

Hunting Restrictions and Equipment

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WACs:

- 220-413-060 Hunting restrictions.**
- 220-414-010 Hunting equipment restrictions.**
- 220-414-060 Muzzleloading firearms.**
- 220-414-070 Archery equipment.**
- 220-414-100 Crossbow requirements.**

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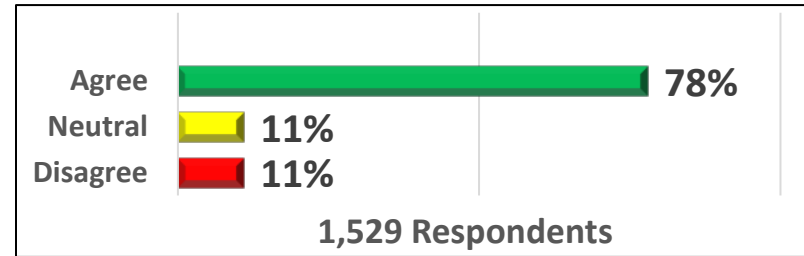
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5. Crossbow Requirements
6. Questions



HUNTING RESTRICTIONS

WAC 220-413-060

1. Modified language to clarify it is unlawful to hunt wild animals, except rabbits and hares, with dogs (hounds) during the month of October or November during dates established for modern firearm deer and elk general seasons
2. Allow the use of one dog controlled by leash during lawful hunting hours within 72 hours of shooting a big game animal, except bear and cougar, to track wounded big game and aid in recovery



Public Comment

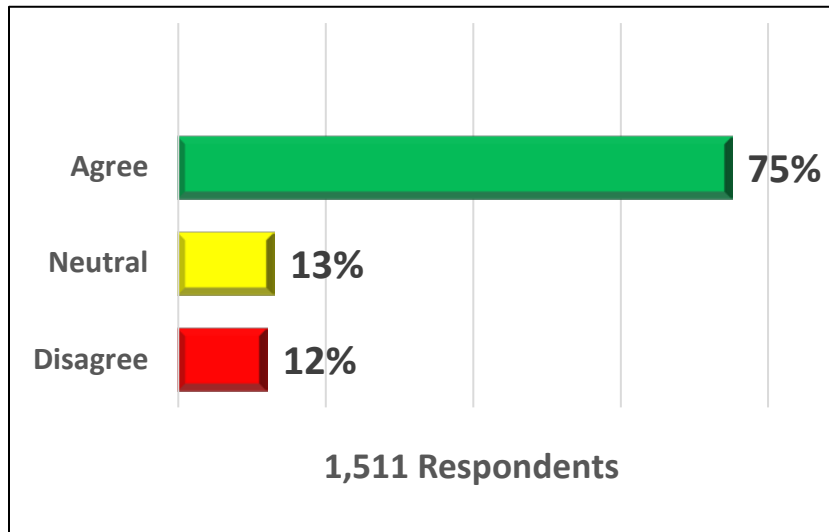
- 143 comments
- General (76 agree, 10 disagree)
- Retain current rule to allow night hunting with dogs (33)
- Don't allow the use of dogs in general (5)
- Expand tracking to include all game species (4)
- Ban all night hunting (3)



HUNTING EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS

WAC 220-414-010

- Modified language to clarify that it is unlawful to hunt all big game with the aid of infrared night vision equipment or with laser sights, and not just deer and elk



Public Comment

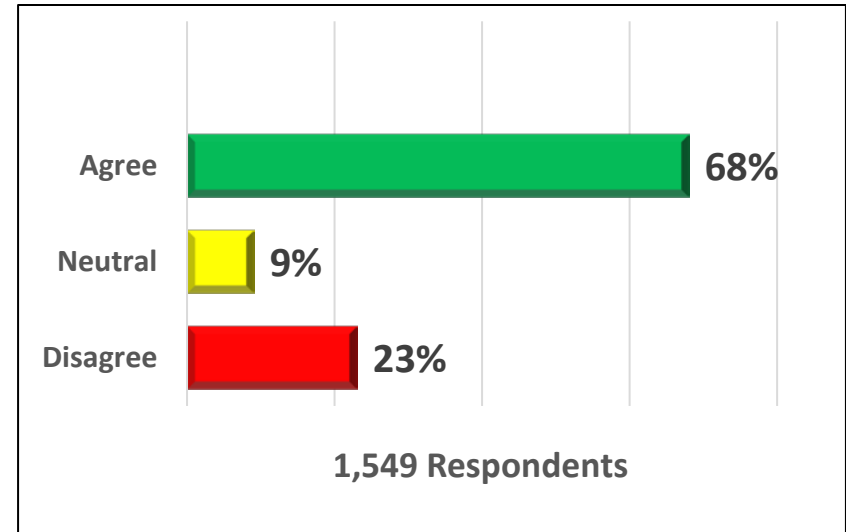
- 49 comments
- General (16 agree, 7 disagree)
- Predators (8)
- Allow night vision in specific situations (5)
- Expand to include all game species (4)



