 8 licenses would be issued to residents and 2 licenses would be issued to nonresidents for a total revenue increase of \$16,800.

In addition, 4,495 residents and 2,873 nonresident grizzly bear applications were submitted in 2018 resulting in \$65,570 in revenue. It is anticipated that participation going forward would be similar.

Although there are some increased expenditures associated with implementing a grizzly bear hunting season, those costs are difficult to quantify. Some costs include hunter education, enforcement of relevant laws, collection of biological data and tracking of mortality limits.

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