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WILDLIFE PROGRAM AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda Item

3-year Season Setting Rule Decision



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/9/2021

Agenda item:

Bighorn Sheep, Moose, and Mountain Goat Special Permits – Decision

Presenter(s):

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Background summary:

Department staff briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to WACs:

- 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.
- 220-412-080 Special hunting season permits.
- 220-415-070 2021 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.
- 220-415-120 2021 Bighorn sheep seasons, permit quotas, and areas.
- 220-415-130 2021 Mountain goat seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

The primary purpose of these proposals is to retain special permit hunting opportunities for moose, mountain goats, and bighorn sheep. The proposals also provide opportunities in accordance with the current status of these big game populations. More specifically, amendments include:

Special Permits Allowing successful applicants for all big game special permits to return their permit to the department for any reason two weeks before the opening day of the season and to have their points restored.

Bighorn Sheep Reducing the number of bighorn ram permits in the Yakima Canyon and Cleman Mountain herds. Establishing new hunts for bighorn rams in the Wenaha and Mountain View sub-herd areas in the Blue Mountains. Clarifying the criteria used to define a juvenile ram.

Moose Increasing the number of bull moose permits in GMU 108 and decreasing the number of antlerless moose permits in GMUs 117 and 121. Changing the bag limit for auction and raffle moose permits from one moose of either sex to one bull moose. Expanding the hunt area for moose raffle permits to include any open moose unit, instead of being limited to GMUs 101-121 and 204.

Mountain Goat Reinstating the mountain goat conflict reduction special permits in the Olympic Mountains to assist Olympic National Park with their efforts to remove mountain goats from this range. Establishing a bag limit of two mountain goats of any sex or age during conflict reduction hunts. Providing an exception to the once-in-a-lifetime restriction for hunters that participate in conflict reduction hunts. Removing the clause that allowed hunters using archery equipment to start September 1 and establishing an opening season date of September 1 for all weapon types.

Staff recommendation:

Recommend adoptions of the rules as presented.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

The changes to the rules above were discussed in the March FWC meeting.

- Maximize recreation hunting opportunities.
- Continue sustainable hunting seasons for big game.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The Department conducted an extensive public involvement process to develop the 2021-2023 hunting season proposals. WDFW held seven virtual public meetings by topic in August and September of 2020, to discuss a variety of issues with constituents. Concurrently, the public was asked to provide input on hunting seasons via the department website for a six-week period. The department emailed over 199,000 hunters notifying them of the website survey and encouraging them to participate. Using that information, the department determined which recommendations would move forward.

Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the March 25-27, 2021 Commission meeting online.

Please see the associated public comment forms.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Recommended adoption of these rules as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to adopt the recommended rule changes as presented by staff.

Is there a "second"?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

Post decision communications plan:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Website
News Release
Hunting Regulation Pamphlet

Form revised 8-4-20

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

AUCTION PERMITS

(1) BLACK-TAILED DEER AUCTION PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Those GMUs open to black-tailed deer hunting EXCEPT GMU 485 and those GMUs closed to black-tailed deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Weapon type: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One additional any buck black-tailed deer.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(2) MULE DEER AUCTION PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Those GMUs open to mule deer hunting EXCEPT those GMUs closed to mule deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Weapon type: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One additional any buck mule deer.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(3) WHITE-TAILED DEER AUCTION PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Those GMUs open to white-tailed deer hunting EXCEPT those GMUs closed to white-tailed deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Weapon type: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One additional any buck white-tailed deer.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(4) THREE-DEER AUCTION PERMIT

(a) Bag limit: One additional any buck black-tailed deer, one additional any buck mule deer, and one additional any buck white-tailed deer; total harvest not to exceed three animals.

(b) Hunt Area: For black-tailed deer, those GMUs open to black-tailed deer hunting EXCEPT GMU 485 and those GMUs closed to deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission. For mule deer, those GMUs open to mule deer hunting EXCEPT those GMUs closed to mule deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission. For white-tailed deer, those GMUs open to white-tailed deer hunting EXCEPT those GMUs closed to white-tailed deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(d) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(5) WESTSIDE ELK AUCTION PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Western Washington EXCEPT GMU 485, those GMUs closed to elk hunting, and those GMUs not opened to bull elk hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Weapon type: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One additional any bull elk.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(6) EASTSIDE ELK AUCTION PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Eastern Washington EXCEPT GMU 157 and those GMUs closed to elk hunting, and those GMUs not opened to bull elk hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Weapon type: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One additional any bull elk.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(7) CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP AUCTION PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: The director is authorized to select areas open for this hunt based on population objectives, harvest objectives, and recent harvest parameters as identified by the department. The selection of hunt areas will be made no later than December 1 for the following year, and will be posted on the department's website no later than January 1.

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One California bighorn ram.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(8) MOOSE AUCTION PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Any open moose unit, and hunt areas identified by the department before December 1 for the following year, and posted on the department's website no later than January 1.

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One bull moose (~~(of either sex)~~).

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(9) MOUNTAIN GOAT AUCTION PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: The director is authorized to select areas open for this hunt based on population objectives, harvest objectives, and

recent harvest parameters as identified by the department. The selection of hunt areas will be made no later than December 1 for the following year, and will be posted on the department's website no later than January 1.

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One mountain goat of either sex.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

RAFFLE PERMITS

(10) BLACK-TAILED DEER RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Those GMUs open to black-tailed deer hunting EXCEPT GMU 485 and those GMUs closed to deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One additional any buck black-tailed deer.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(11) MULE DEER RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Those GMUs open to mule deer hunting EXCEPT those GMUs closed to mule deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One additional any buck mule deer.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(12) WHITE-TAILED DEER RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Those GMUs open to white-tailed deer hunting EXCEPT those GMUs closed to white-tailed deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One additional any buck white-tailed deer.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(13) WESTSIDE ELK RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Western Washington EXCEPT GMU 485, those GMUs closed to elk hunting, and those GMUs not open to bull elk hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One additional any bull elk.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(14) EASTSIDE ELK RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Eastern Washington EXCEPT GMU 157 and those GMUs closed to elk hunting, and those GMUs not opened to bull elk hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One additional any bull elk.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(15) CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: The director is authorized to select areas open for this hunt based on population objectives, harvest objectives, and recent harvest parameters as identified by the department. The selection of hunt areas will be made no later than December 1 for the following year, and will be posted on the department's website no later than January 1 except that sheep units in Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, or Pend Oreille counties are not open.

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One California bighorn ram.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(16) MOOSE RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: GMUs 101 through 130, GMU 204.

~~((GMUs 101 through 121, 204.)) Any open moose unit, and hunt areas identified by the department before December 1 for the following year, and posted on the department's website no later than January 1.~~

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One bull moose (~~(of either sex)~~).

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 2

(17) MOUNTAIN GOAT RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: The director is authorized to select areas open for this hunt based on population objectives, harvest objectives, and recent harvest parameters as identified by the department. The selection of hunt areas will be made no later than December 1 for the following year, and will be posted on the department's website no later than January 1.

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(d) Bag limit: One mountain goat of either sex.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(18) TURKEY RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Season dates: April 1 - May 31 and September 1 - December 31

(b) Hunt Area: Statewide.

(c) Weapon: Archery or shotgun only.

(d) Bag limit: Three additional wild turkeys, but not to exceed more than one turkey in Western Washington or two turkeys in Eastern Washington.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(19) ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Bag limit: One Rocky Mountain bighorn ram.

(b) Hunt Area: GMUs 113, 172, 186, 181 (south of the line made by starting at Montgomery Ridge Road and Highway 129 to the Sherry Grade Road to the Couse Creek Road to the Snake River).

(c) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(d) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(20) THREE-DEER RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Bag limit: One additional any buck black-tailed deer, one additional any buck mule deer, and one additional any buck white-tailed deer; total harvest not to exceed three animals.

(b) Hunt Area: For black-tailed deer, those GMUs open to black-tailed deer hunting EXCEPT GMU 485 and those GMUs closed to deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission. For mule deer, those GMUs open to mule deer hunting EXCEPT those GMUs closed to mule deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission. For white-tailed deer, those GMUs open

to white-tailed deer hunting EXCEPT those GMUs closed to white-tailed deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(c) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(d) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(21) NORTHEAST WASHINGTON BIG GAME RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Bag limit: Permit hunter may harvest three of six possible species. Species that may be harvested under this permit include: One additional any buck white-tailed deer, one additional any bull elk, one any bull moose, one additional any legal cougar, one additional any legal black bear, and one additional any legal turkey (gobbler or turkey with visible beard ONLY); total harvest not to exceed three animals.

(b) Hunt Area: GMUs 101-124.

(c) Season dates:

(i) September 1 - December 31 for white-tailed deer, elk, and moose.

(ii) April 15 - May 31 and September 1 - December 31 for black bear.

(iii) September 1 - March 31 for cougar.

(iv) April 15 - May 31 for turkey.

(d) Weapon: Any legal weapon EXCEPT archery and shotgun only for turkey.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(22) SOUTH-CENTRAL WASHINGTON BIG GAME RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Bag limit: One additional any bull elk, one additional any buck deer, and one California bighorn sheep ram; total harvest not to exceed three animals.

(b) Hunt Area: For elk, any 300 or 500 series GMU EXCEPT those GMUs closed to elk hunting and those GMUs not open to bull elk hunting by the fish and wildlife commission. For deer, any 300 or 500 series GMU EXCEPT those GMUs closed to deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission. For California bighorn sheep, the director is authorized to select areas open for this hunt based on population objectives, harvest objectives, and recent harvest parameters as identified by the department. The selection of hunt areas will be made no later than December 1 for the following year, and will be posted on the department's website no later than January 1.

(c) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(d) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(23) SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON BIG GAME RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Bag limit: Permit hunter may harvest four of five possible species. Species that may be harvested under this permit include: One additional any buck white-tailed deer, one additional any buck mule deer, one additional any bull elk, one additional any legal cougar, and one additional any legal black bear; total harvest not to exceed four animals.

(b) Hunt Area: GMUs 139-154 and 162-186.

(c) Season dates: September 1 - December 31 for white-tailed deer, mule deer, and elk. April 15 - June 15 and September 1 - December 31 for black bear. September 1 - March 31 for cougar

(d) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(24) NORTH-CENTRAL WASHINGTON BIG GAME RAFFLE PERMIT

(a) Bag limit: Permit hunter may harvest three of five possible species. Species that may be harvested under this permit include: One additional any buck white-tailed deer, one additional any buck mule deer, one any ram California bighorn sheep, one additional any legal cougar, and one additional any legal black bear; total harvest not to exceed three animals.

(b) Hunt Area: For white-tailed deer, mule deer, cougar, and black bear, any 200 series GMU EXCEPT those GMUs closed to deer hunting

by the fish and wildlife commission. For California bighorn sheep, the director is authorized to select areas open for this hunt based on population objectives, harvest objectives, and recent harvest parameters as identified by the department. The selection of hunt areas will be made no later than December 1 for the following year, and will be posted on the department's website no later than January 1.

(c) Season dates:

(i) September 1 - December 31 for white-tailed deer, mule deer, and California bighorn sheep.

(ii) April 15 - May 15 and September 1 - December 31 for black bear.

(iii) September 1 - March 31 for cougar.

(d) Weapon: Any legal weapon.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 1

SPECIAL INCENTIVE PERMITS

(25) WESTERN WASHINGTON ELK INCENTIVE PERMITS

(a) Hunt Area: Western Washington EXCEPT GMUs 418, 485, 522, and those GMUs closed to elk hunting or closed to bull elk hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(b) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon, EXCEPT must use archery equipment during archery seasons and muzzleloader equipment during muzzleloader seasons.

(d) Bag limit: One additional elk.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 2

(26) EASTERN WASHINGTON ELK INCENTIVE PERMITS

(a) Hunt Area: Eastern Washington EXCEPT GMU 157 and those GMUs closed to elk hunting or closed to bull elk hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(b) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon, EXCEPT must use archery equipment during archery seasons and muzzleloader equipment during muzzleloader seasons.

(d) Bag limit: One additional elk.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 2

(27) DEER INCENTIVE PERMITS

(a) Hunt Area: Statewide, for use in any area open to general or permit hunting seasons EXCEPT GMUs 157, 418, 485, 522, and those GMUs closed to deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission.

(b) Season dates: September 1 - December 31

(c) Weapon: Any legal weapon, EXCEPT hunters must use archery equipment during archery seasons and muzzleloader equipment during muzzleloader seasons and any legal weapon at other times if there are no firearm restrictions.

(d) Bag limit: One additional any deer.

(e) Number of permit hunters selected: 5

PERMIT ISSUANCE PROCEDURE

(28) Auction permits: The director will select a conservation organization(s) to conduct annual auction(s). Selection of the conservation organizations will be based on criteria adopted by the Washington department of fish and wildlife. Big game and wild turkey auctions shall be conducted consistent with WAC 220-412-060.

(29) Raffle permits: Raffle permits will be issued to individuals selected through a Washington department of fish and wildlife drawing or the director may select a conservation organization(s) to conduct annual raffles. Selection of a conservation organization will be based on criteria adopted by the Washington department of fish and wildlife. Big game and wild turkey raffles shall be conducted consistent with WAC 220-412-040.

(30) Special incentive permits: Hunters will be entered into a drawing for special deer and elk incentive permits for prompt reporting of hunting activity in compliance with WAC 220-413-100.

(31) For permit hunts where the permittee may harvest multiple species, the permittee must select the species he/she wants to hunt within fourteen days of notification of being selected.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION AND REQUIREMENTS:

(32) Permittees shall contact the appropriate regional office of the department of fish and wildlife when entering the designated hunt area or entering the region to hunt outside the general season.

(33) The permittee may be accompanied by others; however, only the permittee is allowed to carry a legal weapon or harvest an animal.

(34) Any attempt by members of the permittee's party to herd or drive wildlife is prohibited.

(35) If requested by the department, the permittee is required to direct department officials to the site of the kill.

(36) The permit is valid during the hunting season dates for the year issued.

(37) The permittee will present the head and carcass of the bighorn sheep killed to any department office within ten days of date of kill.

(38) The permittee must abide by all local, state, and federal regulations including firearm restriction areas and area closures.

(39) Hunters awarded the special incentive permit will be required to send the appropriate license fee to the department of fish and wildlife headquarters in Olympia. The department will issue the license and transport tag and send it to the special incentive permit winner.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-412-070, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-412-070, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-412-070, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.12.240, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.32.090, and 77.32.530. WSR 17-17-088, § 220-412-070, filed 8/17/17, effective 9/17/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR

17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-412-070, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-283, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-048 (Order 15-101), § 232-28-283, filed 4/29/15, effective 5/30/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-283, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.32.530. WSR 12-22-045 (Order 12-257), § 232-28-283, filed 11/2/12, effective 12/3/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 10-03-041 (Order 10-10), § 232-28-283, filed 1/13/10, effective 2/13/10.]

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing. The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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- Change: Under (16) MOOSE RAFFLE PERMIT, change Hunt Area from “Any open moose unit, and hunt areas identified by the department...” to GMUs 101 through 130 and GMU 204.

Rationale: This adjustment will add more clarity regarding the Game Management Units that are open to raffle permit holders and lessen hunter confusion.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

We received 205 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but four (email/letter) came through our online survey. Forty-six of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 2,156 respondents to our online survey 64% (1,377) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Twenty-five comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why, while nine comments indicated support for specific aspects of the proposal.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 14% (312) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 22% (468) indicated they were neutral. Eight comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 45 comments indicated opposition to specific aspects of the proposal and 65 comments expressed concerns about predators.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition or were not directly related during the online survey:

- There are too many predators
- Opposed to auction/raffle permits in general
- Don't remove antlerless opportunity
- Don't expand the hunt area for raffle permits

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received one comment during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing. The commentor expressed opposition to the issuance of auction and raffle permits for all big game and expressed concerns about the status of mountain goat and moose populations.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and common themes not directly related to the proposal and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: There are too many predators

WDFW's Game Management Plan identifies guidelines to determine when a particular population meets the criteria of an "at-risk" ungulate population and whether carnivore management actions are needed to promote recovery. None of our moose populations

currently meet that criteria. Moreover, recent findings from research conducted in GMUs 117 and 124 indicated poor calf survival and declining populations in both GMUs, despite the fact there were no documented wolf packs in GMU 124. Other findings from that research indicated adult female moose were in poor body condition, indicative of poor habitat conditions, and some moose were suffering from severe tick infestations. Thus, moose in these two areas are likely experiencing declines because of both top-down (predation) and bottom-up (habitat) effects. Lastly, we have liberalized bear and cougar hunting seasons in eastern Washington in response to concerns that carnivore populations are too high.

Comment: Opposed to auction/raffle permits in general

Although WDFW understands why some are opposed to auction and raffle permits, we have always been extremely transparent that the intent of these permits is to generate revenue that is used solely for the purpose of managing big-game populations. It is an important fund source for the agency that contributes substantially to the work we do.

Comment: Don't remove antlerless opportunity

We proposed to change the legal animal for auction and raffle moose permits from Any Moose to Any Bull in response to concerns about equitability, given that WDFW has substantially reduced opportunities for other hunters to harvest antlerless moose in recent years.

Comment: Don't expand the hunt area for raffle permits

The hunt area for the raffle moose permits in previous years included GMUs 101-121 and 204, whereas the hunt area for the auction moose permit included all areas open to moose hunting. There was no strong biological justification for why the hunt areas differed.

WAC 220-412-080 Special hunting season permits. The commission may establish special hunting seasons and may set the conditions for each category and hunt.

(1) Deer, elk, cougar, or black bear special hunting season permit applications:

(a) To apply for special hunting season permits for all categories of deer, elk, cougar, or black bear, applicants must have a valid Washington big game hunting license and a valid transport tag for the appropriate species. To apply for a particular hunt, each applicant for deer or elk must have the proper transport tag as identified in the special deer or elk permit regulations.

(b) Multiple season deer and elk permit applications may be purchased without additional licenses or tags. Persons who are successfully drawn must purchase a multiple season permit for deer or elk and may also apply for archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm special hunting season permits for the species drawn.

(2) Mountain goat, moose, and bighorn sheep special hunting season permit applications:

(a) Persons who have previously harvested a mountain goat, bighorn sheep ram, an antlered bull moose taken under an "any antlered bull moose" permit, or any moose (whether antlered or not) taken under an "any moose" permit in Washington are ineligible for a special hunting season permit for that category. This lifetime harvest restriction does not apply to mountain goat conflict reduction hunts, individuals who harvested a mountain goat before 1999, raffle or auction hunt authorizations, ewe-only bighorn sheep hunts, or antlerless-only moose hunts.

(b) Applicants for all mountain goat, moose, and/or bighorn sheep special hunting season permits must have either successfully completed hunter education prior to submitting an application, or have a birth date prior to January 1, 1972.

(c) Successful applicants under this section must purchase the appropriate hunting license by the deadline established by the department (a minimum of 15 days). Failure to purchase forfeits the permit to an alternate applicant.

(3) Wild turkey special hunting season permit applications:

(a) To apply for wild turkey special hunting season permits, each applicant must have a valid small game hunting license.

(b) Fall wild turkey special hunting season permit holders must have a valid turkey transport tag in possession to hunt turkeys in fall special hunting seasons.

(4) Special hunting season permit applications:

(a) Maximum group sizes are determined for each category. If a group application is drawn, all hunters in the group will receive a special hunting season permit and each hunter in the group can take an animal. If the number of permits available in a hunt category is less than the maximum group size, then the maximum group size is equal to the number of permits.

(i) Maximum group size for deer categories is 8.

(ii) Maximum group size for elk categories is 8.

(iii) Maximum group size for bear categories is 2.

(iv) Maximum group size for cougar categories is 2.

(v) Maximum group size for mountain goat categories is 2.

(vi) Maximum group size for bighorn sheep categories is 2.

(vii) Maximum group size for fall turkey categories is 4.

(viii) Maximum group size for moose categories is 2.

(ix) Maximum group size for multiple season deer is 2.

(x) Maximum group size for multiple season elk is 2.

(b) An applicant may purchase only one application for a special hunting season permit for each category.

(c) Permit applications will allow four choices for all categories except the quality category for deer and elk will allow two choices.

(d) Permits will be drawn by computer selection using a weighted point selection system.

(i) Applicants will receive one point for each application category purchased.

(ii) Once drawn for a permit, the applicant's points will be reduced to zero in that category. Applicants who are drawn for a damage hunt administered by a WDFW designated hunt coordinator and not given a chance to participate shall get their points restored. Those that decline to participate for any reason are not eligible for point restoration.

(iii) An applicant's accumulated point totals, immediately prior to sales of the 2010 permit applications, will be replicated across all categories for that species. The point replication will only occur in 2010, during the transition from single species categories to multiple categories of the same species. Applicants for any new category added in the future will begin with the point awarded at the time of the initial application purchase.

(iv) Applicants for the "any antlered bull moose" category (established in 2018) will be credited with any points previously accumulated under the "any moose" category.

(e) Incomplete, ineligible, or inaccurate applications will not be accepted or entered into the drawing.

(f) Permits will be voided if the applicant is found to be ineligible or to have provided an application based on inaccurate information.

(g) The purchase of an application will result in one accrued point for the category purchased.

(h) If ~~((an))~~ for any reason a successful applicant ~~((makes a mistake, applies for the wrong hunt, and is successfully drawn, the special hunting season permit can be returned))~~ chooses not to participate in the hunt, they are eligible for point restoration. The successful applicant seeking point restoration must return the special hunting season permit to the department of fish and wildlife Olympia headquarters two weeks before the opening day of the special hunting season so it can be reissued. The applicant's points will be restored to the level prior to the permit drawing.

(i) Anyone may apply for a special hunting season permit for deer, elk, bear, cougar, and wild turkey.

(5) In addition to requirements for special hunting season permit applications, following are application requirements for:

(a) Special hunting seasons for persons of disability: Only applicants with a Washington disabled hunter permit are eligible to apply for any special hunting season permits for persons of disability.

(b) Special hunting seasons for youth: Only persons who are eligible to lawfully purchase a youth special hunt application are eligible to apply for special hunting season permits for youth.

(c) Special hunting seasons for hunters age 65 and older: Only applicants sixty-five years of age or older on or before March 31 of the current license year will be eligible to apply for special hunting season permits for hunters age 65 and older.

(d) Special hunting seasons for master hunter program graduates: Only persons who hold a valid certificate from the Washington department of fish and wildlife's master hunter program are eligible to apply for special hunting season permits for master hunters.

(6) Citizen reward for reporting violations - Bonus points: A person who provides information which contributes substantially to the arrest of another person for illegally hunting or killing big game or an endangered species as defined by Title 77 RCW is eligible to receive ten bonus points toward the special hunting permit drawing for one application category of deer or elk special hunting season permits.

(a) Only ten bonus points can be awarded for providing information for each person charged regardless of the number of violations involved.

(b) Selection of bonus points is in lieu of application for a cash award.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-412-080 Special hunting season permits.

We received 267 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but four (emails/letters) came through our online survey. Twenty-nine of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,553 respondents to our online survey 77% (1,202) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Ninety comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why, while seven comments indicated support for specific aspects of the proposal.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 9% (138) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 14% (213) indicated they were neutral. Twenty-six comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 114 comments indicated opposition to specific aspects of the proposal.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition or were not directly related during the online survey:

- WDFW should re-issue the permit
- Extend the deadline to more than two weeks
- Opposed to removing the Once-in-a-lifetime restriction for hunts on the Olympic Peninsula
- Hunters should only be allowed to turn in their permit for specific reasons

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received no comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing that were specific to Special Hunting Season Permits.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and common themes not directly related to the proposal and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: WDFW should re-issue the permit

Re-issuing the permit was part of the proposal and is why hunters must turn in their permit no later than two weeks prior to their hunt being scheduled to open. Respondents were confused about the proposal.

Comment: Extend the deadline to more than two weeks

WDFW staff consulted with their Licensing Division and Customer Service staff that will be responsible for processing these requests and they indicated two weeks was an ample amount of time to re-issue the permit to a new hunter. Although this may limit the amount of time a new hunter would have to plan for the hunt, we anticipate most hunters that elect to turn in their permits will do so before the 2-week deadline. If that does not end up being the case, then we can extend this deadline in future years.

Comment: Opposed to removing the once-in-a-lifetime restriction for hunts on the Olympic Peninsula

The primary objective of these hunts is not to provide a recreational hunting opportunity, but to assist with efforts to lethally remove mountain goats from the Olympic Peninsula. Less than 75 goats are thought to remain, and hunter success rates are expected to be extremely low, thus limiting the quality of this opportunity. Moreover, hunters are being encouraged to harvest any goat they encounter, so it would be unfair to apply the once-in-a-lifetime restriction in situations where a hunter may only have the opportunity to harvest a nanny or kid.

Comment: Hunters should only be allowed to turn in their permit for specific reasons

This had been WDFW's policy for many years. Examples of reasons why hunters could turn in their permit and have their points restored included being relocated because of their job, medical reasons (with a doctor's note), death in the family, etc. We proposed this change in response to frequent requests from hunters to change our policy, allow hunters to turn in their permit for any reason, and reissue it to the next hunter.

WAC 220-415-070 ((2020)) 2021 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas. (1) It is unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions of this section. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410 Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

(2) **Moose Permit Hunts**

(a) **Who May Apply:**

(i) **Any antlered bull moose category:** An individual may only harvest one moose under the "any antlered bull moose" or "any moose" category during his or her lifetime. Applications will not be accepted from hunters having previously harvested a moose in the "any moose" or "any antlered bull moose" category.

