

# Cougar

Alberta, Canada is known as one of North America's premier cougar hunting destinations, and we have definitely earned this reputation! Holding the #1, #2, #8, and #10 spots in the Safari Club International (SCI) Record Book and the #3 and #5 spots in the Boone & Crockett Record Book, Alberta holds an incredible percentage of the top 10 cougars ever taken on this continent.



Cougar hunting in Alberta is almost exclusively done with the use of hounds, with the thrill of targeting large tracks in fresh snowfall with the help of your host outfitter. Alberta's climate through these months is dependably cold and wintry, with a high probability of fresh snowfall coming through on any given night. With some of the largest cougars having been taken in their densely populated habitats close to major

municipalities of Calgary, Edmonton, and Canmore, cougar hunting in Alberta is as accessible and as prime as it gets.

With a long season beginning on December 1, and running through the end of February, there is plenty of time for cougar hunters to pick their dates and be selective in their harvest. With this Minister's Special Licence, you have the opportunity to get out earlier than most hunters, and stay out beyond the season dates, as the permit runs from August 25 to August 24.

## LICENCE CONDITIONS

The holder of this Cougar Minister's Special Licence is authorized to hunt one cougar, in accordance with all provisions of the Wildlife Act and Wildlife Regulation unless exempted in the conditions below.

This special licence is valid from August 25, 2025, to August 24, 2026, in any Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) where a cougar hunting season is identified in the current Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations.



- This licence may be held by hunters of any residency status, however, a licence holder who is not an Alberta resident must enter into a contract with the holder of a valid Outfitter Permit and be accompanied by a designated guide in accordance with the Wildlife Regulation.
- This licence does not authorize hunting in any location where hunting is prohibited as outlined in the Wildlife Regulation and the current Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations.
- This licence does not authorize hunting on Sunday in WMUs where the Sunday hunting of big game is prohibited.

- While hunting under the authority of this licence the hunter may use any legal weapon as defined in the *Wildlife Regulation*. A crossbow licence or bow hunting permit must be obtained by the MSL licence holder should they choose to hunt with these weapons. Please note that the use of rifles during archery seasons should be undertaken with extreme caution and consideration as archery hunters may be using decoys to hunt several big game species. Please be considerate of other hunters to avoid conflicts and ensure safe hunting for all.
- A hunter is required to hold a Wildlife Certificate before hunting and, when hunting with a bow, must hold a Bow Hunting Permit. This approval does not exempt the Minister's Special Licence holder from the need to follow weapons use restrictions governed by other applicable legislation and regulations, including municipal bylaws.
- This licence opportunity may not be designated to a hunter or licence holder via fee or remuneration (may not be sold or exchanged for value).

#### NOTE

10% will be deducted from the final bid price of this special licence, which will be dedicated to the Western Hunting and Conservation Expo. If the winner of this item refuses to pay the premiums required, the licence shall be offered to the next highest bidder for the last price they bid.