

| State/ Providence | Lion Status | Year current status began | Notes: |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Alberta, Canada | Big Game | 1971 | |
| BC, Canada | Big Game | unknown | |
| Arizona | Big Game | 1970 | |
| California | Specially Protected Mammal | 1990 | Prior status was Game Mammal |
| Colorado | Big Game | 1965 | |
| Idaho | Big Game | 1972 | |
| Montana | Big Game | 1971 | |
| Nevada | Big Game | 1965 | |
| New Mexico | Game Animal | 1971 | |
| South Dakota | Big Game | 2003 | Prior status was "State Sensative Species" |
| Texas | Non-game | | Under Texas non-game code they can set season/bags if so desired. |
| Utah | Game Species | 1967 | |
| Washington | Big Game | 1966 | |
| Wyoming | Trophy Game Animal | 1973 | |

Data from:

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Table 6.3. Cougar hunting strategies, season lengths, and percent female harvest by state for the 2008-2009 season.

| State | Harvest Strategy | Season Length | Hound Hunt | Boot Hunt | Percent Female |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Arizona | General | Sept 1 - May 31 | y | y | 38% |
| Colorado | Quota (T) | Nov 15 - March 31 | y | y | 39% |
| Idaho | General | Aug 30 - March 31 | y | y | 46% |
| | Quota (T) | Aug 30 - March 31 | y | y | 65% |
| Montana | Limited Entry | Oct 26 - April 14 | y | y | |
| | Quota (T) | Oct 26 - April 14 | y | y | |
| Nevada | Quota (T) | Year-round | Y | Y | 45% |
| New Mexico | General | Oct 1 - Mar 31 | y | y | 25% |
| | Quota (T) | Oct 1 - Mar 31 | y | y | 2% |
| North Dakota | Quota (T) | Aug 29 - March 31 | y | y | 67% |
| Oregon | Quota (T) | Aug 1 - May 31 | n | y | |
| South Dakota | Quota (T) | Jan 1 - March 31 | n | y | 64% |
| Texas | Open Season | year-round | | | |
| Utah | Limited Entry | Nov 19 - June 1 | y | y | 37% |
| | Quota (T) | Year-round | y | y | 4% |
| | Split LE & Quota (T) | Nov 19 - Feb 08 | y | y | |
| Washington | General | Aug 1 - March 31 | n | y | |
| | Quota (T + F) | Dec 1 - March 31 | y | y | |
| Wyoming | Quota (T) | Sept 1 - March 31 | y | y | 44% |

T=total, F=Female, LE = Limited Entry

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