(ii) **Antlerless only, youth antlerless, over-65 antlerless, disabled-antlerless, hunter-education antlerless, auction moose, raffle moose:** Anyone may apply.

(b) **Bag Limit:** One moose except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one moose hunt category.

(c) **Weapon Restrictions:** Permit holders may use any legal weapon.

(d) **Submitting moose teeth:** Successful moose hunters must submit an incisor tooth from the lower jaw, either in person at a WDFW office, or via the postage-paid envelope supplied, no later than sixty days after harvest.

(e) **Any antlered bull moose seasons:** Open only to the taking of moose with visible antlers (bull calves illegal).

Hunt Name	((Notes))	Permit Season	GMU or boundary	Permits
Any antlered bull moose				
Kettle Range-East Okanogan 101, 105, 204		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Douglas A - Early		Oct. 1-31	GMU 108	((3)) 4
Douglas A - Late		Nov. 1-30	GMU 108	((3)) 4
Aladdin A - Early		Oct. 1-31	GMU 111	3
Aladdin A - Late		Nov. 1-30	GMU 111	3
Selkirk 113		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 113	15
49 Degrees North A - Early		Oct. 1-31	GMU 117	12
49 Degrees North A - Late		Nov. 1-30	GMU 117	12
Huckleberry A - Early		Oct. 1-31	GMU 121	10
Huckleberry A - Late		Nov. 1-30	GMU 121	10
Spokane West A		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 124 w of Hwy 395	2
Mt Spokane South A		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 1 (within 124)	8
Mt Spokane North A		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 2 (within 124)	8
Hangman		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 127 & 130	4
Antlerless only -				
Douglas 108 B		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 108	2
Aladdin 111 B		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 111	2

Hunt Name	((Notes))	Permit Season	GMU or boundary	Permits
49 Degrees North B		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 117	((4)) 2
Huckleberry B		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 121	((10)) 8
Spokane West B		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 124 w of Hwy 395	2
Mt Spokane South B		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 1 (within 124)	2
Mt Spokane North B		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 2 (within 124)	2
Mica Peak		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 127	2
Cheney B		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 130	2
Youth Only - Antlerless	((a))			
Mt Spokane South Y		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 1 (within 124)	1
65 Year and over - Antlerless	((e))			
49 Degrees North V		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 117	((2)) 1
Huckleberry V		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 121	2
Disabled hunter - Antlerless	((b))			
49 Degrees North D		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 117	((3)) 1
Mt Spokane North D		Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 2 (within 124)	1
((Hunter Education Antlerless	d			
			GMU 101,105,108, 111,113,117,121	1))

~~((^aApplicants must be eligible to purchase a youth moose permit application. An adult must accompany the youth hunter during the hunt.~~

~~^bApplicants must possess a Disabled Hunter Permit.~~

~~^cApplicants must be eligible to purchase a 65 years of age or older permit application.~~

~~^dApplicants must be a certified hunter education instructor who meets program-defined eligibility criteria.))~~

Note: Moose Area 3 (Parker Lake) is closed to all moose hunters, except those with a Parker Lake special permit. ((Special permits (both archery and muzzleloader) for Moose Area 3 are temporarily suspended for hunting season 2019 due to local land uses that conflict with hunting (i.e., no permits will be offered in 2019). If reopened in future years, applicants should take note that this special hunt is authorized under an agreement with the U.S. Air Force Survival School on a trial basis and will be evaluated based on student safety each year for continuation.

~~HEII(Only qualifying hunter education instructors may apply.))~~

(3) Moose Areas:

(a) Moose Area 1: South Spokane Moose Area:

That portion of GMU 124 beginning at intersection of Blanchard Rd and Idaho-Washington state line: W on Blanchard Rd to Blanchard Creek Rd; SW on Blanchard Creek Rd to Tallman Rd; W on Tallman Rd to Elk Chattaroy Rd; SW on Elk Chattaroy Rd to Hwy 2; S on Hwy 2 to Hwy 395, S on Hwy 395 to Spokane River, E on Spokane River to Idaho-Washington state

line, N on Idaho-Washington state line to Blanchard Rd and the point of beginning.

(b) **Moose Area 2:** North Spokane Moose Area:

That portion of GMU 124 beginning at intersection of Blanchard Rd and Idaho-Washington state line: W on Blanchard Rd to Blanchard Creek Rd; SW on Blanchard Creek Rd to Tallman Rd; W on Tallman Rd to Elk Chattaroy Rd; SW on Elk Chattaroy Rd to Hwy 2; S on Hwy 2 to Hwy 395, N on Hwy 395 to Deer Park-Milan Rd, E on Deer Park-Milan Rd to Hwy 2, N on Hwy 2 to Idaho-Washington state line, S on Idaho-Washington state line to Blanchard Rd and the point of beginning.

(c) **Moose Area 3:** Parker Lake (GMU 117, Pend Oreille County): All lands south of Ruby Creek Rd (USFS Road 2489), north of Tacoma Creek Rd (USFS Road 2389), and west of Bonneville Power Administration power lines.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-415-070 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

We received 225 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but two (email/letter) came through our online survey. Thirty of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 2,027 respondents to our online survey 68% (1,373) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Thirty-six comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why, while eight comments indicated support for specific aspects of the proposal.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 11% (219) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 21% (435) indicated they were neutral. Four comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 17 comments indicated opposition to specific aspects of the proposal. Most comments (125) expressed concerns about predators.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition or were not directly related during the online survey:

- There are too many predators
- Antlerless permits should not be reduced
- The Hunter Education Instructor permit should not be removed
- Moose should not be hunted
- WDFW needs to do more research and monitoring

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received three comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing. Two commenters expressed opposition to hunting moose in general, while the other commenter expressed concerns that were related to how predators are affecting moose populations. We also received one written comment following the hearing that expressed general opposition to hunting moose.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and common themes not directly related to the proposal and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: There are too many predators

WDFW's Game Management Plan identifies guidelines to determine when a particular population meets the criteria of an "at-risk" ungulate population and whether carnivore

management actions are needed to promote recovery. None of our moose populations currently meet that criteria. Moreover, recent findings from research conducted in GMUs 117 and 124 indicated poor calf survival and declining populations in both GMUs, despite the fact there were no documented wolf packs in GMU 124. Other findings from that research indicated adult female moose were in poor body condition, indicative of poor habitat conditions, and some moose were suffering from severe tick infestations. Thus, moose in these two areas are likely experiencing declines because of both top-down (predation) and bottom-up (habitat) effects. Lastly, we have liberalized bear and cougar hunting seasons in eastern Washington in response to concerns that carnivore populations are too high.

Comment: Antlerless permits should not be reduced

Antlerless permits are being reduced in GMUs 117 and 121 because recent findings from research conducted in GMU 117 indicated moose populations were declining (see response to previous comment) and hunters are reporting seeing fewer moose during their hunts. Antlerless permits were retained in hopes the population

Comment: The Hunter Education Instructor permit should not be removed

The HEI permit is being removed in response to concerns about equitability, given that WDFW has substantially reduced opportunities for other hunters to harvest antlerless moose in recent years.

Comment: Moose should not be hunted

Removing all moose hunts was not considered a viable option. Hunting is a big part of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and hunters contribute most of the funding that allows us to manage wildlife species. Hunting is a long-held tradition in this state and recreational hunting is a legitimate use of this natural resource.

Comment: WDFW needs to do more research and monitoring

WDFW agrees there is always a need for more research and monitoring to improve on our knowledge of moose populations, but we are most often limited by resources and funding.

Comment: Bull moose permits should not be increased in GMU 108

Bull moose permits in GMU 108 are being increased because hunters are reporting seeing many bull moose, most recent surveys indicated a high bull-to-cow ratio, and harvested bull moose have an above average antler-spread. Collectively, this information indicates there is a high than average number of bull moose in this population and that it can likely sustain more bull harvest.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-415-120 ((2020)) 2021 Bighorn sheep seasons ((and)), permit quotas, and areas. (1) It is unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions of this section. A violation of species, sex, size, number, area, season, or eligibility requirements is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

(2) Bighorn Sheep Permit Hunts

(a) **Who May Apply:** Anyone may apply, EXCEPT those who previously harvested a bighorn sheep in Washington state. An individual may only harvest one bighorn ram during his or her lifetime. However, this restriction is waived for hunters who have previously harvested a bighorn sheep under a ewe-only, juvenile ram, raffle, or auction permit, as well as for applications for a ewe-only, juvenile ram, raffle, or auction permit.

(b) **Bag Limit:** One (1) bighorn sheep except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one bighorn sheep hunt category.

Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	Permits
<u>Any ram</u> ((male) bighorn sheep only)				

Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	Permits
Vulcan Mountain	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 2	Any Legal Weapon	<u>1</u>
<u>Selah Butte</u>	Nov. 1-30 <u>Oct. 4-31</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 4</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Umtanum</u>	Oct. 1-31 <u>Oct. 4-31</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 5</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>Cleman Mountain</u>	<u>Oct. 1-31</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 7</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>4</u>
Lincoln Cliffs ((A))	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 12	Any Legal Weapon	2
<u>Quilomene</u>	<u>Oct. 1-31</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 13</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>5</u>
((Mt. Hull A	Sept. 15 <u>Oct. 10</u>	Sheep Unit 10	Any Legal Weapon))	
Swakane	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 14	Any Legal Weapon	2
<u>Manson</u>	<u>Nov. 9-30</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 16</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>2</u>
Chelan Butte A	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 18	Any Legal Weapon	2
Chelan Butte B	Oct. 11 - Nov. 15	Sheep Unit 18	Any Legal Weapon	2
((Manson	Nov. 9 <u>Nov. 30</u>	Sheep Unit 16	Any Legal Weapon	<u>2</u>
<u>Selah Butte</u>	Nov. 9 <u>Nov. 30</u>	Sheep Unit 4	Any Legal Weapon	<u>3</u>
<u>Umtanum</u>	Sept. 15 <u>Oct. 9</u>	Sheep Unit 5	Any Legal Weapon	<u>3</u>
<u>Cleman Mountain A</u>	Sept. 15 <u>Oct. 9</u>	Sheep Unit 7	Any Legal Weapon	<u>5</u>
<u>Quilomene</u>	Sept. 15 <u>Oct. 9</u>	Sheep Unit 13	Any Legal Weapon	<u>5</u>))
<u>Wenaha</u>	<u>Sept. 15 - Oct. 10</u>	<u>GMU 169</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Mountain View</u>	<u>Sept. 15 - Oct. 10</u>	<u>GMU 172</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Adult ewe ((female) bighorn sheep only))</u>				
((Lincoln Cliffs Whitestone Unit	Oct. 1-10	Sheep Unit 12 west of Mount View Rd^d	Adult ewe only Any Legal Weapon	<u>+</u>
Mt. Hull B	Oct. 1-10	Sheep Unit 10	Adult ewe only Any Legal Weapon	
Mt. Hull C (youth hunter) ^a	Oct. 1-10	Sheep Unit 10	Adult ewe only Any Legal Weapon	
Chelan Butte C	Sept. 15 <u>Oct. 10</u>	Sheep Unit 18	Adult ewe only Any Legal Weapon	<u>4</u>
Chelan Butte D (disabled hunter) ^b	Oct. 11-31	Sheep Unit 18	Adult ewe only Any Legal Weapon	<u>3</u>
Cleman Mountain B	Oct. 10-31	Sheep Unit 7	Adult ewe only Any Legal Weapon	<u>10</u>))
Selah Butte <u>North A</u>	Sept. 14-7 - Oct. 123	Sheep Unit <u>4A</u>	Adult ewe <u>or</u> <u>Juvenile Ram</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>45</u>
((Selah Butte North (youth hunter)	Sept. 12 <u>Oct. 12</u>	Sheep Unit 4A	Adult ewe	<u>2</u>))
<u>Mount Baldy Selah Butte B</u>	Sept. 14 <u>Oct. 12</u> <u>Nov. 1-21</u>	Sheep Unit <u>4B</u>	Adult ewe <u>or</u> <u>Juvenile Ram</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>46</u>
((Mount Baldy (youth hunter)	Sept. 12 <u>Oct. 12</u>	Sheep Unit 4B	Adult ewe	<u>2</u>))
Selah Butte <u>South C</u>	Sept. 14 <u>Oct. 12</u> <u>Nov. 22-Dec. 19</u>	Sheep Unit <u>4C</u>	Adult ewe <u>or</u> <u>Juvenile Ram</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>46</u>

Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	Permits
((Selah Butte South (youth hunter)	Sept. 12—Oct. 12	Sheep Unit 4C	Adult ewe	1))
Umtanum North A	Nov. 9-22 Sept. 7-Oct. 3	Sheep Unit 5A	Adult ewe <u>or</u> <u>Juvenile Ram</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	5
((Umtanum North (youth hunter)	Nov. 9-29	Sheep Unit 5A	Adult ewe	1))
Umtanum South AB	Nov. 9-22 1-21	Sheep Unit 5B	Adult ewe <u>or</u> <u>Juvenile Ram</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	5 6
Umtanum South BC	Nov. 23-22 - Dec. 6 19	Sheep Unit 5B	Adult ewe <u>or</u> <u>Juvenile Ram</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	5 6
((Umtanum South (youth hunter)	Nov. 9-29	Sheep Unit 5B	Adult ewe	2))
<u>Cleman Mountain A</u>	<u>Oct. 11-31</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 7</u>	<u>Adult ewe only</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>10</u>
Cleman Mountain ((€)) <u>B</u>	((Nov. 9-29)) <u>Nov. 8-28</u>	Sheep Unit 7	Adult ewe only Any Legal Weapon	8
((Cleman Mountain D (youth hunter) ^a	Nov. 9-29	Sheep Unit 7	Adult ewe only Any Legal Weapon	2))
<u>Lincoln Cliffs Whitestone Unit</u>	<u>Oct. 1-10</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 12 west of Mount View Rd</u>	<u>Adult ewe only</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Chelan Butte</u>	<u>Sept. 15 - Oct. 10</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 18</u>	<u>Adult ewe only</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>4</u>
Juvenile ram^a (((male) bighorn sheep only))				
((Chelan Butte E (disabled hunter) ^b	Oct. 11-31	Sheep Unit 18	Any Legal Weapon Juvenile ram ^e	2))
Selah Butte North	Sept. 14—Oct. 12 Sept. 7-Oct. 3	Sheep Unit 4A	Juvenile ram ((€)) only ^a Any Legal Weapon	1
Mount Baldy	Sept. 14—Oct. 12	Sheep Unit 4B	Juvenile ram ((€)) only^a Any Legal Weapon	2
Selah Butte South	Sept. 14—Oct. 12	Sheep Unit 4C	Juvenile ram ((€)) only^a Any Legal Weapon	2
Umtanum North	Nov. 9-22 Sept. 7-Oct. 3	Sheep Unit 5A	Juvenile ram ((€)) only ^a Any Legal Weapon	1
Umtanum South	Nov. 9-22	Sheep Unit 5B	Juvenile ram ((€)) only^a Any Legal Weapon	1
Youth				
<u>Selah Butte North</u>	<u>Sept. 12—Oct. 12</u> Nov. 1-Dec. 19	<u>Sheep Unit 4A</u>	<u>Adult ewe or</u> <u>Juvenile Ram only</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>25</u>

Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	Permits
<u>Mount Baldy</u>	<u>Sept. 12—Oct. 12</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 4B</u>	<u>Adult ewe only</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Selah Butte South</u>	<u>Sept. 12—Oct. 12</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 4C</u>	<u>Adult ewe only</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Umtanum North</u>	<u>Nov. 9-29</u> <u>Sept. 7-Oct. 3</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 5A</u>	<u>Adult ewe or</u> <u>Juvenile Ram only</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Umtanum South</u>	<u>Nov. 9-29</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 5B</u>	<u>Adult ewe only</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Cleman Mountain</u>	<u>Nov. 8-28</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 7</u>	<u>Adult ewe only</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Hunters with Disabilities</u>				
<u>Chelan Butte A</u>	<u>Oct. 11-31</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 18</u>	<u>Adult ewe only</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Chelan Butte B</u>	<u>Oct. 11-31</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 18</u>	<u>Juvenile ram only^a</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>2</u>

See subsection (3) of this section Bighorn Sheep Units for detailed legal descriptions of these hunt area boundaries.

~~^a (Applicants must be eligible to purchase a youth bighorn sheep permit application. An adult 18 years of age or older must accompany the youth hunter during the hunt.~~

~~^b Applicants must possess a Disabled Hunter Permit.~~

~~^c) A juvenile ram is defined as a male bighorn sheep having at least one "unbroomed" horn that does not extend past an imaginary line beginning at the point on the animal's forehead where the front of the horn base adjoins the skull, and continuing downwards and in a posterior direction through the posterior edge of the eye. All reference points are based on viewing the ram directly from a ninety degree angle from which the head is facing. A "broomed" horn is~~

defined as a sheep horn that has been broken, splintered, frayed or rubbed in the wild, thus shortening its length and disrupting its natural taper.

~~((This hunt contributes to a program designed to eliminate or greatly reduce prevalence of pneumonia in this herd. As such, hunters will be required to retain lungs and head for submission within ten calendar days to the Washington department of fish and wildlife regional or district office for veterinary sampling.))~~

(3) **Bighorn Sheep Units:**

(a) **Sheep Unit 2 Vulcan Mountain:** Permit Area: Ferry County north of the Kettle River near Curlew.

(b) **Sheep Unit 4 Selah Butte:** Permit Area: That part of GMU 340 east of the Yakima River.

(c) **Sheep Unit 4A Selah Butte North:** Permit Area: That part of GMU 340 east of the Yakima River and north of Lmuma Creek.

(d) **Sheep Unit 4B Mount Baldy:** Permit Area: That part of GMU 340 east of the Yakima River, south of Lmuma Creek and north of Burbank Creek.

(e) **Sheep Unit 4C Selah Butte South:** Permit Area: That part of GMU 340 east of the Yakima River and south of Burbank Creek.

(f) **Sheep Unit 5 Umtanum:** Permit Area: Those portions of GMU 340 west of the Yakima River and GMU 342 north of Wenas Creek.

(g) **Sheep Unit 5A Umtanum North:** Permit Area: Beginning at the Powerline Crossing the Yakima River in Section 11 of T17N, R18E; then south down the Yakima River to Roza Creek; then west up Roza Creek to the powerline; then north along the powerline to the point of beginning.

(h) **Sheep Unit 5B Umtanum South:** Permit Area: Beginning where Roza Creek enters the Yakima River, then down the Yakima River to the powerline crossing in Section 17 of T14N, R19E; then north on the powerline to Roza Creek; then east down Roza Creek to the point of beginning.

(i) **Sheep Unit 7 Cleman Mountain:** Permit Area: GMU 346 and that part of GMU 342 south of Wenas Creek.

(j) **Sheep Unit 10 Mt. Hull:** Permit Area: That part of Okanogan County within the following described boundary: Beginning at Oroville; then south along U.S. Highway 97 to the Swanson's Mill Road (old Mt. Hull Road) near Lake Andrews; then east to the Dry Gulch Road; then north to the Oroville-Toroda Creek Road (Molson Grade Road); then west to Oroville and the point of beginning.

(k) **Sheep Unit 12 Lincoln Cliffs:** Permit Area: That part of Lincoln County north of Highway 2.

(l) **Sheep Unit 13 Quilomene:** Permit Area: GMUs 329, 330, and that part of 251 east of Squilchuck Creek and south of Colockum Creek.

(m) **Sheep Unit 14 Swakane:** Permit Area: GMU 250.

(n) **Sheep Unit 15 Tieton:** Permit Area: GMU 360.

(o) **Sheep Unit 16 Manson:** Permit Area: Beginning at the mouth of Granite Falls Creek on the south shore of Lake Chelan, E across Lake Chelan to Willow Point; NW along the shoreline of Lake Chelan to the mouth of Stink Creek; E along Stink Creek to the intersection with Green's Landing Road; along Green's Landing Road to Manson Boulevard; E on Manson Boulevard to Lower Joe Creek Road; NE on Lower Joe Creek Road to Grade Creek Road; NE on Grade Creek Road to US Forest Service Road 8210; NE on US Forest Service Road 8210 to intersection with US Forest Service Road 8020; W on US Forest Service Road 8020 to Fox Peak; NW along Sawtooth Ridge (Chelan-Okanogan County Line) to the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area boundary; S along the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area boundary to shore line of Lake Chelan; W across Lake Chelan to the mouth of Riddle Creek on the South Shore; SE along South Shore of Lake Chelan to the point of beginning.

(p) **Sheep Unit 18 Chelan Butte:** Permit Area: Beginning at the intersection of State Hwy 971 and US Hwy 97A, S to the W shoreline of the Columbia River, N along the W shoreline of the Columbia River for 21 miles to the mouth of Antoine Creek, W up Antoine Creek to where it crosses Apple Acres Rd, W on Apple Acres Rd to the intersection with Washington Creek Rd (US Forest Service Rd 8135), N on Washington Creek Rd to its end and then follow Washington Creek, W on Washington Creek to where it crosses US Forest Service Rd 8010, S on US Forest Service Rd 8010 (transitions into Purtteman Creek Rd) to Purtteman Gulch, S into Purtteman Gulch to the N shoreline of Lake Chelan, S along the shoreline to the S shoreline of Lake Chelan to the mouth of First Creek, S up First Creek to the intersection of State Hwy 971 (Navarre Coulee Rd), S on State Hwy 971 to the point of beginning.

(q) **Sheep Unit 19 Sinlahekin:** Beginning at the eastern boundary of the Pasayten Wilderness border and the US-Canadian border; E on the US-Canadian border to the border station on Similkameen Rd (Co. Rd 4568); SE on the Similkameen Rd (Co. Rd 4568) to the Loomis-Oroville Rd (Co. Rd 9425); E on the Loomis-Oroville Rd (Co. Rd 9425) to US Hwy 97 in Oroville; S on US Hwy 97 to 12th Ave; W on 12th Ave (it curves S and changes to Old Highway 97); S on Old Highway 97 to US Hwy 97; S on US Hwy 97 to the South Pine Creek Rd (Co. Rd 9410); W on the South

Pine Creek Rd (Co. Rd 9410) to Fish Lake Rd (Co. Rd 4290); W on Fish Lake Rd (Co. Rd 4290) to South Fish Lake Rd (Co. Rd 4282), along the south shore of Fish Lake; SW on South Fish Lake Rd (Co. Rd 4282), to the Sinlahekin Rd (Co. Rd 4015); SW on the Sinlahekin Rd (Co. Rd 4015), along the north shore of Conconully Lake, to the Salmon Creek North Fork Rd (Co. Rd 2361), at the town of Conconully; N on US Forest Service Rd 38 (Salmon Creek North Fork Rd, Co. Rd 2361) to US Forest Service Rd 3820; N on US Forest Service Rd 3820 over Lone Frank Pass, to US Forest Service Rd 39; N on US Forest Service Rd 39 to the US Forest Service Rd 300 at Long Swamp trailhead; W on the US Forest Service Rd 300 to US Forest Service Trail 342; N on US Forest Service Trail 342 to US Forest Service Trail 343; E on US Forest Service Trail 343 to US Forest Service Trail 341; E on US Forest Service Trail 341 to US Forest Service Trail 375; E on US Forest Service Trail 375 to the eastern boundary of the Pasayten Wilderness Area; N on the Pasayten Wilderness Area boundary to the US-Canadian border and the point of beginning.

(r) **Whitestone Unit:** Starting at the intersection of Mount View Rd and US Highway 2; W on US Highway 2 to the Lincoln County Line; N on the Lincoln County Line to the Lincoln County Line in the Columbia River; E up the Columbia River to Halverson Canyon; S and W up

Halverson Canyon to Mount View Rd; S on Mount View Rd to US Highway 2 and the point of the beginning.

(s) **Lincoln Unit:** Starting at the intersection of Mount View Rd and US Highway 2; E on US Highway 2 to the Lincoln County Line; N on the Lincoln County Line to the Lincoln County Line in the Spokane River; W down the Spokane River to the Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to Halverson Canyon; S and W up Halverson Canyon to Mount View Rd; S on Mount View Rd to US Highway 2 and the point of the beginning.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-415-120, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-415-120, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-120, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended

and recodified as § 220-415-120, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17.

Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-622, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-048 (Order 15-101), § 232-28-622, filed 4/29/15, effective 5/30/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-622, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-622, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13.]