MUZZLELOADING FIREARMS

WAC 220-414-060

1. Allow the use of scopes that do not exceed 1x magnification
 - Includes red dot and other similar electronically powered scopes
2. Added language that clarifies the term load refers to the powder charge and projectile and that both must be loaded from the muzzle
3. Allow video cameras to be mounted to the firearm



Public Comment

- 218 comments, 5 emails/letters
- General (66 agree, 123 disagree)
- Do not allow the use of scopes (12)



ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

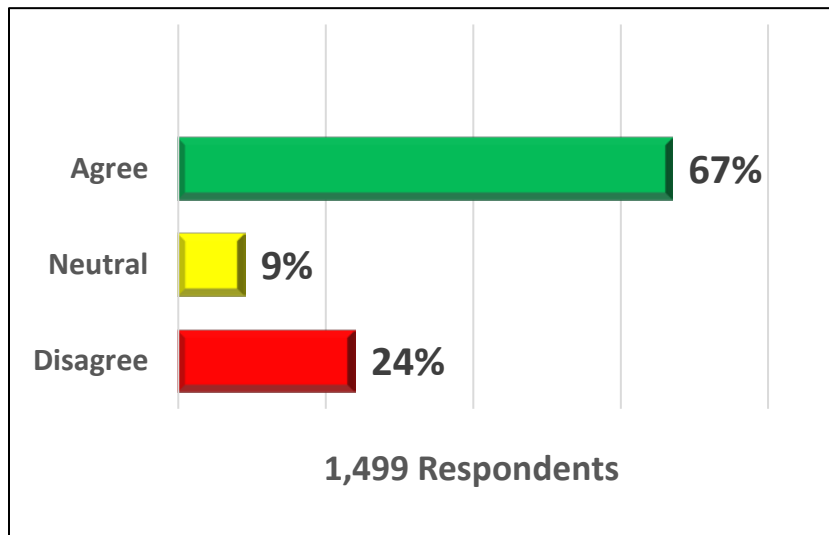
WAC 220-414-070

Allow the use of:

- range-finding bow sights
- breadcrumb nocks
- verifier peep sights
- video cameras

[Public Comment](#)

- 244 comments
- General (21 agree, 48 disagree)
- Range-finding Bow Sights (8 agree, 58 disagree)
- Breadcrumb nocks (15 agree, 19 disagree)
- Verifier peep sights (22 agree, 6 disagree)
- Video cameras (30 agree, 7 disagree)



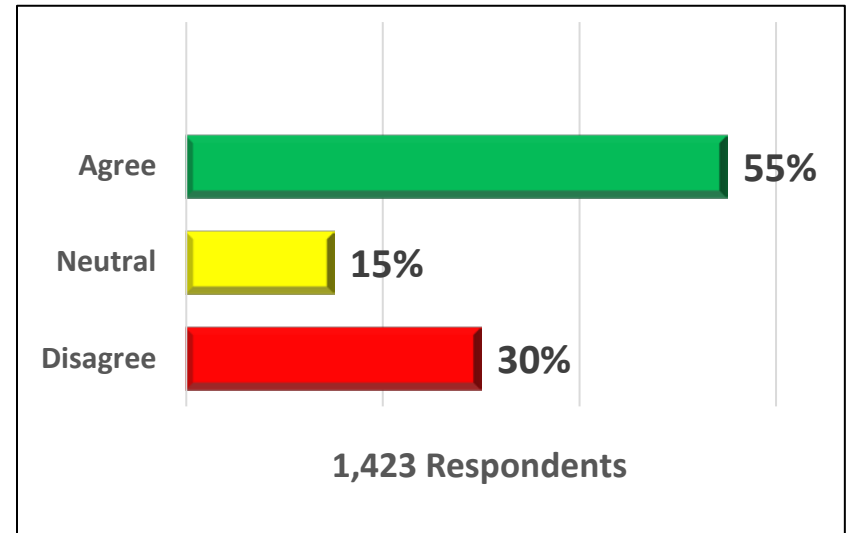
CROSSBOW REQUIREMENTS

WAC 220-414-100

- Allow the use of crossbows during established muzzleloader seasons

Public Comment

- 94 comments
- General (11 agree, 36 disagree)
- Allow during archery (14)
- Don't allow the use of scopes (12)



Questions?

WASHINGTON
Big Game Hunting Regulations
Effective April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021

2020

**Special Permit
Application**
Deadline: May 18, 2020

