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By allowing counties to use alternative methods of harvest to meet quotas that are set by ODFW should be the standardized way. Quotas can and are adjusted to meet social, and scientific goals. Becoming more efficient managing a population should be welcomed, not disregarded.

If quotas are set in sound science, and account for the social tolerance there is no reason that counties shouldn't be allowed to manage populations in conjunction with ODFW and I believe there have been several laws that have set a precedent allowing a bill like this to be approved. I.e measure 91.

If bills like this are not allowed to see the light of day, that is a direct insult to constituents that are affected by these management decisions. Similar to measure 91 see which counties had a 55 percent or higher opposition of measure 18.

That would be the fairest way for constituents; best for wildlife management and align with values based upon those counties.

P.S. wildlife services, ODFw still are allowed to use hounds on mountain lions and bears. Tax dollar funded.