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RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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- Change: Under Any ram, Selah Butte, changed permit season from Nov. 1-20 to Oct. 4-31 and changed permits from 2 to 4.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Any ram, Umtanum, changed permit season from Oct. 1-31 to Oct. 4-31 and changed permits from 2 to 4.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Adult ewe, Selah Butte North, changed Hunt Name to Selah Butte A, changed season dates to Sept 7-Oct. 3, changed Boundary Description to Sheep Unit 4, changed Special Restrictions to Adult ewe or Juvenile Ram, Any Legal Weapon, and changed the number of permits from 4 to 5.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Adult ewe, Mount Baldy, changed Hunt Name to Selah Butte B, changed season dates to Nov. 1-21, changed Boundary Description to Sheep Unit 4, changed Special Restrictions to Adult ewe or Juvenile Ram, Any Legal Weapon, and changed the number of permits from 4 to 6.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Adult ewe, Selah Butte South, changed Hunt Name to Selah Butte C, changed season dates to Nov. 22-Dec. 19, changed Boundary Description to Sheep Unit 4, changed Special Restrictions to Adult ewe or Juvenile Ram, Any Legal Weapon, and changed the number of permits from 4 to 6.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Adult ewe, Umtanum North, changed Hunt Name to Umtanum A, changed season dates to Sept 7-Oct. 3, changed Boundary Description to Sheep Unit 5, and changed Special Restrictions to Adult ewe or Juvenile Ram, Any Legal Weapon.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Adult ewe, Umtanum South A, changed Hunt Name to Umtanum B, changed season dates to Nov. 1-22, changed Boundary Description to Sheep Unit 5, changed Special Restrictions to Adult ewe or Juvenile Ram, Any Legal Weapon, and changed the number of permits from 5 to 6.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Adult ewe, Umtanum South B, changed Hunt Name to Umtanum C, changed season dates to Nov. 22-Dec. 19, changed Boundary Description to Sheep Unit 5, changed Special Restrictions to Adult ewe or Juvenile Ram, Any Legal Weapon, and changed the number of permits from 5 to 6.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Juvenile ram, Selah Butte North, changed hunt name to Selah Butte, changed season dates to Sept. 7-Oct. 3, and changed boundary description to Sheep Unit 4.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Juvenile ram, Mount Baldy, removed the special permit opportunity.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Juvenile ram, Selah Butte South, removed the special permit opportunity.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Juvenile ram, Umtanum North, changed hunt name to Umtanum, changed hunt dates to Sept. 7-Oct. 3, and changed boundary description to Sheep Unit 5.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with

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- Change: Under Juvenile ram, Umtanum South, removed the special permit opportunity.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Youth, Selah Butte North, change Hunt Name to Selah Butte, change hunt dates to Nov. 1-Dec. 19, change Boundary Description to Sheep Unit 4, change Special Restrictions to Adult ewe or Juvenile Ram, Any Legal Weapon, and change the number of permits from 2 to 5.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

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- Change: Under Youth, Selah Butte South, remove the special permit opportunity.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Youth, Umtanum North, change Hunt Name to Umtanum, change hunt dates to Sept. 7-Oct. 3, change Boundary Description to Sheep Unit 5, change Special Restrictions to Adult ewe or Juvenile Ram, Any Legal Weapon, and change number of permits from 1 to 5.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

- Change: Under Youth, Umtanum South, remove the special permit opportunity.

Rationale: These adjustments are related to the Department's test-and-remove efforts in the Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd. The objective is to capture most all sheep in the herd, test them for the pathogen that causes pneumonia, and lethally remove those that test positive, with the goal of removing the pathogen from the herd. The Department initiated efforts in February 2020 and was able to capture, mark, and test 80 bighorn. Herd size was estimated at 130-140 bighorn. It is believed up to as many as 64 bighorn (22 ewes, 9 adult rams, 33 yearlings/lambs) remain that have not been captured and tested for the pathogen. The Department would like to reduce herd size to approximately 100 to increase probability of success and will encourage hunters to target sheep that have not been marked. Adjustments are related to expanding hunt areas for ewes and juvenile rams and adjusting season dates to avoid overlap with Adult ram permits.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-415-120 Bighorn sheep seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

We received 120 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but two (email/letter) came through our online survey. Fourteen of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,933 respondents to our online survey 67% (1,303) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Thirty-seven comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 9% (182) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 23% (48) indicated they were neutral. Twenty-six comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 42 comments indicated opposition for specific reasons. However, those 42 comments specified 18 different reasons for their opposition.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition or were not directly related during the online survey:

- Opposed to hunting juvenile rams
- Tribal hunters are harvesting too many bighorn sheep
- There are too many predators
- WDFW needs to improve the criteria used to define a juvenile ram
- Opposed to hunting ewes
- Opposed to hunting all bighorn sheep

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received no comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing that were specific to bighorn sheep seasons, permit quotas, and hunt areas. However, we received one comment that expressed general concern about bighorn sheep populations and general opposition to hunting bighorn sheep. We also received one written comment following the hearing that expressed opposition to hunting bighorn sheep.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and common themes not directly related to the proposal and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: Opposed to hunting juvenile rams

With exception to one special permit opportunity for Hunters with Disabilities, all special permits for juvenile rams occur in the Selah Butte and Umtanum herds and are associated with WDFW's efforts to reduce the population to 100 bighorn sheep or less.

We are doing this in concert with efforts to implement a test-and-remove approach to eradicate the pathogen that causes the pneumonia that is plaguing these herds.

Comment: Tribal hunters are harvesting too many bighorn sheep

WDFW does not regulate tribal hunting. The 24 tribes that have off-reservation hunting rights in Washington set their own hunting regulations for their tribal members. Those tribes can allow members to hunt on open and unclaimed land within their ceded area or within an area proven to have been traditionally used by the tribe.

Comment: There are too many predators

WDFW's Game Management Plan identifies guidelines to determine when a particular population meets the criteria of an "at-risk" ungulate population and whether carnivore management actions are needed to promote recovery. Although some bighorn sheep herds meet that criteria, there are no indications they are being limited by predation. Instead, and in nearly every situation, the herds are below objective because of disease outbreaks.

Comment: WDFW needs to improve the criteria used to define a juvenile ram

One of the proposed changes included modifying the language that identifies the criteria used to define a juvenile ram. We do not feel there are additional modifications that could be made that would reduce the likelihood of a hunter harvesting an older ram.

Comment: Opposed to hunting ewes

Most special permit hunts for ewes occur in the Selah Butte and Umtanum herds and are associated with WDFW's efforts to reduce the population to 100 bighorn sheep or less. We are doing this in concert with efforts to implement a test-and-remove approach to eradicate the pathogen that causes the pneumonia that is plaguing these herds. Other special permit hunts for ewes only occur in bighorn sheep herds that are above objective (Lincoln Cliffs, Chelan Butte, and Cleman Mt.).

Comment: Opposed to hunting all bighorn sheep

Removing all bighorn sheep hunts was not considered a viable option. Hunting is a big part of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and hunters contribute most of the funding that allows us to manage wildlife species. Hunting is a long-held tradition in this state and recreational hunting is a legitimate use of this natural resource.

WAC 220-415-130 ((2020)) 2021 Mountain goat seasons ((and)), permit quotas, and areas. (1) Hunters must comply with the provisions of this section. A violation of species, sex, size, number, area, season, or eligibility requirements is punishable under RCW 77.15.410 Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

(2) **Mountain Goat Permit Hunts**

(a) **Who May Apply:**

(i) **Mountain goat special permit category:** Anyone may apply, except those who harvested a mountain goat in Washington state after 1998. ~~((Except for auction and raffle permitted hunts,))~~ An individual may only harvest one mountain goat during his or her lifetime. However, these restrictions are waived for hunters who have previously harvested a mountain goat under an auction, raffle, or conflict reduction permit, as well as for applications for an auction, raffle, or conflict reduction permit.

(ii) **Conflict reduction special permit category:** Anyone may apply.

(b) **Bag Limit:**

(i) **Mountain goat special permit category:** One (1) adult goat of either sex with horns 4 inches or longer, except where otherwise permitted by department rule even if permits are drawn for more than one mountain goat hunt category.

(ii) **Conflict reduction special permit category:** Two (2) goats of either sex. No minimum horn length or age requirements.

(c) It is unlawful for a person who kills a mountain goat in Washington to fail, within ten days after acquisition, to personally present the horns attached to the head for inspection at a department office or location designated by a departmental representative. After inspection, the head/horns of a mountain goat lawfully killed in Washington may be kept for personal use. A violation of this subsection is punishable under RCW 77.15.280 (1) (b).

(d) Applicants drawn for a permit may only purchase their license after successfully completing the WDFW mountain goat gender identification training (online or at a participating WDFW office). However, this requirement is waived for applicants drawn for a permit in the conflict reduction special permit category.

Goat Hunt Area Name (Number)	Permit Season	Special Restrictions	Permits
Mountain goat special permits			
North Lake Chelan (2-1)	Sept. ((15)) 1 - Nov. 30 ((A))	Any Legal Weapon	2
South Lake Chelan (2-3)	Sept. ((15)) 1 - Nov. 30 ((A))	Any Legal Weapon	1
Naches Pass (3-6)	Sept. ((15)) 1 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	((2)) 1
Bumping River (3-7)	Sept. ((15)) 1 - Nov. 30 ((A))	Any Legal Weapon	((2)) 1
Boulder River North (4-8a)	Sept. ((15)) 1 - Nov. 30 ((A))	Any Legal Weapon	1
Chowder Ridge (4-3)	Sept. ((15)) 1 - Nov. 30 ((A))	Any Legal Weapon	1
Lincoln Peak (4-4)	Sept. ((15)) 1 - Nov. 30 ((A))	Any Legal Weapon	2
Avalanche Gorge (4-7)	Sept. ((15)) 1 - Nov. 30 ((A))	Any Legal Weapon	3
Goat Rocks West (5-4)	Sept. ((15)) 1 - Nov. 30 ((A))	Any Legal Weapon	((2)) 1
Goat Rocks East (5-5)	Sept. ((15)) 1 - Nov. 30 ((A))	Any Legal Weapon	2

Goat Hunt Area Name (Number)	Permit Season	Special Restrictions	Permits
Mt. Margaret Backcountry (5-6)	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	1
Mt. St. Helens South (5-7)	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Any Legal Weapon	1
<u>Conflict reduction special permits</u>			
<u>East Olympic Mountains A (6-1)^a</u>	<u>Sept. 1-26</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>East Olympic Mountains B (6-1)^a</u>	<u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 22</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>East Olympic Mountains C (6-1)^a</u>	<u>Oct. 23 - Nov. 30</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>10</u>

^a (~~Permit holders hunting with archery equipment may start hunting September 1.~~) The conflict reduction special permit category is reinstated. Points previously accrued for the conflict reduction special permits will apply. Points accrued or spent on this hunt do not apply to other mountain goat hunts.

(3) **Mountain Goat Hunt Area Descriptions.** The following areas are defined as mountain goat hunt areas:

Chelan North 2-1 (~~Permit Area~~): Beginning at the mouth of Fish Creek on Lake Chelan (Moore Point); then NE up Fish Creek and USFS Trail 1259 to the Sawtooth crest near Deephole Spring; then SE along the Sawtooth crest, which separates Chelan and Okanogan counties, to Horsethief Basin and the headwaters of Safety Harbor Creek; then S along Safety Harbor Creek to Lake Chelan, then NW along the north shore of Lake Chelan to the mouth of Fish Creek at Moore Point and the point of beginning.

Methow 2-2 (~~Permit Area: Okanogan County within following described boundary~~): Begin at Twisp, W along Twisp River Rd (County Rd 4440) to Roads End; W up Twisp Pass Trail 432 to Twisp Pass and Okanogan County line; N on Okanogan County line through Washington Pass to Harts Pass; SE down Harts Pass (Rd 5400) to Lost River; along Lost River-Mazama Rd to Mazama; SW to State Hwy 20; SE on State Hwy 20 to Twisp and point of beginning.

South Lake Chelan 2-3 (~~Permit Area~~): GMU 246

Naches Pass 3-6 (~~Permit Area - Naches: Yakima and Kittitas counties within the following described boundary~~): Beginning at Chinook Pass; then N along the Pacific Crest Trail to Naches Pass; then E to USFS Road 19 and continuing to State Highway 410; then W along State Highway 410 to Chinook Pass and point of beginning.

Bumping River 3-7 (~~Permit Area~~): Beginning on US Forest Service Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest Trail) and SR 410 at Chinook Pass; NE on SR 410 to US Forest Service Rd 1800 (Bumping Lake Rd); SW on the US Forest Service Rd 1800 (Bumping Lake Rd) to US Forest Service Trail 973 (Richmond Mine Rd); SE on US Forest Service Trail 973 (Richmond Mine Rd) to the north fork of Rattlesnake Creek; SE down the north fork of Rattlesnake Creek to US Forest Service Rd 1502 (McDaniel Lake Rd); SE on US Forest Service Rd 1502 (McDaniel Lake Rd) to US Forest Service Rd 1500; S on US Forest Service Rd 1500 to US Hwy 12; W on US Hwy 12 to US Forest Service Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest Trail) at White Pass; N on the US Forest Service Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest Trail) to SR 410 at Chinook Pass and the point of beginning. (Lands within the boundary of Mt. Rainier National Park along the Pacific Crest Trail are not open to hunting.)

Blazed Ridge 3-10 (~~(Permit Area: Kittitas and Yakima counties within the following described boundary)~~): Beginning at the mouth of Cabin Creek on the Yakima River; then W along Cabin Creek to the headwaters near Snowshoe Butte; then S along the Cascade Crest separating the Green and Yakima River drainage to Pyramid Peak; then SE along the North Fork, Little Naches, and Naches River to the Yakima River; then N along the Yakima River to the mouth of Cabin Creek and point of beginning.

Chowder Ridge 4-3: (~~(Hunt Area: Whatcom County within the following described boundary)~~) Beginning at the confluence of Wells Creek with the North Fork Nooksack River; then up Wells Creek to the confluence with Bar Creek; then up Bar Creek to the Mazama Glacier; then SW on Mazama Glacier to the summit of Mount Baker; then NW between Roosevelt Glacier and Coleman Glacier to the headwaters of Kulshan Creek; then down Kulshan Creek to the confluence with Grouse Creek; then down Grouse Creek to the confluence with Glacier Creek; then down Glacier Creek to the confluence with the North Fork Nooksack River; then up the North Fork Nooksack River to Wells Creek and the point of beginning.

Lincoln Peak 4-4 (~~(Hunt Area: Whatcom County within the following described boundary)~~): Beginning at the confluence of Glacier Creek and the North Fork Nooksack River; then up Glacier Creek to the confluence with Grouse Creek; then up Grouse Creek to the confluence with Kulshan Creek; then up Kulshan Creek to headwaters; then SE between Coleman and Roosevelt glaciers to the summit of Mount Baker; then SW on Easton Glacier to Baker Pass; then W on the Bell Pass Trail (USFS Trail 603.3) to the intersection with Ridley Creek Trail (Trail No. 696); then W on Ridley Creek Trail to Ridley Creek; then down Ridley Creek to the Middle Fork Nooksack River; then down the Middle Fork Nooksack River to the confluence with Clearwater Creek, then up Clearwater Creek to the confluence with Rocky Creek, then up Rocky Creek to the Washington DNR boundary; then along the National Forest-Washington DNR boundary to Hedrick Creek; then down Hedrick Creek to the North Fork Nooksack River; then up the North Fork Nooksack River to Glacier Creek and the point of beginning.

Avalanche Gorge 4-7 (~~(Hunt Area: Whatcom County within the following described boundary)~~): Beginning on Baker Lake Road and Park Creek; then up Park Creek to headwaters and beginning of Park Glacier; then NW and SW on Park Glacier to Mount Baker summit; then N on the Mazama Glacier to Bar Creek, then down Bar Creek to the confluence with Wells Creek; then SE up Wells Creek to its headwaters; then E about 1 mile to an unnamed peak (indicated elevation 5,831 ft, just W of Ptarmigan Ridge Trail (Trail No. 682.1) (See referenced 1:24k USGS quad map - Shuksan Arm)); then NE to the headwaters of the first tributary of Swift Creek encountered; then SE down said unnamed tributary to the confluence with Swift Creek; then down Swift Creek to the Baker Lake Road (USFS Road 394); then SW along the Baker Lake Road to Park Creek and point of beginning. (Refer to 1:24k USGS quad map - Shuksan Arm).

(~~(Permit Area)~~) Boulder River North 4-8a: That area within the Boulder River Wilderness of the Mount Baker Snoqualmie National Forest, beginning at the Boulder River trailhead on USFS Rd 2010 (to Boulder Falls), then E along the USFS Boulder River Wilderness boundary to Squire Creek, then southward along the Squire Creek to Squire Creek Pass, then SW up Squire Creek Pass to the headwaters of Copper

Creek, then SE down Copper Creek to the unnamed tributary to Copper Creek which heads W up to Windy Pass, then W up said tributary to its headwaters in Windy Pass, then W across Windy Pass to the headwaters of Windy Creek, then W down Windy Creek to the USFS Boulder River Wilderness boundary, then N along the USFS Boulder River Wilderness boundary to the Boulder River trailhead on USFS Rd 2010 and the point of the beginning.

Goat Rocks West 5-4: (~~(Lewis County)~~) Beginning at US Hwy 12 at the US Forest Service Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail); S on the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail to Lewis County line at Cispus Pass; S and W on the Lewis County line to Johnson Creek Rd (US Forest Service Rd 21); N on Johnson Creek Rd to US Hwy 12; E on US Hwy 12 to the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail and the point of the beginning.

Goat Rocks East 5-5: (~~(Yakima County)~~) GMU 364

~~((Permit Area 6-1: East Olympic Mountains Unit Beginning at the intersection of Lake Cushman Rd and Jorsted Creek Rd (USFS Rd 24); W along Jorsted Creek Rd (USFS Rd 24) to Olympic National Park (ONP) boundary at the northern end of Lake Cushman; N and NE along the ONP-Olympic National Forest (ONF) boundary to the Jefferson-Clallam County line; E along the Jefferson-Clallam County line to its intersection with ONF boundary in section 33 of T28N R2W; S along the ONF boundary to the intersection of Lake Cushman Rd and Jorsted Creek Rd (USFS Rd 24) and the point of beginning.~~

~~(Permit Area)~~**Mt. Margaret Backcountry 5-6 (~~(Skamania and Lewis counties)~~)**: Beginning at the junction of USFS 99 Rd and USFS 26 Rd; S on USFS 99 Rd to junction of USFS 99 Rd and USFS Trail 227 at Independence Pass trailhead; N on USFS Trail 227 to junction of USFS Trail 227 and USFS Trail 1; W on USFS Trail 1 to junction of USFS Trail 1 and USFS Trail 230; NW on USFS Trail 230 to junction of USFS Trail 230 and USFS Trail 211; NE to Minnie Peak; W to the USFS property boundary in the SE 1/4 of Section 20, T10N, R5E; N along the USFS property boundary to the Green River; E up the Green River to USFS Rd 2612; E on USFS 2612 to the junction of USFS Rd 2612 and USFS Rd 26; S on USFS Rd 26 to the junction of USFS Rd 26 and USFS Rd 99 and point of beginning.

~~((Permit Area)~~**Mt. St. Helens South 5-7 (~~(Skamania and Cowlitz counties)~~(awaiting JT input))**: Beginning at the junction of USFS Trail 234 and USFS Rd 83; W on USFS Rd 83 to the junction of USFS Rd 83 and USFS Rd 81; NW on USFS Rd 81 to the junction of USFS Rd 81 and USFS Rd 8123; N on USFS Rd 8123 to USFS Trail 238 at Blue Lake; N on USFS Trail 238 to USFS Trail 216; N on USFS Trail 216 to the South Fork Toutle River; Up the South Fork Toutle River to Mt. St. Helens crater's edge; E along Mt. St. Helens crater to Ape Canyon Creek; Down Ape Canyon Creek to USFS Trail 216; E on USFS Trail 216 to USFS Trail 234; SE on USFS Trail 234 to USFS Rd 83 and point of beginning.

East Olympic Mountains 6-1: GMUs 621, 636, and 638.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-415-130 Mountain goat seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

We received 169 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but five (emails/letter) came through our online survey. Thirteen of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,900 respondents to our online survey 61% (1,158) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Fifty-seven comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 14% (258) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 26% (486) indicated they were neutral. Sixty-three comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 29 comments indicated opposition for specific reasons.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition or were not directly related during the online survey:

- WDFW needs to improve their survey methodology
- Increase goat hunting in other areas of Gifford Pinchot National Forest
- Open goat seasons earlier
- Use non-lethal alternatives to deal with conflicts
- Tribal hunters are harvesting too many goats

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received two comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing. Both commenters expressed opposition to hunting mountain goats in general and expressed concern about the status of mountain goat populations.

We also received one written communication following the hearing that expressed opposition to removing mountain goats from the Olympic Peninsula and one comment that expressed general opposition to hunting mountain goats.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and common themes not directly related to the proposal and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: WDFW needs to improve their survey methodology

Surveying mountain goats is difficult. In most areas, WDFW currently uses a sightability model

developed specifically for mountain goats in Washington to estimate abundance and is not aware of alternative methods that are cost-effective and would improve survey results. We do have plans to improve on our survey methodology in the Lake Chelan areas, however, where surveys have historical been conducted from a boat on Lake Chelan.

Comment: Increase goat hunting in other areas of Gifford Pinchot National Forest

Mountain goat hunt areas are established in areas where a substantial number of goats are known to occur, and an established hunt area must have at least 100 goats before a special permit hunt can be established. At this time, WDFW is not aware of any additional areas within the Gifford Pinchot National Forest that would meet this criterion.

Comment: Open goat seasons earlier

Goat seasons open on Sept. 1 and run through Nov. 30, so the season length is already incredibly liberal. Moreover, opening seasons earlier would make it more difficult for hunters to pack out their harvest before the meat spoils.

Comment: Use non-lethal alternatives to deal with conflicts

WDFW is not proposing special permit hunts on the Olympic Peninsula in response to conflicts with goats. Hunts are being established to assist with efforts to remove all mountain goats from the Peninsula. Respondents were confused about the proposal.

Comment: Tribal hunters are harvesting too many goats

WDFW does not regulate tribal hunting. The 24 tribes that have off-reservation hunting rights in Washington set their own hunting regulations for their tribal members. Those tribes can allow members to hunt on open and unclaimed land within their ceded area or within an area proven to have been traditionally used by the tribe.



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/9/2021

Agenda item:

Deer General Seasons and Special Permits—Decision

Presenter(s):

Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager

Background summary:

Department staff briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to WACs:

- 220-415-020 2021-2023 Deer general seasons and definitions.
- 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain general season and special permit deer hunting opportunities for 2021-2023. It also provides opportunities in accordance with the current status of deer populations and attempts to balance hunting opportunity among user groups. More specifically, amendments include:

WAC 220-415-020

- Changing season dates for the late white-tailed deer season in GMUs 105-121 to a 9-day season that would occur November 11-19.
- Reductions in general season opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer in GMUs 127-142 to promote population increases.
- Reductions in general season opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer in GMUs 127-142 to promote population increases.
- Reductions in general season opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer in GMU 124 (Mount Spokane).
- Increasing opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer during general muzzleloader seasons in GMUs 247 (Entiat), 254 (Saint Andrews), 262 (Withrow), 266 (Badger), and 269 (Moses Coulee).
- Continuing to promote recovery of mule deer populations in the East Columbia Gorge Mule Deer Management Zone by eliminating opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer during the early general archery season in GMUs 382 (East Klickitat) and 388 (Grayback).

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- Adding a Quality special permit opportunity for modern firearm hunters in GMU 136 (Harrington).
- Adding special permit opportunities to harvest antlerless deer in GMUs 127-142 to offset some of the opportunity lost by reducing general season opportunities.
- Increasing the number of special permits for antlerless black-tailed deer on Puget Sound islands and standardizing season dates of August 1-December 31 for Any Weapon to assist with reducing deer numbers.

- Adding a special permit opportunity in the Youth category for black-tailed deer in GMU 485 (Green River).

Staff recommendation:

Recommend adoptions of the rules as presented.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

The changes to the rules above were discussed in the March FWC meeting.

- Maximize recreational deer hunting opportunity.
- Continue sustainable hunting season for deer.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The department conducted an extensive public involvement process to develop the 2021-2023 hunting season proposals. WDFW held seven virtual public meetings by topic in August and September of 2020, to discuss a variety of issues with constituents. Concurrently, the public was asked to provide input on hunting seasons via the department website for a six-week period. The department emailed over 199,000 hunters notifying them of the website survey and encouraging them to participate. Using that information, the department determined which recommendations would move forward.

Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the March 25-27, 2021 Commission meeting online.

Please see the associated public comment forms.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Recommended adoption of these rules as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to adopt the recommended rule changes as presented by staff.

Is there a “second”?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

Post decision communications plan:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Website
News Release
Hunting Regulation Pamphlet

Form revised 8-4-20

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-415-020 ((~~2018-2020~~)) 2021-2023 **Deer general seasons and definitions.** It is unlawful to fail to comply with the bag, possession, and season limits described below. Violations of this section are punishable under RCW 77.15.410 Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

Bag Limit: One (1) deer per hunter during the license year except where otherwise permitted by department rule.

Hunting Method: Hunters must select one of the hunting methods: Modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader.

Any Buck Deer Seasons: Open only to the taking of deer with visible antlers (buck fawns illegal).

Antler Point: To qualify as an antler point, the point must be at least one inch long, measured on the longest side.

Antler Restrictions: APPLIES TO ALL HUNTERS DURING ANY GENERAL SEASON AND DESIGNATED SPECIAL PERMIT SEASONS. Buck deer taken in antler restricted game management units (GMUs) must meet minimum antler point requirements. Minimum antler

point requirements are antler points on one side only. Eye guards are antler points when they are at least one inch long.

3-point Minimum GMUs: All mule deer in 100, 200, and 300 series GMUs; white-tailed deer in GMUs 127, 130, 133, 136, 139, 142, 145, 149, 154, 162, 163, 166, 169, 172, 175, 178, 181, 186, and black-tailed deer in GMU 578.

Permit-only Units: The following GMUs require a special permit to hunt deer: (~~157 (Mill Creek Watershed),~~) 290 (Desert), 329 (Quilomene), 371 (Alkali), and 485 (Green River).

GMUs Closed to Deer Hunting: 157 (Mill Creek Watershed), 490 (Cedar River) and 522 (Loo-wit).

