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Brief Description: Allowing special hunts to reduce crop damage caused by wildlife.

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Requires the commission to authorize at least two doe permits per hunter for special hunts held in damage areas when qualified department staff have confirmed six incidents of crop damage caused by deer or elk.

Provides that, when the department receives six complaints concerning damage to commercial agricultural and horticultural crop production by wildlife from the owner or tenant of real property, or from several owners or tenants in a locale, the commission shall conduct a special hunt or special hunts to reduce the potential for the damage. Each complaint must be confirmed by a qualified department staff. The commission shall authorize at least two doe permits per hunter for special hunts held in damage areas.