Types of deer that a person may legally hunt in Washington:

Black-tailed Deer: Any member of black-tailed/mule deer (species *Odocoileus hemionus*) found west of a line drawn from the Canadian border south on the Pacific Crest Trail and along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary in Yakima County to the Klickitat River; south down Klickitat River to the Columbia River.

Mule Deer: Any member of black-tailed/mule deer (species *Odocoileus hemionus*) found east of a line drawn from the Canadian border south on the Pacific Crest Trail and along the Yakama Indian Reservation

boundary in Yakima County to the Klickitat River; south down Klickitat River to the Columbia River.

White-tailed Deer: Any white-tailed deer (member of the species *Odocoileus virginianus*), except the Columbian whitetail deer (species *Odocoileus virginianus leucurus*).

MODERN FIREARM DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: A valid modern firearm deer tag for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Modern firearm deer tag hunters may use rifle, handgun, shotgun, bow, crossbow, or muzzleloader, but only during modern firearm seasons.

Hunt Season	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
HIGH BUCK HUNTS					
	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Mount Baker, Glacier Peak, Pasayten, Olympic Peninsula, and Henry Jackson Wilderness Areas and Lake Chelan Recreation Area	3 pt. min.
GENERAL SEASON					
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Oct. 13-26)) Oct. 16-29	((Oct. 12-25)) Oct. 15-28	((Oct. 17-30)) Oct. 14-27	101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, 121, 124	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	((Oct. 13-23)) Oct. 16-26	((Oct. 12-22)) Oct. 15-25	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 14-24	203 through 284	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	((Oct. 13-23)) Oct. 16-26	((Oct. 12-22)) Oct. 15-25	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 14-24	127 through 154, 162 through 186 ((except Deer Area 4040))	((White-tailed;)) 3 pt. min.
	((Oct. 13-23)) Oct. 16-26	((Oct. 12-22)) Oct. 15-25	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 14-24	373, 379, 381	Any ((white-tailed)) deer

Hunt Season	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Oct. 13-23)) Oct. 16-26	((Oct. 12-22)) Oct. 15-25	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 14-24	101 through 154, 162 through ((169, 172 (except Deer Area 4040), 175 through)) 186, 203 through 284, 328, 330 through 368, 372, 373, 379, 381, 382 (except closed in Deer Area 5382), 388	((Mule-deer,)) 3 pt. min.
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Oct. 13-31)) Oct. 16-31	((Oct. 12-31)) Oct. 15-31	((Oct. 17-Nov. 1)) Oct. 14-31	407, 418, 426, 437, 448, 450, 454, 460, 466, 501 through 520, 524 through 556, 560, 568, 572, 574, 601 through 621, 624 (except Deer Area 6020), 627 through 654, 658 through 699	Any buck
	((Oct. 13-31)) Oct. 16-31	((Oct. 12-31)) Oct. 15-31	((Oct. 17-Nov. 1)) Oct. 14-31	410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 564, 655, Deer Area 6020	Any deer
	((Oct. 13-31)) Oct. 16-31	((Oct. 12-31)) Oct. 15-31	((Oct. 17-Nov. 1)) Oct. 14-31	578	3 pt. min
LATE GENERAL SEASON					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Nov. 15-18)) Nov. 18-21	((Nov. 14-17)) Nov. 17-20	((Nov. 19-22)) Nov. 16-19	407, 454, 466, 501 through 520, 524 through 560, 568, 572, 601 through 621, 624 (except Deer Area 6020), 627 through 654, 658 through 699	Any buck
	((Nov. 15-18)) Nov. 18-21	((Nov. 14-17)) Nov. 17-20	((Nov. 19-22)) Nov. 16-19	410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 564, 655, Deer Area 6020	Any deer
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Nov. 10-19)) Nov. 11-196-19	((Nov. 9-19)) Nov. 11-195-19	((Nov. 7-19)) Nov. 11-19	105, 108, 111, 113, 117, 121, 124 ((, 124))	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	Nov. 6-19	Nov. 5-19	Nov. 11-19	124	Any buck
HUNTERS 65 AND OVER ((,)) AND DISABLED ((, AND YOUTH)) GENERAL SEASONS					
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Oct. 13-26 and Nov. 10-19))	Oct. 12-25 and Nov. 9-19	Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 7-19	124	Any white-tailed deer))
	((Oct. 13-23)) Oct. 23-26	((Oct. 12-22)) Oct. 22-25	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 21-24	((127 through 142,)) 145, 149, 154, Deer Area 1010, and 178	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless
YOUTH GENERAL SEASONS					
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	Oct. 23-29	Oct. 22-28	Oct. 21-27	124	Any deer
	Oct. 23-26	Oct. 22-25	Oct. 21-24	127 through 142	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Oct. 16-26	Oct. 15-25	Oct. 14-24	145, 149, 154, Deer Area 1010, and 178	3 pt. min. or antlerless

ARCHERY DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: A valid archery deer tag for the area hunted.

Special Notes: Archery tag holders can only hunt during archery seasons with archery equipment (WAC 220-414-070).

Hunt Area	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
EARLY ARCHERY GENERAL DEER SEASONS					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Sept. 1-28)) Sept. 1-24	((Sept. 1-27)) Sept. 1-23	((Sept. 1-25)) Sept. 1-29	407 through 426, 437, 448, 450, 454, 466, 501, 504, 505, 554, 564, 568, 621 through 636, 648 through 652, 654 through 673, 684	Any deer
				460, 503, 574, 601 through 618, 638, 642, 653, 681 and 699	Any buck
				578	3 pt. min.
	((Sept. 1-23)) Sept. 1-19	((Sept. 1-22)) Sept. 1-25	((Sept. 1-20)) Sept. 1-24	510, 513, 516, 520, 524, 530, 556	Any deer
			506, 550, 560, 572	Any buck	
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Sept. 1-28)) Sept. 1-24	((Sept. 1-27)) Sept. 1-23	((Sept. 1-25)) Sept. 1-29	101 through ((121)) 136, 166 ((,169,172 (except Deer Area 4040),)) through 175, 181, 243, 334, 382 (except closed in Deer Area 5382), 388	3 pt. min.
				((124 through)) 139, 142, 145, 149, 186, 244 through 247, 249, 250, 260, ((372,)) 284, 372, 373, 379, 381, ((382 (except closed in Deer Area 5382), 388,)) Deer Area 3334	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	((Sept. 1-23)) Sept. 1-19	((Sept. 1-22)) Sept. 1-25	((Sept. 1-20)) Sept. 1-24	((154, 162,)) 163, 178	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	((Sept. 1-23)) Sept. 1-19	((Sept. 1-22)) Sept. 1-25	((Sept. 1-20)) Sept. 1-24	154, 162, 251, 328, 335, 336, 340, 346, 352, 356, 360, 364, 368	3 pt. min.
	Sept. 1-15	Sept. 1-15	Sept. 1-15	204 through 242, 248, 254, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278	3 pt. min.
	((Sept. 16-28)) Sept. 16-24	((Sept. 16-27)) Sept. 16-23	((Sept. 16-25)) Sept. 16-29	204 through 242, 248, 254, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278	3 pt. min. or antlerless
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Sept. 1-28)) Sept. 1-24	((Sept. 1-27)) Sept. 1-23	((Sept. 1-25)) Sept. 1-29	101 through ((121)) 124	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	((Sept. 1-28))	Sept. 1-27	Sept. 1-25)	((124,)) 204 through 250, 254 through 284, 373, 379, 381	Any ((white-tailed)) deer
				((127 through)) 145, 149, 172 ((except Deer Area 1040)) , 181, 186	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless

Hunt Area	((2018)) <u>2021 Dates</u>	((2019)) <u>2022 Dates</u>	((2020)) <u>2023 Dates</u>	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
				127 through 142, 166, 169, 175	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min.
	((Sept. 1-23)) <u>Sept. 1-19</u>	((Sept. 1-22)) <u>Sept. 1-25</u>	((Sept. 1-20)) <u>Sept. 1-24</u>	154, 162, 163, 178	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless
LATE ARCHERY GENERAL DEER SEASONS					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Nov. 21-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 15</u>	437, 466, 510 through 520, 524	Any deer
	((Nov. 21-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 15</u>	448, 460, 506, 530, 560, 572, 601, 603 through 618, 638, 642, 681, and 699	Any buck
	((Nov. 21-Dec. 31)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 31</u>	((Nov. 27-Dec. 31)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 31</u>	((Nov. 25-Dec. 31)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 31</u>	407, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 454, 505, 564, 624, 627, 636, 648, 652, 654, 655, 660 through 672	Any deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Nov. 21-30)) <u>Nov. 24-30</u>	((Nov. 21-30)) <u>Nov. 23-30</u>	((Nov. 21-30)) <u>Nov. 22-30</u>	209, 215, 233, 243, 250	3 pt. min.
	((Nov. 21-Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	((Nov. 27-Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 8</u>	((Nov. 25-Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 8</u>	336, 342, 346, 352, 364, 388, Deer Area 3682	3 pt. min.
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	145, 163, 178, 272, 278, 373, Deer Area 3372	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	((Dec. 9-31))	<u>Dec. 9-31</u>	<u>Dec. 9-31</u>	<u>Deer Area 1021</u>	<u>Antlerless only</u>))
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	101	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	105, 108, 117, 121, 124	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	((Nov. 25-Dec. 15))	<u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 15</u>	<u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 15</u>	124	Any white-tailed deer))
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	127	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. ((or antlerless))
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	145, 163, 178, 272, 278, 373	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	((Nov. 21-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 15</u>	204, 209, 215, 233, 243 ((, 373))	Any white-tailed deer
	<u>Nov. 20-Dec. 8</u>	<u>Nov. 20-Dec. 8</u>	<u>Nov. 20-Dec. 8</u>	<u>373</u>	<u>Any deer</u>

MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: A valid muzzleloader deer tag for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Muzzleloader only.

Special Notes: Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during muzzleloader seasons and must hunt with muzzleloader equipment (WAC 220-414-060) or archery equipment (WAC 220-414-070).

Hunt Area	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
High Buck Hunts	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, Pasayten, Mount Baker, Olympic Peninsula, and Henry Jackson Wilderness areas, and Lake Chelan Recreation Area	3 pt. min.
EARLY MUZZLELOADER GENERAL DEER SEASONS					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Sept. 29–Oct. 7)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	((Sept. 28–Oct. 6)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 8	407, 418, 426, 437, 448, 450, 501, 503, 504, 505, 506, 510, 513, 516, 520, 530, 550, 554, 560, 568, 572, 574, 603, 607, 612, 615, 624 (except Deer Area 6020), 621, 633 through 651, 660, 663, 672, 673	Any buck
				410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 454, 564, 627, 652, 655, 666, 684, and Deer Area 6020	Any deer
				578	3 pt. min.
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Sept. 29–Oct. 7)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	((Sept. 28–Oct. 6)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 8	101 through 124, 203, 204, 209, 215, 231, 233, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 254, 260, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284	((White-tailed;)) Any buck
				((101 through 124	Any white-tailed buck))
				((124	Any white-tailed deer))
				((127, 142;)) 145, 149	((White-tailed;)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless
				127, 130, 133, 136, 139, 142, 175, 181, 186	((White-tailed;)) 3 pt. min.
373, 379	Any ((white-tailed)) deer				
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Sept. 29–Oct. 7)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	((Sept. 28–Oct. 6)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 8	101 through 149, 175, 181, 186, 203, 204, 209, 215, 231, 233, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 248, 250, 251, 254, 260, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284, 328, 330 through 342, 352 through 368, 373, 379	((Mule-deer;)) 3 pt. min.

Hunt Area	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Sept. 29–Oct. 7)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	((Sept. 28–Oct. 6)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 8	Deer Areas 3334 and 3372	3 pt. min. or antlerless
LATE MUZZLELOADER GENERAL DEER SEASONS					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Nov. 21–Dec. 15)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	((Nov. 27–Dec. 15)) Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	((Nov. 25–Dec. 15)) Nov. 22 - Dec. 15	407, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 454, 504, 564, 633, 654, 666, 667, and 684	Any deer
				448, 460, 501, 602, 621, 651, 658, and 673	Any buck
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Nov. 21–Dec. 8)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	((Nov. 27–Dec. 8)) Nov. 23 - Dec. 8	((Nov. 25–Dec. 8)) Nov. 22 - Dec. 8	113	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	130, 133, 136, 139, 142	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. ((or antlerless))
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	172 ((except Deer Area 4040)) , 181	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. ((or antlerless))
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	379, 381	Any ((white-tailed)) deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Nov. 25–Dec. 8))	Nov. 25–Dec. 8	Nov. 25–Dec. 8	130	Antlerless))
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	379, 381	3 pt. min.
	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	382 (except closed in Deer Area 5382)	3 pt. min.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-415-020, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-415-020, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-020, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory

Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-415-020, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17.

Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, 77.32.155. WSR 16-15-045 (Order 16-182), § 232-28-357, filed 7/14/16, effective 8/14/16.

Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-059 (Order 15-98), § 232-28-357, filed 4/30/15, effective 5/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-357, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-357, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-357, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12.]

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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- Change: Under modern firearm late general seasons, for Eastern Washington white-tailed deer, we changed the season dates for Game Management Units (GMU) 105-121 from Nov. 11-19 to Nov. 6-19 in 2021 and Nov. 5-19 in 2022.

Rationale: The department had initially proposed a standard nine-day season with season dates of Nov. 11-19 in response to requests from some hunters to manage for more mature white-tailed bucks. However, we received 45 comments in opposition to this proposal and only 3 in support. This recommendation reverts the season dates for the late general season back to what they were in 2018-2020, with a closing date of Nov. 19 and opening date on the Saturday that ensures the season includes two full weekends.

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- Change: Under archery late general deer seasons for Eastern Washington white-tailed deer, we removed the reference to white-tailed deer under legal deer.

Rationale: In our original proposal, we intended to remove all references to deer species under legal deer, but inadvertently fail to delete this one.

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- Change: Under archery late general deer seasons for Eastern Washington white-tailed deer, we changed the legal deer in GMU 373 from 3-pt. min or antlerless to anydeer.

Rationale: The primary intent was to have the late general season for white-tailed deer overlap the late general season for mule deer. However, the legal deer in other Game Management Units with season dates of Nov. 20 - Dec. 8 is 3-pt. min. or antlerless and we want a legal deer to remain any deer in GMU 373. Allowing the harvest of any deer is consistent with other seasons for white-tailed deer in GMU 373.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-415-020 2021-2023 Deer general seasons and definitions.

We received 384 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but 13 (email/letter) came through our online survey. Twenty-five of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,861 respondents to our online survey 56% (1,051) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Five comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 19 comments indicated support for specific aspects of the proposal.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Twenty-three percent (420) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 21% (390) indicated they were neutral. Eleven comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 83 comments indicated opposition to specific aspects of the proposal. Other comments in opposition but were not directly related to proposed changes included concerns about predators (64 comments), APRs (91 comments), and eliminating or reducing antlerless harvest in NE Washington (17 comments). Three of the comments we received as an email or letter indicated support for antler-point restrictions (APRs) for white-tailed deer, while two others indicated opposition.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition or were not directly related during the online survey:

- There are too many predators
- Don't reduce length of the late general white-tailed deer season in GMUs 105- 121
- Implement a 4-pt. APR for white-tailed deer in NE Washington
- Reduce or eliminate antlerless harvest in NE Washington
- Opposed to reductions in antlerless harvest in GMU 124 and GMUs 127-142

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received six comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing. One commenter expressed general support for the proposals, one commenter supported no antlerless harvest in northeast Washington, two commenters expressed support for a 4-pt. antler-point restriction for white-tailed deer in northeast Washington, three commenters expressed opposition to shortening the length of the late general season for white-tailed deer in northeast Washington, and one commenter expressed opposition to a 4-pt. antler-point restriction for white-tailed deer in northeast Washington. Three commenters also testified during the open comment period, with two of them expressing general opposition to hunting, while the other expressed general support.

The department also received four written communications after the formal public comment period or following the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing. Four comments expressed opposition to shortening the late general season for white-tailed deer in northeast Washington, two expressed opposition to a 4-pt. antler-point restriction, and three expressed support for a 4-pt. antler-point restriction.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The department will move forward with all other recommendations to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses related to proposals were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and common themes not directly related to the proposal and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: There are too many predators

WDFW's Game Management Plan identifies guidelines to determine when a particular population meets the criteria of an "at-risk" ungulate population and whether carnivore management actions are needed to promote recovery. In some areas, populations meet that criteria and we have initiated efforts to determine if carnivore management actions are warranted. In addition, we have liberalized bear and cougar hunting seasons in eastern Washington in response to concerns that carnivore populations are too high.

Comment: Implement a 4-pt. APR for white-tailed deer in NE Washington

Although several respondents provided comment on this topic, proposed changes did not include a 4-pt. APR in northeast Washington. WDFW considered implementing a 4-pt. APR, but the proposal was not broadly supported. In early summer 2020, a survey of approximately 13,000 white-tailed deer hunters was conducted in collaboration with Washington State University and 70% of respondents indicated opposition to a 4-pt. APR. When we presented the option again in late summer while gathering input for the development of our proposals, only 20% of the 1,437 respondents indicated support. Lastly, we met with the Fish and Wildlife Commission's Wildlife Committee on January 7, 2021 to discuss a variety of options that could be implemented to manage for more mature white-tailed deer bucks, and they chose not to consider the option as part of the CR-102.

Comment: Reduce or eliminate antlerless deer harvest in NE Washington

With exception to harvest in response to damage complaints, WDFW removed all recreational opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer in GMUs 101-121 in 2019. Proposed changes for 2021-2023 include substantial reductions in the harvest of antlerless deer in GMU 124. Thus, we have already implemented this recommendation.

Comment: Opposed to reductions in antlerless harvest in GMU 124 and/or GMUs 127-142

WDFW regulates antlerless harvest relative to the status of deer populations and specific management objectives within a particular area. It is the primary tool used to manage population growth rates. Deer numbers have declined substantially in GMUs 124 and 127-142, so we are reducing opportunities to harvest antlerless deer with the objective of promoting an increase in deer numbers. Opportunities will increase after populations have recovered.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-415-030 ((2020)) 2021 Deer special permits. It is unlawful to fail to comply with the bag, possession, and season limits described below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410 Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

Deer Special Permit Hunting Seasons (Open to Permit Holders Only)

Hunters must purchase a deer hunting license prior to purchasing a permit application. Hunters may only apply for permits consistent with the tag required for the hunt choice; however, Multiple Season Permit holders may apply for archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm permit hunts. Hunters drawn for a special permit hunt must comply with weapon restrictions, dates, and other conditions listed for the hunt. Hunters drawn for a special permit designated "**Any tag**" under the "**Weapon/Tag**" restriction must use equipment consistent with the requirements of their transport tag and license.

Bag Limit: One (1) deer per hunter during the license year except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one deer hunt category.

Quality

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Kelly Hill White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 105	5
Kelly Hill Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 105	1
Douglas White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 108	5
Douglas Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 108	1
Aladdin White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 111	5
Aladdin Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 111	1
Selkirk Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 113	1
49 Degrees North White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 117	5
49 Degrees North Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 117	1
Huckleberry White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 121	5
Huckleberry Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 121	1
Mt. Spokane	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	Any buck	GMU 124	5
Mica Peak	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 127	5
Cheney	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 130	5
Roosevelt	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 133	5
<u>Harrington</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Nov. 1-24</u>	<u>3 pt. min.</u>	<u>GMU 136</u>	<u>5</u>
Step toe	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 139	5
Almota	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 142	5
Dayton	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 162	5
Tucannon	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 166	2
Wenaha West	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-15	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1008	2
Wenaha East	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-15	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1009	5
((Ten-Forty	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-15	White-tailed deer, 3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1040	4))
Grande Ronde	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 186	1
East Okanogan	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 204	10
Sinlahekin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 215	10
Chewuch	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 218	15
Pearrygin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 224	15
Gardner	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 231	10
Pogue	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 233	15
Alta	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 242	15
Manson	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 243	7
Chiwawa	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 245	2 19
Slide Ridge	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 246	8
Entiat	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 247	15
Swakane	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 250	9

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Mission	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 251	7
Desert	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-25)) <u>Oct. 23-31</u>	Any buck	GMU 290	1819
Desert	Modern	Any	((Nov. 7-15)) <u>Nov. 6-14</u>	Any buck	GMU 290	5
Naneum	Modern	Any	((Nov. 16-22)) <u>Nov. 15-21</u>	Any buck	GMU 328	1514
Quilomene	Modern	Any	((Nov. 9-22)) <u>Nov. 8-21</u>	Any buck	GMU 329	1819
Teanaway	Modern	Any	((Nov. 16-22)) <u>Nov. 15-21</u>	Any buck	GMU 335	2726
L.T. Murray	Modern	Any	((Nov. 16-22)) <u>Nov. 15-21</u>	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	5
Bethel	Modern	Any	((Nov. 9-22)) <u>Nov. 8-21</u>	Any buck	GMU 360	5
Cowiche	Modern	Any	((Nov. 9-22)) <u>Nov. 8-21</u>	Any buck	GMU 368	10
Alkali	Modern	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 15)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 14</u>	Any buck	GMU 371	8
Grayback	Modern	Any	((Nov. 9-24)) <u>Nov. 8-23</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 388	20
Nooksack	Modern	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 11)) <u>Nov. 1-12</u>	Any buck	GMU 418	25
Skagit	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 426	10
Sauk	Modern	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 11)) <u>Nov. 1-12</u>	Any buck	GMU 437	25
Stillaguamish	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 448	12
Snoqualmie	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 460	10
Green River	Any tag	Any	((Oct. 17-23)) FBD <u>Nov. 13-19</u>	Any buck	GMU 485	((5)) FBD <u>5</u>
Lincoln	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 501	4
Mossyrock	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 505	2
Willapa Hills	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 506	4
Stormking	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 510	1
South Rainier	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 513	1
Packwood	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 516	1

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Winston	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 520	4
Ryderwood	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 530	4
Coweeman	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 550	4
Toutle	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 556	1
Lewis River	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 560	1
Washougal	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 568	2
Siouxon	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 572	1
Wind River	Modern	Any	((Nov. 19-25)) <u>Nov. 18-25</u>	Any buck	GMU 574	20
West Klickitat	Modern	Any	((Nov. 19-25)) <u>Nov. 18-25</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	15
Mason	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 633	10
Wynoochee	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 648	8
Satsop	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 651	10
White River	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 653	10
Mashel	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 654	10
Minot Peak	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 660	5
Capitol Peak	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 663	8
Skookumchuck	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 667	10
Fall River	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 672	5
Chiliwist	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Any buck	GMU 239	10
Chiwawa	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 245	8
Slide Ridge	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 246	2
Entiat	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Any buck	GMU 247	30
Desert	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-30	Any buck	GMU 290	10
Desert	Archery	Any	((Nov. 21—Dec. 6)) <u>Nov. 20 - Dec. 5</u>	Any buck	GMU 290	10
Naneum	Archery	Any	((Nov. 23—Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	Any buck	GMU 328	67
Quilomene	Archery	Any	((Nov. 23—Dec.))	Any buck	GMU 329	7

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			g)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 8			
Teanaway	Archery	Any	((Nov. 23 - Dec. g)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMU 335	29 42
Kitsap	Archery	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) Nov. 1-17	Any buck	GMU 627	10
Skokomish	Archery	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) Nov. 1-17	Any buck	GMU 636	10
Skookumchuck	Archery	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) Nov. 1-17	Any buck	GMU 667	10
Blue Mtns. Foothills	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 149, 154, 162, 166	70
Alta	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 242	10
Chiwawa	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 245	2
Slide Ridge	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 246	1
Mission	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 251	9
Desert	Muzzleloader	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) Oct. 2-10	Any buck	GMU 290	2
Teanaway	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 9-15)) Nov. 8-14	Any buck	GMU 335	4 3
L.T. Murray	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 9-15)) Nov. 8-14	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	1
Bald Mountain	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 9-22)) Nov. 8-14	Any buck	GMUs 342, 346	2
Naneum	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 9-15)) Nov. 8-14	Any buck	GMU 328	1
Quilomene	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	Any buck	GMU 329	2
Olympic	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) Nov. 1-17	Any buck	GMU 621	10

Bucks						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Palouse	Modern	Any	((Nov. 7-19)) Nov. 6-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 127-142	((750)) 650
Blue Mtns. Foothills West	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 149, 154, 162, 163, 166	110
Blue Mtns. Foothills East	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 145, 172 ((except Deer Area 1040)) , 178, 181	50
Mayview	Any tag	Any	Nov. 16-19	3 pt. min.	GMU 145	25
((Ten Forty))	Modern	Any	Oct. 17-25	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1040	2))
Lick Creek	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 175	1
East Okanogan	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 204	40
Sinlahekin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 215	40
Chewuch	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 218	15
Pearygin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 224	15

Bucks						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Gardner	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 231	15
Pogue	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 233	15
Chiliwist	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 239	15
Alta	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 242	15
Ritzville	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 284	910
Simcoe	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 5382	5
Hoko	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 601	5
Sol Duc	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 607	5
Goodman	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 612	5
Clearwater	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 615	5
Quinault Ridge	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 638	2
North River	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 658	5
Williams Creek	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 673	5
Bear River-Long Beach	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMUs 681, 684	2
Parker Lake	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-30 and Nov. 19 - Dec. 1	Any white-tailed buck	Deer Area 1031	5
((Ten-Forty))	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-15	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1040	2))
Big Bend	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 248	10
Ritzville	Archery	Any	((Dec. 1-13)) <u>Dec. 1-19</u>	Any buck	GMU 284	4011
Alkali	Archery	Any	((Sept. 1-20)) <u>Sept. 1-24</u>	Any buck	GMU 371	2
Ringold	Archery	Any	Nov. 15-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 379	5
Whitcomb	Archery	Any	Oct. 1-10	Any buck	Deer Area 3071	10
Paterson	Archery	Any	Oct. 1-10	Any buck	Deer Area 3072	10
Simcoe	Archery	Any	((Sept. 1-25)) <u>Sept. 1-24</u> and Dec. 1-8	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 5382	3
West Klickitat	Archery	Any	Nov. 26 - Dec. 2	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	20
Parker Lake	Muzzleloader	Any	Oct. 1-31 and Dec. 2-14	Any white-tailed buck	Deer Area 1031	5
Blue Creek	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26-Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 154	10
Dayton	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26-Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 162	15
Marengo	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26-Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 163	10

Bucks						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Tucannon	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 166	10
Wenaha	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 169	20
Mountain View	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 172 ((except Deer Area 1040))	15
((Ten-Forty))	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1040	2))
Peola	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 178	10
Ritzville	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 21–29)) <u>Nov. 20-28</u>	Any buck	GMU 284	1
Alkali	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 21–Oct. 14)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 15</u>	Any buck	GMU 371	1
Kahlotus	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Any buck	GMU 381	20
Whitcomb	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 19-27	Any buck	Deer Area 3071	5
Paterson	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 19-27	Any buck	Deer Area 3072	5
Simcoe	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 20-30	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 5382	3
West Klickitat	Muzzleloader	Any	Dec. 3-8	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	20
Dickey	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 2–18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 602	5
Copalis-Matheny	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 2–18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMUs 618, 642	5

Antlerless						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Mayview	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 145	40
((Mayview))	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 145	25))
Prescott	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 149	50
((Prescott))	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 149	20))
Blue Creek	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 154	50
Dayton	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 162	100
Ten Ten	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	Antlerless	Deer Area 1010	15
Marengo	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 163	50
Marengo	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 163	5
Peola	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 178	40
((Couse))	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 181	25))
Lincoln	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 501	15
Mossyrock	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. 4))	Antlerless	GMU 505	30

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>			
Winston	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	20
Ryderwood	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	10
Olympic	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 621	15
Coyle	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 624	15
Kitsap	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 627	10
Mason	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 633	20
Skokomish	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 636	5
Wynoochee	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 648	30
Satsop	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 651	15
Mashel	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 654	10
North River	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	15
Minot Peak	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 660	20
Capitol Peak	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 663	15
Skookumchuck	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 667	20
Williams Creek	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 673	5
Mashel	Archery	Any	((Oct. 24-31))	Antlerless	GMU 654	10

Antlerless						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Oct. 23-30</u>			
Whitcomb	Archery	Any	Oct. 20-30	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	10
Paterson	Archery	Any	Oct. 20-30	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	10
Whitcomb	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 29 - Dec. 5	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	10
Paterson	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 29 - Dec. 5	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	10
Washtucna	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	GMUs 139, 142, 284, 381	200
<u>Mayview</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 145</u>	<u>15</u>
Prescott	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	25
Blue Creek	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	20
Ten Ten	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 1010	20
Marengo	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 163	10
Peola	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 178	10
Mossyrock	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	10
Winston	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	5
Ryderwood	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	10
Coweeman	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	10
Yale	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 554	2
Olympic	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 621	30
Coyle	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 624	20
Mason	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 633	35
Skokomish	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>))	Antlerless	GMU 636	15

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>			
Wynoochee	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 648	25
Satsop	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	Antlerless	GMU 651	20
Mashel	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 654	20
North River	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	15
Minot Peak	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 660	10
Capitol Peak	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 663	20
Williams Creek	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 673	10

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Benge	Any	Any	((Dec. 14-31)) <u>Dec. 20-31</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 2010	30
Lakeview	Any	Any	Jan. 1-30, ((2021)) <u>2022</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	15
Methow	Any	Any	Sept. 7 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	Deer Area 2012	10
North Okanogan	Any	Any	Sept. 7 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	Deer Area 2013	10
Central Okanogan	Any	Any	Sept. 7 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	Deer Area 2014	10
Omak	Any	Any	Sept. 7 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	Deer Area 2015	10
Conconully	Any	Any	Sept. 7 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	Deer Area 2016	10
Lake Chelan North	Any	Any	Aug. 1-31	Antlerless	Deer Area 2017	45
North Issaquah	Any	Any	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) <u>Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 4541	10
Mt. Spokane	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 7-19)) <u>Oct. 16-29 and Nov. 6-19</u>	Antlerless	GMU 124	((350)) <u>5</u>
Mica Peak	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 127	((100)) <u>5</u>
Cheney <u>Mule Deer</u>	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	GMU 130	((150)) <u>90</u>

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Cheney White-tailed Deer	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 130	5
Roosevelt Mule Deer	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Mule deer, antlerless	GMU 133	((75)) 100
Roosevelt White-tailed Deer	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 133	5
Harrington	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 136	((150)) 65
Steptoe	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 139	5
Almota	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 142	5
Washtucna	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Mule deer, antlerless	GMUs 139, 142, 284, 381	((300)) 350
((Mayview	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 145	15
Blue Creek	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 154	30
Ten-Ten	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1010	15))
East Okanogan	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 204	45
Sinlahekin	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 215	40
Chewuch	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 218	10
Pearygin	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 224	10
Gardner	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 231	10
Pogue	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 233	10
Chiliwist	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 239	10
Alta	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 242	10
Big Bend	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 248	20
St. Andrews	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 254	15
Foster Creek	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 260	15
Withrow	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 262	15
Badger	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 266	15
Desert	Modern	Any	((Dec. 12-27)) Dec. 11-26	Antlerless	GMU 290	25
Kahlotus	Modern	Any	Dec. 9-17	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
Orcas	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 411	((70)) 135

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Shaw	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 412	((30)) 40
San Juan	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 413	((60)) 120
Lopez	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 414	((70)) 130
Blakely	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 415	((40)) 60
Decatur	Modern	Any	Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22	Antlerless	GMU 416	5
Cypress	Modern	Any	Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22	Antlerless	GMU 417	30
Guemes	Modern	Any	Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22	Antlerless	GMU 419	20
Whidbey	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 420	((175)) 275
Camano	Modern	Any	Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22	Antlerless	GMU 421	30
Vashon-Maury	Any	Any	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 422	200
Anderson	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Antlerless	GMU 655	((40)) 30
Deschutes	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 19-22)) Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Antlerless	GMU 666	40
Mt. Spokane	Archery	Any	((Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 15)) Sept. 1-24 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 124	((100)) 5
Mica Peak	Archery	Any	((Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 15)) Sept. 1-24 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 127	((75)) 5
((Clarkston	Archery	Any	Nov. 20 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 1021	20
Oreas	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 411	45
Shaw	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 412	20
San Juan	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 413	40
Lopez	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 414	40
Blakely	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 415	20))

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<u>Cheney Mule Deer</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Cheney White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Roosevelt Mule Deer</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>Roosevelt White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Harrington</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 136</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Step toe</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 139</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Almota</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 142</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Decatur</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 416</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Cypress</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 417</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Guemes</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 419</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>((Whidbey</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 420</u>	<u>75))</u>
<u>Camano</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 421</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Miller</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Dec. 16-31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Deer Area 6020</u>	<u>40</u>
<u>Anderson</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31)) <u>Sept. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31</u></u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 655</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Mt. Spokane</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u></u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 124</u>	<u>((125)) <u>5</u></u>
<u>Mica Peak</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 127</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Cheney Mule Deer</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u></u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>((25)) <u>10</u></u>
<u>Cheney White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Roosevelt Mule Deer</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u></u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>((25)) <u>10</u></u>
<u>Roosevelt White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Harrington</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u></u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 136</u>	<u>((25)) <u>5</u></u>
<u>((Mayview</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 145</u>	<u>10))</u>
<u>Step toe</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 139</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Almota</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 142</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Foster Creek</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u></u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 260</u>	<u>10</u>

2nd Deer						
Second deer permits are only valid with the purchase of a second deer license. The second deer license must be for the same tag type as the first deer license.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Moses Coulee	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 269	10
Lakeview	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 1-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	5
((Oreas	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 411	20
Shaw	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 412	20
San Juan	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 413	20
Lopez	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 414	20
Blakely	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 415	10))
Decatur	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 416	5
Cypress	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 417	20
Guemes	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 419	10
((Whidbey	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 420	25))
Camano	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 421	20
Anderson	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 655	5

Youth						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Washtucna	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Any deer	GMUs 139, 142, 284, 381	100
Blue Mtns. Foothills West	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMUs 149, 154, 163, Deer Area 1010	60
Blue Mtns. Foothills East	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 172 ((except Deer Area 1040)) , 178,181	40
Mayview	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Any deer	GMU 145	15
Prescott	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Any deer	GMU 149	20

Youth						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Peola	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any deer	GMU 178	20
Tucannon	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 166	10
((Ten-Forty	Modern	Youth	Oct. 17-25	Antlerless	Deer Area 1040	2))
Couse	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-25)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 181	15
Couse	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-25)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any deer	GMU 181	5
Grande Ronde	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-25)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any deer	GMU 186	3
East Okanogan	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 204	20
Wannacut	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 209	10
Sinlahekin	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 215	10
Chewuch	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 218	10
Pearygin	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 224	10
Gardner	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 231	10
Pogue	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 233	10
Chiliwist	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 239	10
Alta	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 242	10
Chiwawa	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 245	3
Entiat	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 247	3
Swakane	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 250	3
Mission	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 251	5
Bridgeport	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	20
Palisades	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	20
Beezley	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 272	50
Benge	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 2010	30
Desert	Modern	Youth	((Dec. 7-31))	Antlerless	GMU 290	((8))

Youth						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Dec. 6-31</u>			<u>12</u>
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Ringold	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 379	10
Simcoe	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any deer	Deer Area 5382	3
East Klickitat	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any buck	GMU 382 (except CLOSED in Deer Area 5382)	5
East Klickitat	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 382 (except CLOSED in Deer Area 5382)	5
Grayback	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any buck	GMU 388	5
Grayback	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 388	5
<u>Green River</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Youth</u>	TBD <u>Nov. 13-19</u>	<u>Any buck</u>	<u>GMU 485</u>	TBD <u>5</u>
Lincoln	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 501	10
Randle	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 503	5
Mossyrock	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	10
Stormking	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 510	5
South Rainier	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 513	5
Packwood	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 516	5
Winston	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	10
Ryderwood	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	10
Coweeman	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	10
Yale	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 554	((5)) <u>3</u>
Toutle	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1))	Antlerless	GMU 556	((40))

Youth						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>			<u>15</u>
Lewis River	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Washougal	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	5
Siouxon	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 572	5
Wind River	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	5
West Klickitat	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Any buck	GMU 578	5
West Klickitat	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 578	5
Pysht	Modern	Youth	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 603	5
Olympic	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 621	20
Coyle	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 624	10
Kitsap	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 627	10
Mason	Modern	Youth	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any deer	GMU 633	25
Skokomish	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 636	10
Wynoochee	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 648	20
Satsop	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 651	10
Mashel	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 654	15
North River	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	10

Youth						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Minot Peak	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 660	10
Minot Peak	Modern	Youth	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 660	4
Capitol Peak	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 663	15
Skookumchuck	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 667	15
Skookumchuck	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 10 – Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any buck	GMU 667	20
East Okanogan	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Pogue	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 239	5
Alta	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Mission	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 251	3
Whitcomb	Muzzleloader	Youth	Nov. 1-13	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	5
Paterson	Muzzleloader	Youth	Nov. 1-13	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	5
Region 3	Modern, Muzzleloader	Youth	((Aug. 1, 2020 – Mar. 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 3	10 ^{HC}
Region 5	Modern, Muzzleloader	Youth with mentor	((Aug. 1, 2020 – Mar. 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	5 ^{HC}

Senior 65+						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
<u>Mt. Spokane</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-29 and Nov. 6-19</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 124</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Mica Peak</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 127</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Cheney Mule Deer</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Cheney White-tailed</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>5</u>

Senior 65+						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
<u>Deer</u>						
Roosevelt Mule Deer	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	Mule deer, antlerless	GMU 133	15
Roosevelt White-tailed Deer	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 133	5
Harrington	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 136	10
Step toe	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 139	5
Almota	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 142	5
Washtucna	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Mule deer, antlerless	GMUs 139, 142, 284, 381	20
Blue Mtns. Foothills	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 149, 154, 163, Deer Area 1010, 178, 181	30
East Okanogan	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Sinlahekin	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 215	5
Chewuch	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 218	5
Pearygin	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 224	5
Gardner	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 231	5
Pogue	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 239	5
Alta	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Chiwawa	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 245	5
Entiat	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 247	5
Swakane	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 250	5
Mission	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 251	5
Bridgeport	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	5
Palisades	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	5
Rattlesnake Hills	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 372	10
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
North Issaquah	Any	65+	((Oct. 17- Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Oct. 16-31 and Nov.	Antlerless	Deer Area 4541	10

Senior 65+						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>18-21</u>			
Lincoln	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 501	5
Mossyrock	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	5
Winston	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	5
Yale	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 554	2
Toutle	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 556	5
Washougal	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	2
Olympic	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 621	15
Coyle	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 624	5
Kitsap	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 627	5
Mason	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 633	20
Skokomish	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 636	10
Wynoochee	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 648	15
Satsop	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 651	10
Mashel	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 654	10
North River	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	15
Minot Peak	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1))	Antlerless	GMU 660	15

Senior 65+						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Oct. 16-31</u>			
Capitol Peak	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17–Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 663	15

Hunters with Disabilities						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
<u>Mt. Spokane</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-29 and Nov. 6-19</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 124</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Mica Peak</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 127</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Cheney Mule Deer</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Cheney White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Roosevelt Mule Deer</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Roosevelt White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Harrington</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 136</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Steptoe</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 139</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Almota</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 142</u>	<u>5</u>
Washtucna	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	GMUs 139, 142, 284, 381	20
Blue Mtns. Foothills	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 149, 154, 163, Deer Area 1010, 178, 181	20
East Okanogan	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Sinlahekin	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 215	5
Chewuch	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 218	5
Pearygin	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 224	5
Gardner	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 231	5
Pogue	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 239	5
Alta	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Chiwawa	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 245	3
Entiat	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 247	3
Mission	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 251	3

Hunters with Disabilities						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Saint Andrews	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 254	5
Bridgeport	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	5
Palisades	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	5
Beezley	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 272	10
((Ritzville	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 17-27	Antlerless	GMU 284	10))
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Kahlotus	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Nov. 2-8)) <u>Nov. 1-14</u>	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
North Issaquah	Any	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 12-31 and Nov. 14-17)) <u>Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 4541	10
((Green River	Any	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 17-23	Any buck	GMU 485	5))
Lincoln	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 501	2
Mossyrock	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	3
Winston	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	2
Toutle	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 556	3
Washougal	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	2
Olympic	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 621	15
Skokomish	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 636	15
Satsop	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 651	10
Mashel	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 654	10
North River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	5

Hunters with Disabilities						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Oct. 16-31</u>			
Minot Peak	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 660	5
Capitol Peak	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 663	10
Skookumchuck	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 667	10
Fall River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 672	5
Fall River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 672	6
East Okanogan	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Sinlahekin	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 215	5
Gardner	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 231	5
Chiwawa	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 245	3
Entiat	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 247	3
Mission	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 251	3
Saint Andrews	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 254	5
Bridgeport	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	5
Palisades	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	5
Wynoochee	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 648	10
North River	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	3

Hunters with Disabilities						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Capitol Peak	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 663	5
Skookumchuck	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 667	10

Master Hunter - Only master hunters may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt. Additional weapon restrictions may be conditioned by the hunt coordinator for each hunt. For those hunts requiring the purchase of a master hunter second tag, one deer may be killed in the unit under the authorization of the special permit.

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Requirements	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Region 1	Any/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2020– March 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 1	30 ^{HC}
Region 1	Archery/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2020– March 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 1	((20^{HC})) <u>10^{HC}</u>
Region 2	Any/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2020– March 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 2	10 ^{HC}
Region 3	Any/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2020– March 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 3	40 ^{HC}
Region 5	Any/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2020– March 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	5 ^{HC}
Region 6	Any/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((July 1, 2020– March 31, 2021)) <u>July 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	10 ^{HC}

^{HC} This is a damage hunt administered by a WDFW designated hunt coordinator. Successful applicants will be contacted on an as-needed basis to help with specific sites of elk damage on designated landowner's property. Not all successful applicants will be contacted in any given year, depending on elk damage activity for that year.

Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special deer permits will be allocated through a random drawing to those hunter education instructors who qualify. - Permit hunters must use archery equipment during archery seasons, muzzleloader equipment or archery equipment during muzzleloader seasons, and any legal weapon during modern firearm seasons. Hunter orange and/or hunter pink is required during modern firearm seasons. - Except for online class incentive permits and chief instructor incentive permits, qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, inclusive of the year prior to the permit drawing. - Permittees may purchase a second license for use with the permit hunt only. <p>Qualified hunter education instructors may only receive one incentive permit each year.</p>

Area	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
Region 1	All general season and permit seasons established for GMUs included with the permit. Not eligible for seasons and permits for auction hunts; raffle hunts; and hunts for master hunters, youth hunters, hunters with disabilities, or hunters 65 years and older, unless the hunter education instructor legally qualifies for such hunts.	Any white-tailed deer	Any 100 series GMU EXCEPT GMU 157	3
Region 2		Any white-tailed deer	GMUs 204, 215, 233, 239	1
Region 2		Any white-tailed deer	GMUs 218, 224, 231, 242	1
Region 2		Any deer	GMUs 218, 231	1
Region 2		Any deer	GMUs 245, 247	1
Region 2		Any deer	GMU 290	1
Region 3		Any deer	GMUs 335-368	2
Region 4		Any deer	Any 400 series GMU EXCEPT GMUs 485 and 490	4
Region 5		Any deer	All 500 series GMUs EXCEPT GMUs 522 and 578	((4)) <u>3</u>
Region 6		Any deer	Any 600 series GMU	4

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-415-030, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.020. WSR 19-20-078 (Order 19-245), § 220-415-030, filed 9/27/19, effective 10/28/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-415-030, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-030, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-415-030,

filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-359, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-059 (Order 15-98), § 232-28-359, filed 4/30/15, effective 5/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-359, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-359, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-359, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12.]

WAC 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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- Change: Under the quality deer, Chiwawa hunt choice, modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 21 to 19.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under the quality deer, Desert hunt choice, modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 18 to 19.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the quality deer, Naneum hunt choice, modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 15 to 14.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the quality deer, Quilomene hunt choice, modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 18 to 19.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the quality deer, Teanaway hunt choice, modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 27 to 26.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the quality deer, Green River hunt choice, modern firearm, the department changed the season dates from TBD to Nov. 13-19 and permit numbers from TBD to 5.

Rationale: Permit numbers are developed in collaboration with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and managers of the Green River Watershed and those meeting did not occur prior to the CR-102 being filed.

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- Change: Under the quality deer, Naneum hunt choice, archery, the department changed the permit numbers from 6 to 7.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under the quality deer, Teanaway hunt choice, archery, the department changed the permit numbers from 29 to 42.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the quality deer, Teanaway hunt choice, muzzleloader, the department changed the permit numbers from 1 to 3.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under the bucks, Ritzville hunt choice, Modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 9 to 10.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the bucks, Ritzville hunt choice, archery, the department changed the permit numbers from 10 to 11.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under the youth, Green River hunt choice, any, the department changed the hunt dates from TBD to Nov. 13-19 and permit numbers from TBD to 5.

Rationale: Permit numbers are developed in collaboration with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and managers of the Green River Watershed and those meeting did not occur prior to the CR-102 being filed.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.

We received 147 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but three (email/letter) came through our online survey. Twenty of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,820 respondents to our online survey 65% (1,189) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Six comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 13 comments indicated support for specific aspects of the proposal.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 11% (196) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 24% (435) indicated they were neutral. Twelve comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 34 comments indicated opposition to specific aspects of the proposal. There were 25 topics addressed by the other 63 comments.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition or were not directly related during the online survey:

- Expressed concerns about access to private property on islands
- There are too many predators
- Opposed to reducing opportunity in GMUs 127-142
- Should increase opportunities for youth, senior, and disabled hunters
- Opposed to special permits in general
- Should remove all opportunities to harvest antlerless deer

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received no comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing that were specific to deer special permits. However, three commenters testified during the open comment period, with two of them expressing general opposition to hunting, while the other expressed general support.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and common themes not directly related to the proposal and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: Expressed concerns about access to private property on islands

WDFW agrees that access to private property is the main issue limiting our ability to control deer populations on islands in the Puget Sound. Our local District Wildlife Biologists, Private Lands Biologists, and Conflict Staff are continuously striving to

identify creative ways to improve access and will continue to do so. All we can do in the meantime is provide as much opportunity as possible to assist with alleviating the issue.

Comment: There are too many predators

WDFW's Game Management Plan identifies guidelines to determine when a particular population meets the criteria of an "at-risk" ungulate population and whether carnivore management actions are needed to promote recovery. In some areas, populations meet that criteria and we have initiated efforts to determine if carnivore management actions are warranted. In addition, we have liberalized bear and cougar hunting seasons in eastern Washington in response to concerns that carnivore populations are too high.

Comment: Opposed to reducing opportunity in GMUs 127-142

WDFW regulates antlerless harvest relative to the status of deer populations and specific management objectives within a particular area. It is the primary tool used to manage population growth rates. Deer numbers have declined substantially in GMUs 127-142, so we are reducing opportunities to harvest antlerless deer with the objective of promoting an increase in deer numbers. Opportunities will increase after populations have recovered.

Comment: Should increase opportunities for youth, senior, and disabled hunters

Providing opportunities for youth, senior, and disabled hunters is important to WDFW and to our efforts to recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters. Although we attempt to provide as much opportunity as possible for these groups, we also must be mindful of the status of a given population and balancing those opportunities with the opportunities for other user groups. As such, we increase opportunities when we can and decrease opportunities when harvest needs to be reduced.

Comment: Opposed to special permits in general

Special permits allow the department the ability to regulate hunting opportunities that are not sustainable using a general season format. Some examples include opportunities to harvest females, to hunt during the peak breeding season, and to hunt big-game species that occur in low numbers (e.g., bighorn sheep, moose, and mountain goats). Hunters consistently express a desire to have these types of opportunities and a special permit system allows WDFW to do that without having a negative effect on the population.

Comment: Should remove all opportunities to harvest antlerless deer

WDFW regulates doe harvest relative to the status of deer populations and specific management objectives within a particular area. It is the primary tool used to manage population growth rates. For example, in some areas we have substantially reduced or eliminated opportunities to harvest antlerless deer with the objective of increasing the

overall population. In other areas, we maintain modest levels of doe harvest to reduce conflict with private landowners.



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/9/2021

Agenda item:

Elk General Seasons and Special Permits – Decision

Presenter(s):

Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager, Game Division, Wildlife Program

Background summary:

Department staff briefed the Commission on WAC 220-415-050 2021-2023 Elk general seasons and definitions and WAC 220-415-060 2021 Elk special permits.

Staff recommendation:

Recommend adoptions of the rules as presented.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

The changes to the rules above were discussed in the March FWC meeting.

- Maximize recreational elk hunting opportunity
- Continue sustainable hunting seasons for elk
- Balancing opportunity among user groups

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The Department conducted an extensive public involvement process to develop the 2021-2023 hunting season proposals. WDFW held seven virtual public meetings by topic in August and September of 2020, to discuss a variety of issues with constituents. Concurrently, the public was asked to provide input on hunting seasons via the department website for a six-week period. The department emailed over 199,000 hunters notifying them of the website survey and encouraging them to participate. Using that information, the department determined which recommendations would move forward.

Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the March 25-27, 2021 Commission meeting online.

Please see the associated public comment forms.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Recommended adoption of these rules as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to adopt the recommended rule changes as presented by staff.

Is there a “second”?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

Post decision communications plan:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Website

News Release

Hunting Regulation Pamphlet

Form revised 8-4-20

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-415-050 ((~~2018-2020~~)) 2021-2023 **Elk general seasons and definitions.** It is unlawful to fail to comply with bag, possession, and season limits described below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410 Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

Bag Limit: One (1) elk per hunter during the license year, except where otherwise permitted by department rule. Any combination of seasons, tags, and permits set by the department will not exceed a maximum of two (2) elk per hunter during the license year.

Hunting Method: Elk hunters must select only one of the hunting methods: Modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader.

Elk Tag Areas: Elk hunters must choose either Eastern or Western Washington to hunt in and buy the appropriate tag for that area.

Any Bull Elk Seasons: Open only to the taking of elk with visible antlers; bull calves are illegal.

Antler Point: To qualify as an antler point, the point must be at least one inch long, measured on the longest side.

Branch: A branch is defined as any projection off the main antler beam that is at least one inch long, measured on the longest side, and longer than it is wide.

Spike Bull Antler Restrictions: Bull elk taken in spike-only game management units (GMUs) must have at least one antler with no branches originating more than 4 inches above where the antler attaches to the skull.

~~((Spike-only GMUs: 145-154, 162-186, 249, and 336-368.))~~

True Spike ((-)) Bull Antler Restrictions: Neither antler of bull elk taken ~~((in GMUs 251, and 328-335))~~ can have branching originating more than 4 inches above where the antlers attach to the skull. Under the true-spike restriction, taking an elk that has two points on one side or antler points within one inch of the definitions regarding length of point, or point of origination, is an infraction under RCW 77.15.160. All other types of violations of the true-spike restriction are subject to current penalties and assessments under RCW 77.15.410 and 77.15.420.

~~((True-spike GMUs: 251, 328-335.))~~

3-point Antler Restrictions: Legal bull elk must have at least 3 antler points on one side. Eye guards are antler points when they are

at least one inch long. Antler restrictions apply to all hunters during any open season.

~~((3-point GMUs: All of Western Washington, except for GMUs 448, 454, 564, 652 for archers, 666, 684, and Elk Area 4941.))~~

Permit-only Units: The following GMUs are closed to elk hunting during general elk seasons: 157, ~~((371,))~~ 418, 437, 485, 522, 556, 621, 636, and 653.

GMUs Closed to Elk Hunting: ~~((437 (except for Elk Area 4941) and))~~
490.

~~((Areas with Special Restrictions: There are modern firearm restrictions in GMU 334 and portions of GMU 660. GMU 554 is open only for early archery and muzzleloader seasons. Elk Area 6064 in GMU 638 (Quinalt) is open to master hunters only.))~~

Elk Tag Areas

Eastern Washington: All 100, 200, and 300 GMUs.

EA - Eastern Washington Archery Tag

EF - Eastern Washington Modern Firearm ~~((General-Elk))~~ Tag

EM - Eastern Washington Muzzleloader Tag

Western Washington: All 400, 500, and 600 GMUs.

WA - Western Washington Archery Tag

WF - Western Washington Modern Firearm (~~(General Elk)~~) Tag

WM - Western Washington Muzzleloader Tag

Modern Firearm General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: A valid modern firearm elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: May use modern firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or muzzleloader, but only during modern firearm seasons.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Legal Elk
Eastern Washington	EF	101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, 121, 204	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	((Oct. 26 - Nov. 3)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 28 - Nov. 5</u>	Any bull
		145 through 154, 162 through ((169, 172 (except Elk Area 1040), 175 through)) 186, 249, 336 through 368	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	((Oct. 26 - Nov. 3)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 28 - Nov. 5</u>	Spike bull
		251, 328, 329, 334, 335	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	((Oct. 26 - Nov. 3)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 28 - Nov. 5</u>	True spike bull
		Elk Area 3722 ((*))	((Sept. 8-23)) <u>Sept. 11-26</u>	((Sept. 7-22)) <u>Sept. 10-25</u>	((Sept. 12-27)) <u>Sept. 9-24</u>	Antlerless only
		124 through 142, 372, 382, 388	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	((Oct. 26 - Nov. 3)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 28 - Nov. 5</u>	Any elk
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 15)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 15</u>	((Oct. 26 - Nov. 15)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 15</u>	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 15)) <u>Oct. 28 - Nov. 15</u>	Any elk
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Areas 3911 and 3912. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, ((2019)) 2022	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, ((2020)) 2023	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, ((2021)) 2024	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 371. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	<u>Aug. 1-31</u>	<u>Aug. 1-31</u>	((Aug. 1 - Oct. 15)) <u>Aug. 1-31</u>	Antlerless only

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Legal Elk
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
((*GMU 372 and Elk Area 3722 are mainly private property. Hunters are not advised to try hunting these areas without making prior arrangements for access.))						
Western Washington	WF	460, 466, 448, 503, 505 through 520, 524 ((except-CLOSED in Elk Area 5066)) , 530, 550, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, 601 through 618, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627, 633, 638 (except master hunters only in Elk Area 6064 portion of GMU 638), 642 through 651, 652 (except for Elk Area 6014), 654, 658, 660, 667 through 684.	((Nov. 3-14)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	((Nov. 2-13)) <u>Nov. 5-16</u>	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 4-15</u>	3 pt. min.
		501, 504, 663, Elk Areas 4601 and 6014	((Nov. 3-14)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	((Nov. 2-13)) <u>Nov. 5-16</u>	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 4-15</u>	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		407, ((448,)) 564, 666	((Nov. 3-14)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	((Nov. 2-13)) <u>Nov. 5-16</u>	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 4-15</u>	Any elk
		454	((Nov. 3-14)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	((Nov. 2-13)) <u>Nov. 5-16</u>	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 4-15</u>	Any bull

Archery General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: A valid archery elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Bow and arrow only, as defined under WAC 220-414-070.

Special Notes: Archery tag holders can hunt only during archery seasons and must hunt with archery equipment (WAC 220-414-070).

Archery elk hunters may apply for special bull permits. Please see permit table for tag eligibility for all elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Archery General Elk Seasons						

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Legal Elk
Eastern Washington	EA	101 through 142, 204, 243, 247, 249, 250, <u>272, 278, 284, 290, 373, 379, 381, 382 (except Deer Area 5382), 388</u>	((Sept. 8-20)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	((Sept. 7-19)) <u>Sept. 10-22</u>	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 9-21</u>	Any elk
		162, 166, 169, 172 ((except Elk Area 4040)), 175, 186, <u>251, 328, 329, 336, 340, 352, 356, 364</u>	((Sept. 8-20)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	((Sept. 7-19)) <u>Sept. 10-22</u>	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 9-21</u>	Spike bull
		((<u>328, 329</u>	<u>Sept. 8-20</u>	<u>Sept. 7-19</u>	<u>Sept. 12-24</u>	True spike bull
		<u>334, 335</u>	<u>Sept. 8-20</u>	<u>Sept. 7-19</u>	<u>Sept. 12-24</u>	True spike bull or antlerless)
		145, 149, 154, ((Elk Area 4010, Elk Area 4013,)) 163, 178, 181, <u>334, 335, 371</u>	((Sept. 8-20)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	((Sept. 7-19)) <u>Sept. 10-22</u>	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 9-21</u>	Spike bull or antlerless
		<u>Master Hunters Only: 371. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.</u>	<u>Aug. 1-31</u>	<u>Aug. 1-31</u>	<u>Aug. 1-31</u>	<u>Antlerless only</u>
Western Washington	WA	407, ((448,)) 454, 564, 666, 684, Elk Area 6014	((Sept. 8-20)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	((Sept. 7-19)) <u>Sept. 10-22</u>	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 9-21</u>	Any elk
		Elk Area 4601, 501 through 505, 520, 550, 554, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, Elk Area 6061, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless), 654, 660, 663, 667 through 673, 681, 699	((Sept. 8-20)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	((Sept. 7-19)) <u>Sept. 10-22</u>	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 9-21</u>	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		<u>448, 460, 466, 506, 510, 513, 516, 524 ((except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066))</u> , 530, 601 through 618, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627, 633, 638 (except Master Hunters only in Elk Area 6064), 642 through 651, 658	((Sept. 8-20)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	((Sept. 7-19)) <u>Sept. 10-22</u>	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 9-21</u>	3 pt. min.
Late Archery General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EA	101, 105, 108, 117, 121, 204	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any bull
		124, 127, 373, <u>382, 388</u>	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any elk
		178	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Antlerless only
		(((Elk Area 4010,)) 163	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, ((2019)) <u>2022</u>	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, ((2020)) <u>2023</u>	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, ((2021)) <u>2024</u>	Antlerless only
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 379, 381. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 15)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 15</u>	((Oct. 26 - Nov. 15)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 15</u>	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 15)) <u>Oct. 28 - Nov. 15</u>	Any elk
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Areas 3911 and 3912. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, ((2019)) <u>2022</u>	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, ((2020)) <u>2023</u>	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, ((2021)) <u>2024</u>	Antlerless only

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Legal Elk
		((Master Hunters Only: 371. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.))			Aug. 1 - Oct. 15	Antlerless only))
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
		334, 335	((Nov. 21 - Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	((Nov. 27 - Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 8</u>	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 8</u>	((True)) Spike bull or antlerless
		249, 251, 336, 342, 346, 352, 364, Elk Area 3681	((Nov. 21 - Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	((Nov. 27 - Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 8</u>	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 8</u>	Spike bull
Western Washington	WA	Elk Area 4601, 503, 505, 506, 530, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless), 663, 667, 672, 681, and 699. Master hunters only in Elk Area 6064 portion of GMU 638	((Nov. 21 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 15</u>	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		407	((Nov. 21 - Jan 20, 2019)) <u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27 - Jan 20, 2020)) <u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25 - Jan 20, 2021)) <u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 15</u>	Any elk
		((448,)) 454, 564, 666, Elk Area 6014	((Nov. 21 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 15</u>	Any elk
		448, 603, 612, 615, 638 (except for Elk Area 6064), 648	((Nov. 21 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 15</u>	3 pt. min.
		((*GMU 372 and Elk Area 3722 are mainly private property. Hunters are not advised to try hunting these areas without making prior arrangements for access.))				

Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: A valid muzzleloader elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Muzzleloader, as defined under WAC 220-414-060, or bow and arrow, as defined under WAC 220-414-070.

Special Notes: Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during the muzzleloader seasons. Only hunters with tags identified in the Special Elk Permits tables may apply for special elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	101 through 121, 204, 247	((Oct. 6-12)) Oct. 2-8	((Oct. 5-11)) Oct. 1-7	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 7-13	Any bull
		124 through 142, 245, 250, 272, 278, 284, 290, 379	((Oct. 6-12)) Oct. 2-8	((Oct. 5-11)) Oct. 1-7	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 7-13	Any elk
		145, 149, 154, 162, 163, 166, 172 ((except Elk Area 1040)), 175, 178, 181, 336 through 342, 352 through 368	((Oct. 6-12)) Oct. 2-8	((Oct. 5-11)) Oct. 1-7	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 7-13	Spike bull
		249, 251, 328, 329, 334, 335, Elk Area 2051	((Oct. 6-12)) Oct. 2-8	((Oct. 5-11)) Oct. 1-7	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 7-13	True spike bull
		<u>Master Hunters Only: 371. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.</u>	<u>Aug. 1-31</u>	<u>Aug. 1-31</u>	<u>Aug. 1-31</u>	<u>Antlerless only</u>
Western Washington	WM	407, ((448;)) 454, 564, 666, 684	((Oct. 6-12)) Oct. 2-8	((Oct. 5-11)) Oct. 1-7	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 7-13	Any elk
		448, 460, 466, 506, 510, 513, 516, 520, 524 ((except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066)), 530, 550, 554, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, 602, 603, 607, 612, 615, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627, 633, 638 (except for Elk Area 6064), 642, 648, 660, 672, 673, 681	((Oct. 6-12)) Oct. 2-8	((Oct. 5-11)) Oct. 1-7	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 7-13	3 pt. min.
		501, 503, 504, 505, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless), Elk Area 6014, 654, 663, 667, Elk Area 4601	((Oct. 6-12)) Oct. 2-8	((Oct. 5-11)) Oct. 1-7	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 7-13	3 pt. min. or antlerless
Late Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	130 through 142	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any elk
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 15)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 15	((Oct. 26 - Nov. 15)) Oct. 29 - Nov. 15	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 15)) Oct. 28 - Nov. 15	Any elk
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Areas 3911 and 3912. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, ((2019)) 2022	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, ((2020)) 2023	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, ((2021)) 2024	Antlerless only
		((Master Hunters Only: 371. Must wear			Aug. 1 - Oct. 15	Antlerless only))

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Legal Elk
		hunter orange and/or hunter pink.				
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
Western Washington	WM	407	((Nov. 21–Jan. 20, 2019)) <u>Dec. 16-31</u>	((Nov. 27–Jan. 20, 2020)) <u>Dec. 16-31</u>	((Nov. 25–Jan. 20, 2021)) <u>Dec. 16-31</u>	Any elk
		Elk Area 4601, 501, 503, 504, 505, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless), 667	((Nov. 21–Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	((Nov. 27–Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 8</u>	((Nov. 25–Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 8</u>	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		((578))			<u>Nov. 25-30</u>	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		578			<u>Dec. 1-8</u>	3 pt. min.))
		((448)) 454, 564, 666, 684, Elk Area 6014	((Nov. 21–Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27–Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25–Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 15</u>	Any elk
		568, 574, <u>578</u>	((Nov. 21–30)) <u>Nov. 24-30</u>	((Nov. 27–30)) <u>Nov. 23-30</u>	((Nov. 25–30)) <u>Nov. 22-30</u>	3 pt. min.
		<u>448</u> , 601, 618, 651, 658	((Nov. 21–Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27–Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25–Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 15</u>	3 pt. min.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-415-050, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.020. WSR 19-20-078 (Order 19-245), § 220-415-050, filed 9/27/19, effective 10/28/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-415-050, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and

77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-050, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-415-050, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-358, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-059 (Order 15-98), § 232-28-358, filed 4/30/15, effective 5/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-358, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-358, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-358, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12.]

WAC 220-415-050 2021-2023 Elk general seasons and definitions.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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- Change: Under late archery general elk seasons, eastern Washington, added GMU 382, any elk.

Rationale: The intent of the Department's original proposal was to open GMU 382 during both the early and late general archery seasons and that is how we presented it to the public. This adjustment corrects a clerical error that resulted in GMU 382 not being included in the original proposal.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-415-050 Elk general seasons.

We received 234 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but six (email/letter) came through our online survey. Twenty-three of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,753 respondents to our online survey 68% (1,185) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Five comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 44 comments indicated support for specific aspects of the proposal.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 13% (236) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 19% (334) indicated they were neutral. Nine comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 86 comments indicated opposition to specific aspects of the proposal.

Sixty-three other comments were not directly related to proposed changes and most advocated for more opportunity related to their specific area of interest (e.g., user group, weapon type, area, etc.).

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition or were not directly related to proposed changes:

- True-spike should be removed for all weapon types
- There are too many predators
- Concerns about tribal hunting
- Opposed to reducing Master Hunter opportunities in GMU 371
- Need to increase opportunity
- Opposed to removing the general muzzleloader season in GMU 578

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

Two commentors testified during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing. One commenter expressed support for splitting the archery and muzzleloader seasons in GMU 407 and support for opening GMU 437 to elk hunting. The other commenter expressed support for incentivizing hunters to harvest elk that have hoof disease. Three commentors also testified during the open comment period, with two of them expressing general opposition to hunting, while the other expressed general support.

The Department also received two written communications after the formal public comment period or following the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing. One comment expressed opposition to shortening the late Master Hunter general season for elk in GMU 371 and the other comment advocated for not hunting elk on the Olympic Peninsula until the herd reached the population objective.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and common themes not directly related to the proposal and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: True-spike should be removed for all weapon types

Recruitment of spikes into the branch-antlered class was too low and WDFW was consistently unable to meet our bull-to-cow objectives in the Colockum until we implemented the true-spike regulation. Ratios were consistently in the single digits. Removing the true-spike restriction for archery hunters is not likely to result in a substantially higher harvest of spike bulls, but that is not likely to be the cause for other weapons types, especially modern firearm. Moreover, WDFW removed the restriction to offset some of the opportunity lost when we removed general season opportunities for archery hunters to harvest antlerless elk.

Comment: There are too many predators

WDFW's Game Management Plan identifies guidelines to determine when a particular population meets the criteria of an "at-risk" ungulate population and whether carnivore management actions are needed to promote recovery. In some areas, populations meet that criteria and we have initiated efforts to determine if carnivore management actions are warranted. In addition, we have liberalized bear and cougar hunting seasons in eastern Washington in response to concerns that carnivore populations are too high.

Comment: Concerns about tribal hunting

WDFW does not regulate tribal hunting. The 24 tribes that have off-reservation hunting rights in Washington set their own hunting regulations for their tribal members. Those tribes can allow members to hunt on open and unclaimed land within their ceded area or within an area proven to have been traditionally used by the tribe.

Comment: Opposed to reducing Master Hunter opportunities in GMU 371

Master Hunter opportunities were established in GMU 371 to mitigate conflicts with private landowners that live adjacent to this area. WDFW believes we can continue to mitigate those conflicts mostly using general hunters. Establishing more opportunities for general hunters in GMU 371 will also offset some of the opportunity that has been lost since we have had to reduce opportunities given recent declines in the Colockum and Yakima elk herds.

Comment: Need to increase opportunity

WDFW establishes opportunities that we believe are sustainable relative to the status of elk populations and maximize hunter opportunity. Our proposed changes are reflective of that policy.

Comment: Opposed to removing the general muzzleloader season in GMU 578

The opportunities Master Hunters had to harvest antlerless elk in GMU 578 were historically limited to special permit opportunities. As concerns related to conflict with private landowners increased, WDFW shifted those opportunities to the late general season. However, that general season opportunity resulted in more cow harvest than was initially anticipated and at levels that was not sustainable. It is not our objective to substantially reduce elk numbers in GMU 578 which would likely happen if we retained the general season opportunity.

@AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-415-060 ((2020)) 2021 Elk special permits. It is unlawful to fail to comply with the bag, possession, and season limits described below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410 Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

Special Elk Permit Hunting Seasons (Open to Permit Holders Only)

Hunters must purchase an elk hunting license prior to purchasing a permit application. Hunters may only apply for permits consistent with the tag required for the hunt choice; however, Multiple Season Permit holders may apply for Eastern or Western Washington archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm permit hunts. Applicants must have purchased the proper tag for these hunts. The elk tag prefixes required to apply for each hunt are shown in the following table. Hunters drawn for a special permit hunt must comply with weapon restrictions, dates, and other conditions listed for the hunt. Hunters drawn for a special permit designated "**Any tag**" under the "**Weapon/Tag**" restriction must use equipment consistent with the requirements of their transport tag and license.

Bag Limit: One (1) elk per hunter during the license year except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one elk hunt category. Any combination of seasons, tags, and permits set by the department will not exceed a maximum of two (2) elk per hunter during the license year.

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	EA, EF, EM	Any	((Oct. 3-12 and Nov. 14-Dec. 3)) Oct. 2-11 and Nov. 13 - Dec. 2	Any bull	Elk Area 1015	1
Prescott	EF	Any	((Oct. 26-Nov. 8)) Oct. 25 - Nov. 7	Any bull	GMU 149	2
Blue Creek	EF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 27 - Oct. 1	Any bull	GMU 154	1
Blue Creek	EF	Any	((Oct. 26-Nov. 8)) Oct. 25 - Nov. 7	Any bull	GMU 154	89
Watershed	EA, EF, EM	Any	((Oct. 31-Nov. 8)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	3 pt. min.	GMU 157	25
Dayton	EF	Any	((Oct. 26-Nov. 8)) Oct. 25 - Nov. 7	Any bull	GMU 162, 163	2
((Ten-Ten	EF	Any	Sept. 21-25	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	4
Ten-Ten	EF	Any	Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	4))
Tucannon	EF	Any	((Oct. 26-Nov. 8)) Oct. 25 - Nov. 7	Any bull	GMU 166	5
Wenaha West	EF	Any	((Oct. 26-Nov. 8)) Oct. 25 - Nov. 7	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	5
Wenaha East	EF	Any	((Oct. 26-Nov. 8)) Oct. 25 - Nov. 7	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	4
Mountain View	EF	Any	((Oct. 26-Nov. 8)) Oct. 25 - Nov. 7	Any bull	GMU 172 ((, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040))	59
((Ten-Forty	EF	Any	Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	4))

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Lick Creek	EF	Any	((Oct. 26 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMU 175	<u>21</u>
Peola	EF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) <u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 1</u>	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	1
Peola	EF	Any	((Oct. 26 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	2
Couse	EF	Any	((Oct. 26 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMU 181	5
Mission	EF	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 2)) <u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 1</u>	Any bull	GMU 251	4
Colockum	EF	Any	((Sept. 28 - Oct. 2)) <u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 1</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	1
Colockum	EF	Any	((Oct. 21 - Nov. 3)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	<u>2322</u>
Teanaway	EF	Any	((Sept. 28 - Oct. 2)) <u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 1</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	2
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	((Sept. 28 - Oct. 2)) <u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 1</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	2
Observatory	EF	Any	((Sept. 28 - Oct. 2)) <u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 1</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	2
Little Naches	EF	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 346	3
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	((Sept. 28 - Oct. 2)) <u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 1</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	2
Bethel	EF	Any	((Sept. 28 - Oct. 2)) <u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 1</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	2
Rimrock	EF	Any	((Sept. 28 - Oct. 2)) <u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 1</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	2
Cowiche	EF	Any	((Sept. 28 - Oct. 2)) <u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 1</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	2
Alkali	EF	Any	<u>Oct. 16 - Nov. 5</u>	Any bull	<u>GMUs 334, 371</u>	<u>25</u>
Nooksack	WF	Any	((Oct. 3-29 and Dec. 14-29)) <u>Oct. 2-28 and Dec. 13-28</u>	Any bull	GMU 418	13

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Green River	WF, WA, WM	Any	((Oct. 17-23)) FBD Nov. 13-19	Any bull	GMU 485	((40)) FBD 10
Wahkiakum	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	GMUs 506, 530	1
South Rainier	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	GMUs 510, 513	1
Packwood	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	GMU 516	1
Winston	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	GMU 520	1
Coweeman	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	GMU 550	1
Toutle	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25 and Nov. 7-18)) Sept. 20-24 and Nov. 6- 17	Any bull	GMU 556	2
Toutle	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) Nov. 6-17	Any bull	GMU 556	((26)) 2731
Lewis River	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	GMU 560	2
Siouxon	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	GMU 572	2
Carlton	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	Elk Area 5057	5
West Goat Rocks	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	Elk Area 5058	5
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	1
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
Mt. Adams	WF	Any	((Sept. 21-25)) Sept. 20-24	Any bull	Elk Area 5059	5
Mudflow	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) Nov. 6-17	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WF	Any	((Sept. 26-30)) Sept. 25-29	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 603, 607, 612, 615	4
Matheny	WF	Any	((Sept. 26-30)) Sept. 25-29	3 pt. min.	GMU 618	3
Quinault	WF	Any	((Sept. 26-30)) Sept. 25-29	3 pt. min.	GMU 638	((5)) 4
Wynoochee	WF	Any	((Sept. 26-30)) Sept. 25-29	3 pt. min.	GMU 648	1
White River	WF	Any	((Sept. 26-30)) Sept. 25-29	Any bull	GMU 653	2
Prescott	EA	Any	((Sept. 1-19)) Sept. 6-23	Any bull	GMU 149	1

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Blue Creek	EA	Any	((Sept. 1-19)) <u>Sept. 6-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 154	54
Dayton	EA	Any	((Sept. 1-19)) <u>Sept. 6-23</u>	Any bull	GMUs 162, 163	1
((Ten Ten	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	3))
Tucannon	EA	Any	((Sept. 1-19)) <u>Sept. 6-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 166	2
Wenaha West	EA	Any	((Sept. 1-19)) <u>Sept. 6-23</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	2
Wenaha East	EA	Any	((Sept. 1-19)) <u>Sept. 6-23</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	2
Mountain View	EA	Any	((Sept. 1-19)) <u>Sept. 6-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 172 ((, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040))	47
((Ten Forty	EA	Any	Sept. 9-20	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	2))
Lick Creek	EA	Any	((Sept. 1-19)) <u>Sept. 6-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 175	2
Peola	EA	Any	((Sept. 1-19)) <u>Sept. 6-23</u>	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	3
Couse	EA	Any	((Sept. 1-19)) <u>Sept. 6-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 181	2
Colockum	EA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	15
Teanaway	EA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	2
Peaches Ridge	EA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	102
Observatory	EA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	1918
Goose Prairie	EA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	65
Bethel	EA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	78
Rimrock	EA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	2018
Cowiche	EA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	64
Alkali	EA	Any	Sept. 1-24	Any elk	GMUs 334, 371	40
Nooksack	WA	Any	((Aug. 24 - Sept. 12 and Jan. 1-19, 2021)) <u>Aug. 23 - Sept. 11 and Jan. 1-19, 2022</u>	Any bull	GMU 418	8
Toutle	WA	Any	((Sept. 12-24 and Dec. 1-15)) <u>Sept. 11-23 and Dec. 1- 15</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	((20)) 21
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	((Sept. 13-19))	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	1

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Sept. 12-18</u>			
Norway Pass	WA	Any	((Sept. 5-11)) <u>Sept. 4-10</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
Mudflow	WA	Any	((Sept. 12-19 and Nov. 19-23)) <u>Sept. 11-18 and Nov. 18-22</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WA	Any	((Sept. 1-24)) <u>Sept. 1-23</u>	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 603, 607, 612, 615	2
White River	WA	Any	((Sept. 12-24 and Nov. 28-Dec. 13)) <u>Sept. 11-23 and Nov. 27-Dec. 12</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	4 19
Prescott	EM	Any	((Sept. 28-Oct. 9)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 149	1
Blue Creek	EM	Any	((Sept. 28-Oct. 9)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 154	2
Dayton	EM	Any	((Sept. 28-Oct. 9)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 162, <u>163</u>	1
((Ten Ten))	EM	Any	Sept. 28-Oct. 9	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	1))
Tucannon	EM	Any	((Sept. 28-Oct. 9)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 166	1
Wenaha West	EM	Any	((Sept. 28-Oct. 9)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	1
Wenaha East	EM	Any	((Sept. 28-Oct. 9)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	1
Mountain View	EM	Any	((Sept. 28-Oct. 9)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 172, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040	2 4
((Ten Forty))	EM	Any	Sept. 28-Oct. 9	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	2))
Lick Creek	EM	Any	((Sept. 28-Oct. 9)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 175	1
Peola	EM	Any	((Sept. 28-Oct. 9)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	1
Couse	EM	Any	((Sept. 28-Oct. 9)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 181	1
Mission	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 251	4

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Colockum	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	7
Teanaway	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	1
Peaches Ridge	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	4
Observatory	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	6 5
Goose Prairie	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	2
Bethel	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	2
Rimrock	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	4 5
Cowiche	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	2 1
<u>Alkali</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 15</u>	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>GMUs 334, 371</u>	<u>10</u>
Nooksack	WM	Any	((Sept. 19-30 and Nov. 14-23, and Nov. 29-Dec. 6)) <u>Sept. 18-29 and Nov. 13-22, and Nov. 28 - Dec. 5</u>	Any bull	GMU 418	8
Toutle	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) <u>Oct. 2-8</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	((9)) 11
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	((Sept. 13-19)) <u>Sept. 12-18</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WM	Any	((Sept. 13-19)) <u>Sept. 12-18</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
Mudflow	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-13)) <u>Oct. 2-12</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WM	Any	((Sept. 26-Oct. 2)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 1</u>	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 603, 607, 612, 615	2

Bulls						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	EF	Any	((Dec. 8-13)) <u>Dec. 7-12</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
((Ten-Forty))	EF	Any	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	2))
Grande Ronde	EF	Any	((Oct. 26-Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Mission	EF	Any	((Oct. 26-Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMU 251	4
<u>Peshastin</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Feb. 8-17, 2022</u>	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>Elk Area 2033</u>	<u>4</u>

Bulls						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Teanaway	EF	Any	((Oct. 26–Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	4
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	((Oct. 26–Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	15
Observatory	EF	Any	((Oct. 26–Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	4 15
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	((Oct. 26–Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	7
Bethel	EF	Any	((Oct. 26–Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	7
Rimrock	EF	Any	((Oct. 26–Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	33
Cowiche	EF	Any	((Oct. 26–Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	5 4
((Alkali	EF	Any	Oct. 12-30	Any bull	GMUs 334, 371	45))
((Skagit River)) Sauk	WF	Any	((Oct. 3–Nov. 5)) <u>Oct. 2 - Nov. 4</u>	Any bull	((Elk Area 4941)) <u>GMU 437</u>	6
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	1
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	3
Olympic	WF	Any	((Nov. 1-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	5 8
Skokomish	WF	Any	((Nov. 1-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	2 4
White River	WF	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. 11)) <u>Oct. 16 - Nov. 10</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	35 45
Turnbull	EA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
((Ten-Forty	EA	Any	Sept. 1-8	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	2))
Grande Ronde	EA	Any	((Sept. 1-19)) <u>Sept. 6-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
((Alkali	EA	Any	Sept. 1-20	Any Elk	GMUs 334, 371	40))
((Skagit River)) Sauk	WA	Any	((Aug. 24–Sept. 12 and Jan. 1-7, 2021)) <u>Aug. 23 - Sept. 11 and Jan. 1-7, 2022</u>	Any bull	((Elk Area 4941)) <u>GMU 437</u>	9
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2

Bulls						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Mount Whittier	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	3
Lewis River	WA	Any	((Nov. 25–Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 560	5
Siouxon	WA	Any	((Nov. 25–Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 572	5
Olympic	WA	Any	((Sept. 1-24)) <u>Sept. 1-23 and Dec. 1-15</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT Elk Area 6071	14
Skokomish	WA	Any	((Sept. 1-24)) <u>Sept. 1-23 and Dec. 1-15</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	13
Turnbull	EM	Any	((Nov. 28–Dec. 3)) <u>Nov. 27 - Dec. 2</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
((Ten-Forty))	EM	Any	<u>Oct. 3-9</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	2))
Grande Ronde	EM	Any	((Sept. 28–Oct. 9)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
((Alkali))	EM	Any	<u>Sept. 21–Oct. 11</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 371	15))
((Skagit River)) <u>Sauk</u>	WM	Any	((Sept. 19-30 and Nov. 30–Dec. 9 and Jan. 9-20, 2021)) <u>Sept. 18-29 and Nov. 29 - Dec. 8 and Jan. 8-19, 2022</u>	Any bull	((Elk Area 4941)) <u>GMU 437</u>	6
Upper Smith Creek	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	3
Yale	WM	Any	((Nov. 25–Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 554	((15)) <u>5</u>
Olympic	WM	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 9)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 8</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	23
Skokomish	WM	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 9)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 8</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	1
White River	WM	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 9)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 8</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	79
Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
North Half	EF	Any	((Oct. 31–Nov. 8))	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>			
Douglas	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 108	5
Aladdin	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	10
Selkirk	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	10
49 Degrees North	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	10
Huckleberry	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 121	10
Turnbull	EF	Any	((Nov. 14-19)) <u>Nov. 13-18</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Turnbull	EF	Any	((Dec. 8-13)) <u>Dec. 7-12</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	((Oct. 17-25)) <u>Oct. 16-24</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	10
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	((20)) <u>10</u>
Prescott	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	20
Blue Creek	EF	Any	((Oct. 17-25)) <u>Oct. 16-24</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	5
Blue Creek	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	5
Marengo	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 163	10
Mountain View	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	((40)) <u>5</u>
Couse	EF	Any	((Oct. 17-25)) <u>Oct. 16-24</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	((15)) <u>10</u>
Couse	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 13)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	((30)) <u>25</u>
Malaga	EF	Any	((Sept. 7-18)) <u>Sept. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	20

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Malaga	EF	Any	((Nov. 3 – Dec. 31)) <u>Nov. 1 - Dec. 31</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	55
<u>Peshastin</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Dec. 15, 2021 - Feb. 8, 2022</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 2033</u>	<u>20</u>
Colockum	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Nov. 3-7</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	((50)) <u>4050</u>
((West Bar))	<u>EF</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 31 – Nov. 3</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 330</u>	<u>5</u>))
West Bar	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Nov. 3-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
Teanaway	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 335	25
Taneum	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Nov. 3-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 336	((25)) <u>20</u>
Manastash	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Nov. 3-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 340	((25)) <u>20</u>
Umtanum	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Nov. 3-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 342	((25)) <u>20</u>
Little Naches	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Nov. 3-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 346	((30)) <u>20</u>
Nile	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Nov. 3-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 352	10
Bumping	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Nov. 3-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 356	15
Bethel	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Nov. 3-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 360	10
Rimrock	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Nov. 3-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 364	15
Cowiche	EF	Any	((Nov. 4-8)) <u>Nov. 3-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 368	15
Alkali <u>A</u>	EF	Any	((Oct. 12-30)) <u>Oct. 16 - Nov. 5</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	((25)) <u>45</u>
((North Bend))	<u>WF</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 4604</u>	<u>5</u>))
<u>Alkali B</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Nov. 6-24</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 371</u>	<u>45</u>
Green River	WF, WA, WM	Any	((Oct. 17-23)) <u>FBD Nov. 13-19</u>	Antlerless	GMU 485	((42)) <u>FBD 12</u>
Mossyrock	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	20
Willapa Hills	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 506	20
Winston	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	10
Margaret	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 524 ((except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066))	5
Ryderwood	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	15

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Coweeman	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	10
Toutle	WF	Any	Nov. 20-30	Antlerless	GMU 556	5
Lewis River	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	15
Washougal	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	10
Siouxon	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 572	10
Wind River	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	15
West Klickitat	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 578	30
Norway Pass	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	3
Mudflow	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	3
Mallis	WF	Any	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Mallis	WF	Any	Jan. 1-20, ((2021)) <u>2022</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	20
Puyallup	WF	Any	Jan. 1-20, ((2021)) <u>2022</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Puyallup	WF	Any	Jan. 21 - Feb. 10, ((2021)) <u>2022</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Puyallup	WF	Any	Feb. 11-28, ((2021)) <u>2022</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
<u>Joyce</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Dec. 16-31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 6030</u>	<u>5</u>
Hanaford	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Williams Creek	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 673	50
Long Beach	WF	Any	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 684	((6)) 4
Turnbull	EA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	12
Malaga	EA	Any	((Aug. 30 - Sept. 5)) <u>Aug. 29 - Sept. 4</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	20
<u>Colockum</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 11-23</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 328, 329</u>	<u>75</u>
<u>Colockum</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 328</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Taneum</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 11-23</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 336</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>Manastash</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 11-23</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 340</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>Umtanum</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 342</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>Nile</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 11-23</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 352</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Bumping</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 11-23</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 356</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Rimrock</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 11-23</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 364</u>	<u>60</u>
<u>Cowiche</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 3681</u>	<u>50</u>

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Margaret	WA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) Sept. 11-23 and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 524 ((except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066))	5
Toutle	WA	Any	((Sept. 12-24)) Sept. 11-23 and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 556	10
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	3
Mudflow	WA	Any	((Sept. 5-11 and Nov. 19-23)) Sept. 4-10 and Nov. 18-22	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	5
Lewis River	WA	Any	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Siouxon	WA	Any	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 572	3
Wynoochee	WA	Any	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 15)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 648	((400)) 95
North Half	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Douglas	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMU 108	5
Aladdin	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMU 111	10
Selkirk	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMU 113	10
49 Degrees North	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8 and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	20
Huckleberry	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8 and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 121	10
Turnbull	EM	Any	((Nov. 28 - Dec. 3)) Nov. 27 - Dec. 2	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	8
Turnbull	EM	Any	((Dec. 15-20)) Dec. 14-19	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	8
Blue Creek	EM	Any	Dec. 9, ((2020)) 2021 - Jan. 20, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	GMU 154	15
Mountain View	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	((20)) 5
Mayview-Peola	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	((20)) 10
Couse	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	10

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Couse	EM	Any	Dec. 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Jan. 20, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081 and Elk Area 1075	35
Malaga	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	45
Colockum	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) Oct. 2-10	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	35
((West Bar	EM	Any	Oct. 3-11	Antlerless	GMU 330	5))
Teanaway	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) Oct. 2-10	Antlerless	GMU 335	20
Taneum	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) Oct. 2-10	Antlerless	GMU 336	20
Manastash	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) Oct. 2-10	Antlerless	GMU 340	20
Umtanum	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) Oct. 2-10	Antlerless	GMU 342	20
Nile	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) Oct. 2-10	Antlerless	GMU 352	10
Bumping	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) Oct. 2-10	Antlerless	GMU 356	10
Bethel	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) Oct. 2-10	Antlerless	GMU 360	10
Cowiche	EM	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) Oct. 2-10	Antlerless	GMU 368	10
Alkali	EM	Any	((Sept. 21 - Oct. 11)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 15	Antlerless	GMU 371	((20)) 45
Willapa Hills	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMU 506	15
Mudflow	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-13)) Oct. 2-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	4
Winston	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMU 520	5
Margaret	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMU 524 ((except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066))	5
Ryderwood	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMU 530	10
Coweeman	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMU 550	10
Yale	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMU 554	((10)) 5
Yale	WM	Any	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 15)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 554	((10)) 5
Toutle	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMU 556	10

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Lewis River	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) <u>Oct. 2-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Washougal	WM	Any	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	10
Siouxon	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) <u>Oct. 2-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 572	5
Wind River	WM	Any	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	20
<u>West Klickitat</u>	<u>WM</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 578</u>	<u>75</u>
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	2
Mallis	WM	Any	((Oct. 3-9)) <u>Oct. 2-8</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Mashel	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, ((2021)) <u>2022</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6054	20
North River	WM	Any	((Nov. 19 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	20
Forks (*)	WF, WM, WA	Any	Jan. 1-31, ((2021)) <u>2022</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6612	20*

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	EF	Youth	((Nov. 21-26)) <u>Nov. 20-25</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Turnbull	EF	Youth	((Nov. 21-26)) <u>Nov. 20-25</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
Aladdin	EF	Youth	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	5
Selkirk	EF	Youth	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	5
49 Degrees North	EF	Youth	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	5
Mayview-Peola	EF	Youth	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	5
Blue Creek	EF	Youth	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	3
((Ten-Ten))	EF	Youth	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Antlerless	Elk Area 1010	3
Ten-Forty	EF	Youth	Oct. 17-25	Antlerless	Elk Area 1040	3))

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Couse	EF	Youth	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	10
Malaga	EF	Youth	((Nov. 2-13)) <u>Nov. 1-12</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
((Colockum	EF	Youth	<u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	20))
Yakima North	EF	Youth	((Nov. 4-11)) <u>Nov. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10
Yakima Central	EF	Youth	((Nov. 4-11)) <u>Nov. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF	Youth	((Nov. 4-11)) <u>Nov. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
Alkali	EF	Youth	((Dec. 14, 2020 - Jan. 3, 2021)) <u>Dec. 18, 2021 - Jan. 3, 2022</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	20
<u>Yakima Early</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Sept. 11-23</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 336, 340, 352, 356, 364</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Yakima Late</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 342, 368</u>	<u>20</u>
((Colockum	EM	Youth	<u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	10))
Yakima North	EM	Youth	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10
Yakima Central	EM	Youth	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	10
Yakima South	EM	Youth	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	10
Alkali	EM	Youth	((Nov. 21 - Dec. 13)) <u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	10
((North Bend	WF, WM, WA	Youth	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5))
((Skagit River)) Sauk	WF, WM, WA	Youth	((Nov. 7-29 and Dec. 14-29)) <u>Nov. 6-28 and Dec. 13-28</u>	Antlerless	((Elk Area 4941)) <u>GMU 437</u>	5
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Youth	((Nov. 21-30)) <u>Nov. 23-30</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Youth	((Oct. 24 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 23-31</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	5
Coweeman	WF	Youth	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	10
Toutle	WF	Youth	Nov. 20-30	Antlerless	GMU 556	10
Lewis River	WF	Youth	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Wind River	WF	Youth	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	5
West Klickitat	WF	Youth	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 578	10

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Region 5	WF, WM	Youth with mentor	Aug. 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Mar. 31, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	10 ^{HC}
Peninsula	WF	Youth	((Nov. 7-18)) Nov. 6-17	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	4
Clearwater	WF	Youth	((Nov. 7-18)) Nov. 6-17	Antlerless	GMU 615	5
Matheny	WF	Youth	((Nov. 7-18)) Nov. 6-17	Antlerless	GMU 618	5
Wynoochee	WF	Youth	((Nov. 7-18)) Nov. 6-17	Antlerless	GMU 648	10
North River	WF	Youth	((Nov. 7-18)) Nov. 6-17	Antlerless	GMU 658	5
Williams Creek	WF	Youth	((Nov. 7-18)) Nov. 6-17	Antlerless	GMU 673	10
Mallis	WF	Youth	Dec. 16, ((2020)) 2021 - Jan. 20, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Peninsula	WA	Youth	((Sept. 12-24)) Sept. 11-23	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	2
Peninsula	WM	Youth	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	2
Forks ((*))	WF, WM, WA	Youth	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6612	10*
Region 6	WF	Youth with mentor	Aug. 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Mar. 31, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	7 ^{HC}

65+ Senior - Only hunters 65 and older may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Northeast	EF	65+	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 7 and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMUs 113, 117	10
Prescott	EF	65+	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	Antlerless	GMU 149	3
Blue Creek	EF	65+	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	Antlerless	GMU 154	1
Marengo	EF	65+	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	Antlerless	GMU 163	1
Peola	EF	65+	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	Antlerless	GMU 178	((3)) 2
Malaga	EF	65+	((Nov. 2-13)) Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
((Colockum))	EF	65+	Nov. 4-11	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	(10))
Yakima North	EF	65+	((Nov. 4-11))	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10

65+ Senior - Only hunters 65 and older may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Nov. 3-11</u>			
Yakima Central	EF	65+	((Nov. 4-11)) <u>Nov. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF	65+	((Nov. 4-11)) <u>Nov. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
Alkali	EF	65+	((Oct. 11-30)) <u>Oct. 16 - Nov. 5</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	10
((North Bend	WF, WM, WA	65+	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5))
<u>Yakima Early</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Sept. 11-23</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 336, 340, 352, 356, 364</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Yakima Late</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 342, 368</u>	<u>10</u>
((Colockum	<u>EM</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Oct. 3-11</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 328, 329, 335</u>	<u>5</u>))
Yakima North	EM	65+	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	5
Yakima Central	EM	65+	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Ryderwood	WF	65+	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	5
Willapa Hills	WF	65+	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 506	5
((Skagit River)) <u>Sauk</u>	WF, WM, WA	65+	((Nov. 7-29 and Dec. 14-29)) <u>Nov. 6-28 and Dec. 13-28</u>	Antlerless	((Elk Area 4941)) <u>GMU 437</u>	5
Peninsula	WF	65+	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	3
((Centralia Mine	<u>WF</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Sept. 5-6</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 6011</u>	<u>5</u>))
Hanaford	WF, WM, WA	65+	Jan. 1-15, ((2021)) <u>2022</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Hanaford	WF, WM, WA	65+	Jan. 16-31, ((2021)) <u>2022</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Peninsula	WA	65+	((Sept. 12-24)) <u>Sept. 11-23</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1
Peninsula	WM	65+	((Oct. 3-9)) <u>Oct. 2-8</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1
Forks ((*))	WF, WM, WA	65+	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6612	10*

Hunters with Disabilities - Only hunters with disabilities may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Northeast	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMUs 113, 117	4
Turnbull	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 7-12)) <u>Oct. 6-11</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Prescott	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	3

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Blue Creek	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 31 – Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	1
MarengoDayton	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 31 – Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 163	1
Peola	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 31 – Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 178	((3)) <u>2</u>
Observatory	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 26 – Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 7</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	((3)) <u>2</u>
Little Naches	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 3-11)) <u>Oct. 2-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 346	((3)) <u>2</u>
Malaga	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Sept. 7-18)) <u>Sept. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
((Colockum	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. 4-11	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	10))
Yakima North	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Nov. 4-11)) <u>Nov. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10
Yakima Central	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Nov. 4-11)) <u>Nov. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Nov. 4-11)) <u>Nov. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
Alkali	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 11-30)) <u>Oct. 16 - Nov. 5</u>	Any ((bull)) elk	GMUs 334, 371	5
Corral Canyon	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Sept. 22-29)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Any elk	Elk Area 3721	2
((North Bend	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. 7-18	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5))
((Skagit River)) Sauk	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Nov. 7-29 and Dec. 14-29)) <u>Nov. 6-28 and Dec. 13-28</u>	Antlerless	((Elk Area 4941)) <u>GMU 437</u>	5
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 14-20	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	5
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. 22-28	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5
Washougal	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	5
Region 5	WF, WM	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Aug. 1, ((2020)) <u>2021 - Mar. 31,</u> ((2021)) <u>2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	5 ^{HC}
((Centralia Mine	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 10-11	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Elk Area 6011	5))
Peninsula	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Nov. 7-18)) <u>Nov. 6-17</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	3

Hunters with Disabilities - Only hunters with disabilities may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Peninsula	WM	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 3-9)) Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1
Peninsula	WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Sept. 12-24)) Sept. 11-23	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1

Master Hunter - Only master hunters may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt. Additional weapon restrictions may be conditioned by the hunt coordinator for each hunt. For those hunts requiring the purchase of a master hunter second tag, one elk may be killed in the unit under the authorization of the special permit.							
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Requirements	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((Dec. 22-31)) Dec. 21-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Region 1	EF, EA, EM/ 2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Mar. 31, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Region 1	20 ^{HC}
Region 2	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Mar. 31, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 2	10 ^{HC}
((Fairview	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Oct. 26, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMUs 328-368	20 ^{HC}))
Region 3	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Mar. 31, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 3	20 ^{HC}
Rattlesnake Hills	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Mar. 31, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMU 372	20 ^{HC}
Region 4 North	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	July 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Mar. 31, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Whatcom and Skagit counties	13 ^{HC}
Region 4 South	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	July 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Mar. 31, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Designated Areas in King and Snohomish counties	10 ^{HC}
Pumice Plains	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Oct. 9-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	2
Pumice Plains	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	3
((Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Dec. 15-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	5
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 1-15, 2021	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	5
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 16-30, 2021	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	5))
Region 5	Any western elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Mar. 31, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	20 ^{HC}

Master Hunter - Only master hunters may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt. Additional weapon restrictions may be conditioned by the hunt coordinator for each hunt. For those hunts requiring the purchase of a master hunter second tag, one elk may be killed in the unit under the authorization of the special permit.

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Requirements	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Long Beach	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	July 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Mar. 31, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	GMU 684	5
Region 6	WF, WA, WM/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	July 1, ((2020)) 2021 - Mar. 31, ((2021)) 2022	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	30 ^{HC}
<u>Region 5 Northwest—Hoof Disease</u>	<u>Any elk tag/2nd elk tag</u>	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	<u>Master Hunter</u>	<u>Dec. 1, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 501, 503, 504, 505, 506 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 6010), 520, 524, 530, 550</u>	<u>15**</u>
<u>Region 5 Southeast—Hoof Disease</u>	<u>Any elk tag/2nd elk tag</u>	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	<u>Master Hunter</u>	<u>Dec. 1, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 554, 560, 564, 568, 572, 574, 578 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5062), 388, 382</u>	<u>10**</u>
<u>Region 6 Willapa Hills—Hoof Disease</u>	<u>Any elk tag/2nd elk tag</u>	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	<u>Master Hunter</u>	<u>Dec. 1, 2021 - Feb. 28, 2022</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 658, 660, 663, 672 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 6010), 673 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 6010), 681</u>	<u>15**</u>

* (Muzzleloader only, scopes allowed.

** May only hunt on privately owned lands. Must use only archery or legal shotgun (10 or 12 gauge; slugs only).

*) Must use only archery, muzzleloader, or legal shotgun (10 or 12 gauge; slugs only).

** Hunters are expected to target elk displaying clinical signs of elk hoof disease such as limping, lameness, or hoof abnormalities.

^{HC} This is a damage hunt administered by a WDFW designated hunt coordinator. Successful applicants will be contacted on an as-needed basis to help with specific sites of elk damage on designated landowner's property. Not all successful applicants will be contacted in any given year, depending on elk damage activity for that year.

Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special elk permits will be allocated through a random drawing to those hunter education instructors who qualify. - Permit hunters must use archery equipment during archery seasons, muzzleloader equipment or archery equipment during muzzleloader seasons, and any legal weapon during modern firearm seasons. Hunter orange and/or hunter pink is required during modern firearm seasons. - Except for online class incentive permits and chief instructor incentive permits, qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, inclusive of the year prior to the permit drawing. - Permittees may purchase a second license for use with the permit hunt only. - Qualified hunter education instructors may only receive one incentive permit each year. 				
Area	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
Region 3	All general season and permit seasons established for GMUs included with the permit. Not eligible for seasons and permits for auction hunts; raffle hunts; and hunts for master hunters, youth hunters, hunters with disabilities, or hunters 65 years and older, unless the hunter education instructor legally qualifies for such hunts.	Any bull	GMUs 336-368	1
Region 4		Any elk	GMUs 454, 460	1
Region 5		Any elk	382, 388 and all 500 series GMUs EXCEPT GMU 522	1
Region 6		Any elk	GMUs 618, 638-648, 654, 658, 663, 672, 699	1

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-415-060, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.020. WSR 19-20-078 (Order 19-245), § 220-415-060, filed 9/27/19, effective 10/28/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-415-060, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-060, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-415-060, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-360, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-059 (Order 15-98), § 232-28-360, filed 4/30/15, effective 5/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW

77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), §
232-28-360, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-
94), § 232-28-360, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory
Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-360,
filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12.]

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RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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- Change: Under Quality Elk, Blue Creek, EF, changed permits from 8 to 9.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Mountain View, EF, changed permits from 5 to 9.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under Quality Elk, Lick Creek, EF, changed permits from 2 to 1.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Colockum, EF, changed permits from 22 to 22.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under Quality Elk, Green River, WF, WA, WM, changed TBD to Nov. 13-9 and permits from TBD to 10.

Rationale: Permit numbers are developed in collaboration with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and managers of the Green River Watershed and those meeting did not occur prior to the CR-102 being filed.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Toutle, WF, changed permits from 27 to 31.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under Quality Elk, Blue Creek, EA, changed permits from 5 to 4.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Mountain View, EA, changed permits from 4 to 7.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Peaches Ridge, EA, changed permits from 10 to 9.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Observatory, EA, changed permits from 19 to 18.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Goose Prairie, EA, changed permits from 6 to 5.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Bethel, EA, changed permits from 7 to 8.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Rimrock, EA, changed permits from 20 to 18.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Cowiche, EA, changed permits from 6 to 4.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under Quality Elk, White River, WA, changed permits from 16 to 19.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Mountain View, EM, removed “except elk area 1040 and changed permits from 2 to 4.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments. Also, we intended to remove all references to EA 1040 in our original proposal because this EA is being eliminated, but inadvertently missed this one.

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- Change: Under Quality Elk, Observatory, EM, changed permits from 6 to 5.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Rimrock, EM, changed permits from 4 to 5.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Quality Elk, Cowiche, EM, changed permits from 2 to 1.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under Bulls, Observatory, EF, changed permits from 14 to 15.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Bulls, Cowiche, EF, changed permits from 5 to 4.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Bulls, Olympic, WF, changed permits from 5 to 8.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Bulls, Skokomish, WF, changed permits from 2 to 4.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Bulls, White River, WF, changed permits from 35 to 45.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under Bulls, Olympic, WA, changed permits from 1 to 4.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Bulls, Skokomish, WA, changed permits from 1 to 3.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Bulls, Olympic, WM, changed permits from 2 to 3.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under Bulls, White River, WM, changed permits from 7 to 9.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under Antlerless elk, Colockum, EF, changed permits from 40 to 50.

Rationale: After harvest estimates became available it was determined that the Department was likely to have met our objective of not harvesting more than 100 antlerless elk in the Colockum. As such, permits will stay at their current level and this adjustments sets permit levels the same as they were for the 2020 season.

- Change: Under Antlerless elk, Green River, Any from TBD to Nov. 13-19 and changed permits from TBD to 12.

Rationale: Permit numbers are developed in collaboration with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and managers of the Green River Watershed and those meeting did not occur prior to the CR-102 being filed.

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- Change: Under Hunters with Disabilities, changed Dayton to Marengo.

Rationale: This is an administrative adjustment, so the Hunt Name is the same as the GMU name.

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- Change: Under Master, changed Region 5 Northwest to Region 5 Northwest—Hoof Disease.

Rationale: This is an administrative adjustment to clarify these permits are being offered in association with the Department's Elk Hoof Disease Incentive Program.

- Change: Under Master, changed Region 5 Southeast to Region 5 Southeast—Hoof Disease.

Rationale: This is an administrative adjustment to clarify these permits are being offered in association with the Department's Elk Hoof Disease Incentive Program.

- Change: Under Master, changed Region 6 Willapa Hills to Region 6 Willapa Hills—Hoof Disease.

Rationale: This is an administrative adjustment to clarify these permits are being offered in association with the Department's Elk Hoof Disease Incentive Program.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-415-060 Elk special permits.

We received 216 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but three (email/letter) came through our online survey. Fifty-four of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,715 respondents to our online survey 56% (955) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Fifteen comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 15 comments indicated support for specific aspects of the proposal.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Twenty-two percent (382) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 22% (382) indicated they were neutral. Nine comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 88 comments indicated opposition to specific aspects of the proposal.

Thirty-two other comments were not directly related to proposed changes and most advocated for more opportunity related to their specific area of interest (e.g., user group, weapon type, area, etc.).

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition or were not directly related during the online survey:

- Don't shift elk special permits in GMU 371 from the Bull category to Quality
- Opposed to the Master Hunter elk hoof disease special permits
- Don't reduce youth, senior, and disabled opportunities
- Increase special permits
- Concerns about tribal hunting

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received no comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing that were specific to elk special permits. However, three commenters testified during the open comment period, with two of them expressing general opposition to hunting, while the other expressed general support.

The Department received two written communications after the formal public comment period closed or following the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing. One comment expressed opposition to shortening the muzzleloader special permit season in the Blue Mountains, while the other comment was opposed to shifting the special bull permits in GMU 371 from the Bull special permit category to the Quality category.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several

reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and common themes not directly related to the proposal and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: Don't shift elk special permits in GMU 371 from the Bull category to Quality

For special permits in the Quality elk special permit category, hunters can expect lower than average hunter densities, greater potential for success, or good hunt timing. The only opportunity to harvest branch-antlered bulls in GMU 371 is offered through WDFW's special permit system and the GMU will be closed during general seasons, except for the archery general season. Thus, hunters experience extremely low hunter densities. Also, when this special permit opportunity was first created, very few elk occurred in the GMU, but elk numbers have increased substantially, with nearly 1,000 elk observed during a survey of the area in March 2021. Moreover, hunters experience high success rates and routinely harvest very large bulls.

Comment: Opposed to the Master Hunter elk hoof disease special permits

Most comments received during the summer input period also indicated opposition to providing these special permit opportunities to Master Hunters, rather than to general hunters. The Elk Hoof Disease Incentive Program is being implemented as a pilot program with the objective of determining whether WDFW can issue special permits specifically for elk with hoof disease and know that it will result in the harvest of those elk, rather than healthy elk. To evaluate that program, WDFW will require hunters to submit their hooves for inspection, will be in frequent contact with the hunters before the season, and will work closely with the hunters after the season is over to evaluate the program and determine whether it worked or needs modified. We believe it will be easier to facilitate those aspects via the Master Hunter program because they have WDFW program oversight and existing communication channels. Moreover, we believe this type of opportunity aligns well with the original intent of the Master Hunter Program.

Comment: Don't reduce youth, senior, and disabled opportunities

Providing opportunities for youth, senior, and disabled hunters is important to WDFW and to our efforts to recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters. Although we attempt to provide as much opportunity as possible for these groups, we also must be mindful of the status of a given population and balancing those opportunities with the opportunities for other user groups. As such, we increase opportunities when we can and decrease opportunities when harvest needs to be reduced.

Comment: Increase special permits

Special permits allow the Department the ability to regulate hunting opportunities that are not sustainable using a general season format. Some examples include opportunities to harvest females, to hunt during the peak breeding season, and to hunt big-game species that occur in low numbers (e.g., bighorn sheep, moose, and mountain goats). Hunters consistently express a desire to have these types of opportunities and a special permit system allows WDFW to do that without having a negative effect on the population. As such, the number of special permits offered is directly related to the status of a given population and at levels WDFW believes are sustainable.

Comment: Concerns about tribal hunting

WDFW does not regulate tribal hunting. The 24 tribes that have off-reservation hunting rights in Washington set their own hunting regulations for their tribal members. Those tribes can allow members to hunt on open and unclaimed land within their ceded area or within an area proven to have been traditionally used by the tribe.



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/9/2021

Agenda item:

Fall Black Bear Hunting Season and Regulations – Decision

Presenter(s):

Anis Aoude, Wildlife Program Game Division Manager

Background summary:

Department staff briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to the following WAC:

- 220-415-090 Fall Black Bear Hunting Seasons and Regulations.

The proposed changes to the fall black bear hunting season rule are intended to standardize the dates and simplify the rule and clearly identify closed areas. This proposal will provide greater understanding of the fall season dates, methods of harvest, and restrictions. No changes to the season dates or harvest limits were proposed.

More specifically, the amendment:

- Replaces the season date table with a single sentence which identifies a standard time-period each year for fall black bear hunting across all game units.
- Clearly identifies the three game management units that are closed for fall black bear hunting. These units will remain closed to bear hunting but are identified in a stand-alone sentence. These units contain either watersheds or monument areas which are closed to public access, closed to hunting, or only allow limited hunting opportunity by permit for species other than bear.

Staff recommendation:

Recommended adoptions of the rules as presented.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

The changes to the rules above were discussed in the March FWC meeting.

- Reduce redundancy within the WAC and minimizes the need for editorial changes during each 3-year cycle.
- Continue sustainable species management and fall hunting season.
- Assist with the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The Department conducted an extensive public involvement process to develop the 2021-2023 hunting season proposals. WDFW held seven virtual public meetings by topic in August and September of 2020, to discuss a variety of issues with constituents. Concurrently, the public was asked to provide input on hunting seasons via the department website for a six-week period. The department emailed over 199,000 hunters notifying them

of the website survey and encouraging them to participate. Using that information, the department determined which recommendations would move forward.

Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the March 25-27, 2021 Commission meeting online.

Please see the associated public comment forms.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Adopt WAC 220-415-090 as recommended by staff.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to adopt the recommended rule changes as presented by staff.

Is there a “second”?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

Post decision communications plan:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Website

News Release

Hunting Regulation Pamphlet

Form revised 8-4-20

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-15-028, filed 7/10/19, effective 8/10/19)

WAC 220-415-090 ((2019-2020)) Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations. It is unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, 77.15.245, or 77.15.280.

((Black Bear Management Unit	Season	Hunt Area
Coastal	Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 501, 504, 506, 530, 601, 602, 603, 607-621, 636-651, 658-663, 672-684
Puget Sound	Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 407, 454, 624, 627, 633, 652, 666, 667
North Cascades	Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 418, 426-450, 460
South Cascades	Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 466, 485, 503, 505, 510-520, 524, 550-574, 653, 654
Okanogan	Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 203, 209-243
East Cascades	Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 244-247, 249-251, 328, 329-368, 382, 388, 578
Northeastern A	Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 101-121, 204
Northeastern B	Aug. 1 – Nov.	GMUs 124-130

((Black Bear Management Unit	Season	Hunt Area
	15, 2019 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2020	
Blue Mountains	Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 145-154, 162-186
Columbia Basin	Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 133, 136, 139, 142, 248, 254, 260-290, 371-381
Long Island	Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 – Nov. 15, 2020	GMU 699))

Fall black bear season dates: August 1 to November 15.

Bag Limit: Two (2) black bear per annual hunting season.

Area Restriction: GMUs 157, ~~450~~490, and 522 are closed to fall bear hunting. Special deer permit required to hunt black bear in GMU 485.

Hunters that choose to hunt in GMUs located in grizzly bear recovery areas, as identified by the department, must successfully complete the annual WDFW online bear identification test or equivalent test from another state and carry proof of successful completion.

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes black bear as a species option, is required to hunt black bear. One black bear transport tag is included with a big game hunting license that has black bear as a species option. A second black bear transport tag must be purchased to take a second bear.

Hunting Method: Hunters may use any lawful big game modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader equipment for hunting black bear. The use of hounds and bait to hunt black bear is prohibited statewide.

Other Requirements: Hunters that choose to hunt in GMUs located in grizzly bear recovery areas as identified by the department must successfully complete the annual WDFW online bear identification test with a passing score (80% or higher) or carry proof that they have passed an equivalent test from another state. The WDFW test may be taken repeatedly until a passing score is achieved. All hunters must carry proof of passing a bear identification test while hunting in the GMUs identified by the department.

Submitting Biological Samples and Bear Teeth: Successful bear hunters must comply with harvest reporting and submission of biological samples including the black bear premolar tooth located behind the canine tooth of the upper jaw. Failure to comply with the submission of biological samples is a misdemeanor pursuant to RCW 77.15.280.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.06.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 88.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-15-028 (Order 19-148), § 220-415-090, filed 7/10/19, effective 8/10/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570,

77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-090, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-415-090, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-066 (Order 15-99), § 232-28-288, filed 5/1/15, effective 6/1/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-12-006 (Order 12-90), § 232-28-288, filed 5/23/12, effective 6/23/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.32.070, 77.32.530. WSR 10-10-061 (Order 10-94), § 232-28-288, filed 4/30/10, effective 5/31/10.]

WAC 220-415-010 Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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Change: Under “Area Restrictions” strike GMU 450 and include GMU 490.

Rationale: Typographic error. GMU 450 was included in error. GMU 490 is the correct GMU.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-415-090 Fall Black Bear Hunting Seasons and Regulations.

Prior to the March 26 briefing

Written Supporting Comments:

The Department received 1,631 comments through our online survey.

- Agree 1234 (76%)
- Disagree 104 (6%)
- Neutral 293 (18%)

The common theme of those in support were:

- Overdue adjustment, make sense, support and no further questions.
- Request to expand season to align with deer and elk hunting.
- Request to expand methods to use hounds and bait.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Of the 1631 comments received, 104 (6%) opposed the rule change and 293 (18%) expressed a neutral position on the proposed changes.

Common concern expressed by those opposed:

- Reduce bear hunting statewide – concern about overharvest.
- Bear season starts too early – concern is overlap during hiking and recreation season and limiting those opportunities.
- Desire to encourage wildlife viewing as recruitment, retention, and reactivation versus hunter.

Additional comments included:

- Monument areas were intended to allow hunting
- Bear hunting should only be allowed for indigenous peoples
- Concern that bear hunting would close in GMU 522 if Elk Area 5066 moves to GMU522.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the proposal.

The majority of comments received by the public were in support of the proposal. The

common theme among those that opposed were:

Comment: *Encourage wildlife viewing rather than hunting for recruiting people to enjoy wildlife.*

Black bear is a resource for all to enjoy through both consumptive and non-consumptive means. The Department manages the black bear population statewide for long term viability so that visitors and

residents may enjoy the resources in both consumptive and non-consumptive uses.

Comment: *A desire to reduce hunting due to concerns for overharvest.*

The Department currently monitors bear harvest annually and the Department uses percent females of hunter harvest to evaluate harvest management objectives and monitor trends (over five and ten year periods) within nine BBMUs (see Status and Trends, WDFW 2019). Because male bears are preferred by hunters and are often more vulnerable to harvest, a large number of females in the harvest may suggest high hunting pressure. In addition, the Department monitors the age class of those bears harvested to ensure an appropriate distribution across the age classes. The five and ten year averages indicate harvest in all BBMUs are within range of the management objectives.

Comment: *Concern for and against reducing bag limits, length of the season and season dates.*

Fall hunts occur in all 149 GMUs, where bears occur, in all 6 Regions. In 2019, WDFW increased the bag limit of bears from 1 to 2 in eastern Washington and increased the season length up to 30 days in some areas to standardize fall general hunting season dates (August 1- November 15). Currently, the season begins in August (originally initiated for orchard damage issues) and the season closes in November to minimize disturbance and harvest of dened bears. No changes to bag limits or season dates are being proposed at this time. Through the upcoming Game Management Plan revision process the Department will further review current black bear management objectives and strategies.

Comment: *Question if the rule would be open in the future.*

The department typically reviews hunting and trapping rules on a 3-year cycle and overarching game management on a six-year cycle, excluding any urgent or emergency issues. During each process the department solicits input from the public; even when a rule is not proposed by the department the public has an opportunity to request the department consider changes.

During the March 26 Briefing

Five people spoke at the WDFW Commission meeting held March 26, 2021. Three individuals spoke about concerns for the bear population and in favor of closing the bear hunting season. Items expressed by those opposed included the department's use or lack use of scientific data, provisions needed to protect cubs and females with cubs, need to increase fines for failure to report harvest, the hunting opportunity not aligning with distribution of bear population, too long of a hunting season and too early of a start with August 1 as the opening day for fall season. Two of the three spoke against spring bear and bear timber damage. One of the three also spoke against cougar hunting season dates. Two of the five spoke in favor of black bear hunting seasons. One individual expressed that the department would not allow for 2 bear limits if the population was not able to sustain the harvest level. They also referenced the importance of the resource to hunters and that hunters wait to identify whether or not a bear has cubs; further stating hunting ethics. This individual requested the department consider increase in spring harvest. Another individual thanked the department for simplifying the rule and mentioned requesting clarity for providing the pelt with evidence of sex.



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/9/2021

Agenda item:

Furbearers, Small Game and Upland Game Birds – **Decision**

Presenter(s):

Anis Aoude, Wildlife Program Division Manager

Background summary:

Department staff briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to the following WACs:

- 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.
- 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations.

The proposed changes to the furbearer, small game and upland game bird rules are mainly intended to provide clarity and to make them align with current Department activities, needs, and goals for managing these species for conservation and recreation interests. This proposal provides clarity to improve understanding of the identified game species, methods of harvest, and seasons; which benefits anyone interested in understanding these rules and their content.

The following WACs are not being recommended by WDFW staff to move forward:

- 220-400-020 Classification of wild animals.
- 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife—Evidence of sex—Definitions.
- 220-414-020 Unlawful methods for hunting—Firearms.
- 220-417-030 Wild animal trapping.

Amendments to WAC 220-216-010 and 220-417-010 include:

- 1) WAC 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

Amend the season dates, restrictions, and regulations for small game and other species hunting. In addition, display information in table format to provide a user-friendly presentation. Expanded the youth turkey, fall turkey, bird dog training, and chuker season and or opportunities. Proposed a two-week delay of fall grouse season; moved opening day from September 1 to September 15.

- 2) WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations.

Clarify license requirements by adding language stating a trapping license is required.

Adjust areas where marten may be trapped to provide protection for the remnant population of marten on the Olympic Peninsula. Closed the season for marten trapping in Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, and Gray's Harbor Counties

Staff recommendation:

Remove the following rules for consideration:

- 220-400-020 Classification of wild animals.
- 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife—Evidence of sex—Definitions.
- 220-414-020 Unlawful methods for hunting—Firearms.
- 220-417-030 Wild animal trapping.

Recommended adoptions of the following rules, with recommended adjustments, as presented:

- 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.
- 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

The changes to the rules above were discussed in the March FWC meeting.

- Offer new and expanded recreational hunting opportunities.
- Minimize potential for violations and improve enforcement of rules.
- Maintain humane methods of harvest.
- Continue sustainable species conservation/management and hunting and trapping seasons.
- Assist with the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

Potential to increase sales of small game licenses, hunter/trapper recruitment through adding additional opportunities provided through changes in season lengths and limits for some species.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The Department conducted an extensive public involvement process to develop the 2021-2023 hunting season proposals. WDFW held seven virtual public meetings by topic in August and September of 2020, to discuss a variety of issues with constituents. Concurrently, the public was asked to provide input on hunting seasons via the department website for a six-week period. The department emailed over 199,000 hunters notifying them of the website survey and encouraging them to participate. Using that information, the department determined which recommendations would move forward.

Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the March 25-27, 2021 Commission meeting online.

Please see the associated public comment forms.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Recommended adoption of these rules as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to adopt the recommended rule changes as presented by staff.

Is there a “second”?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

Post decision communications plan:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Website

News Release

Hunting Regulation Pamphlet

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-416-010 ((~~2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021~~)) 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 **Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.** A valid small game license is required to hunt all species listed below, except forest grouse, coyote, and crow may be hunted with a valid big game or small game license. Hunters must comply with ((~~the bag, possession, and season limits described in~~)) official established hunting hours for each species and the provisions of this section. Failure to ((~~do so~~)) comply with this section constitutes a violation of RCW 77.15.245, 77.15.400, or 77.15.430, depending on the species hunted and the circumstances of the violation.

((~~STATEWIDE SEASONS~~))

~~(1) FOREST GROUSE (BLUE, RUFFED, AND SPRUCE)~~

~~(a) DAILY BAG LIMIT: 4 grouse per day, to include not more than 3 Blue Grouse, 3 Spruce Grouse, and 3 Ruffed Grouse.~~

~~(b) POSSESSION LIMIT: 12 grouse, to include not more than 9 Blue Grouse, 9 Spruce Grouse, and 9 Ruffed Grouse.~~

~~(c) SEASON DATES: Sept. 1 — Dec. 31 during the current license year.~~

~~(2) BOBCAT~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: No limit.~~

~~(b) SEASON DATES: Sept. 1 — Mar. 15 during the current license year.~~

~~(c) RESTRICTION: It is unlawful to hunt bobcat with dogs. Night~~

~~hunting for bobcat is prohibited in CMUs that fall within the lynx management zones identified by the department.~~

~~(3) RACCOON~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: No limit.~~

~~(b) OPEN AREA: Statewide.~~

~~(c) SEASON DATES: Sept. 1 — Mar. 15 during the current license year.~~

~~(4) FOX~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: No limit.~~

~~(b) OPEN AREA: Statewide, EXCEPT closed within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests.~~

~~(c) SEASON DATES: Sept. 1 — Mar. 15 during the current license year.~~

~~(5) COYOTE~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: No limit.~~

~~(b) OPEN AREA: Statewide.~~

~~(c) SEASON DATES: Year-round.~~

~~(d) RESTRICTION: It is unlawful to hunt coyote with dogs.~~

~~(6) COTTONTAIL RABBIT AND SNOWSHOE HARE (OR WASHINGTON HARE)~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: 5 cottontails or snowshoe hares per day, with a total of 15 in possession at any time, straight or mixed bag.~~

~~(b) SEASON DATES: Sept. 1 — Mar. 15 during the current license year.~~

~~(7) CROWS~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: No limit.~~

~~(b) SEASON DATES: Sept. 1 — Dec. 31 during the current license year.~~

~~(8) JACKRABBIT:~~

~~Closed statewide.~~

~~(9) PTARMIGAN, SAGE, AND SHARP-TAILED GROUSE:~~

~~Closed statewide.~~

~~(10) WILD TURKEY:~~

~~(a) YOUTH SEASON: Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.~~

~~(i) LEGAL BIRD: Male turkeys and turkeys with visible beards only.~~

~~(ii) SEASON DATES:~~

~~(A) April 6-7, 2019;~~

~~(B) April 4-5, 2020;~~

~~(C) April 3-4, 2021; and~~

~~(D) April 2-3, 2022.~~

~~(b) SPRING SEASON~~

~~(i) LEGAL BIRD: Male turkeys and turkeys with visible beards only.~~

~~(ii) SEASON DATES: April 15 - May 31 during the current license year.~~

~~(iii) BAG LIMIT: The combined spring/youth season limit is 3 birds.~~

~~Only 2 turkeys may be killed in Eastern Washington, except only one~~

~~(1) may be killed in Chelan, Kittitas, or Yakima counties. One (1)~~

~~turkey may be killed per year in Western Washington outside of~~

~~Klickitat County. Two (2) turkeys may be killed in Klickitat County.~~

~~(c) FALL GENERAL SEASON~~

~~(i) LEGAL HUNTER: Open to all hunters with a valid turkey tag.~~

~~(ii) OPEN AREA: CMUs 101-154 and 162-186, 382, 388, 568-578.~~

~~(iii) SEASON DATES:~~

~~(A) Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2018, (CMUs 101-154 and 162-186);~~

~~(B) Sept. 22 - Oct. 12, 2018, (CMUs 382, 388, 568-578);~~

~~(C) Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2019, (CMUs 101-154 and 162-186);~~

~~(D) Sept. 28 - Oct. 11, 2019, (CMUs 382, 388, 568-578);~~

~~(E) Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2020, (CMUs 101-154 and 162-186);~~

~~(F) Sept. 26 - Oct. 16, 2020, (CMUs 382, 388, 568-578).~~

~~(iv) BAG LIMIT: Four (4) turkeys during the fall general season with~~

~~the following area restrictions:~~

Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Bird and Limit
382, 388, 568-578	One (1) either sex turkey
101-154 and 162-186	Two (2) beardless plus two (2) either sex turkey

(d))

SMALL GAME AND OTHER ANIMAL SEASONS

(1) LEGAL HUNTER: Open to all hunters with a valid license.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Daily Bag Limit</u>	<u>Possession Limit</u>	<u>Restrictions</u>
<u>Bobcat</u>	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Mar. 15</u>	<u>No limit.</u>	<u>No limit.</u>	<u>It is unlawful to hunt bobcat with dogs. Night hunting for bobcat is prohibited in GMUs that fall within the lynx management zones identified by the department.</u>
<u>Raccoon</u>	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Mar. 15</u>	<u>No limit.</u>	<u>No limit.</u>	
<u>Fox</u>	<u>Statewide, EXCEPT closed within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests.</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Mar. 15</u>	<u>No limit.</u>	<u>No limit.</u>	
<u>Coyote</u>	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Year-round</u>	<u>No limit.</u>	<u>No limit.</u>	<u>It is unlawful to hunt coyote with dogs.</u>
<u>Cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare</u>	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Mar. 15</u>	<u>5 cottontails or snowshoe hares, straight or mixed bag.</u>	<u>15 cottontails or snowshoe hares, straight or mixed bag.</u>	
<u>Jackrabbit</u>	<u>Closed statewide</u>				

UPLAND BIRD SEASONS

(2) YOUTH SEASON DATES: Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.

<u>Species</u>	<u>2021-22 Dates</u>	<u>2022-23 Dates</u>	<u>2023-24 Dates</u>	<u>Daily Bag Limit</u>	<u>Possession Limit</u>
<u>Eastern Washington:</u>					
<u>Ring-necked pheasant</u>	<u>Sept. 18-19</u>	<u>Sept. 17-18</u>	<u>Sept. 16-17</u>	<u>3 cock pheasants</u>	<u>6 cock pheasants</u>
<u>Chukar</u>	<u>Sept. 18-19</u>	<u>Sept. 17-18</u>	<u>Sept. 16-17</u>	<u>6 chukar</u>	<u>12 chukar</u>
<u>Gray (Hungarian) partridge</u>	<u>Sept. 18-19</u>	<u>Sept. 17-18</u>	<u>Sept. 16-17</u>	<u>6 gray partridges</u>	<u>12 gray partridges</u>
<u>California (valley) quail and northern bobwhite</u>	<u>Sept. 18-19</u>	<u>Sept. 17-18</u>	<u>Sept. 16-17</u>	<u>10 California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite, straight or mixed bag.</u>	<u>20 California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite, straight or mixed bag.</u>
<u>Western Washington:</u>					
<u>Ring-necked pheasant</u>	<u>Sept. 18-19</u>	<u>Sept. 17-18</u>	<u>Sept. 16-17</u>	<u>2 pheasants of either sex</u>	<u>4 pheasants of either sex</u>

(3) HUNTERS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES SEASON DATES:

<u>Species</u>	<u>2021-22 Dates</u>	<u>2022-23 Dates</u>	<u>2023-24 Dates</u>	<u>Daily Bag Limit</u>	<u>Possession Limit</u>
<u>Eastern Washington:</u>					
<u>Ring-necked pheasant</u>	<u>Sept. 20-24</u>	<u>Sept. 19-23</u>	<u>Sept. 18-22</u>	<u>3 cock pheasants</u>	<u>15 cock pheasants</u>
<u>Western Washington:</u>					
<u>Ring-necked pheasant</u>	<u>Sept. 20-24</u>	<u>Sept. 19-23</u>	<u>Sept. 18-22</u>	<u>2 pheasants of either sex</u>	<u>10 pheasants of either sex</u>

(4) REGULAR SEASON DATES: Western Washington ring-necked pheasant

hunting hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

<u>Species</u>	<u>2021-22 Dates</u>	<u>2022-23 Dates</u>	<u>2023-24 Dates</u>	<u>Daily Bag Limit</u>	<u>Possession Limit</u>
<u>Eastern Washington:</u>					
<u>Ring-necked pheasant</u>	<u>Oct. 23 - Jan. 17</u>	<u>Oct. 22 - Jan. 16</u>	<u>Oct. 21 - Jan. 15</u>	<u>3 cock pheasants</u>	<u>15 cock pheasants</u>
<u>Chukar</u>	<u>Oct. 2 - Jan. 31</u>	<u>Oct. 1 - Jan. 31</u>	<u>Oct. 7 - Jan. 31</u>	<u>6 chukar</u>	<u>18 chukar</u>
<u>Gray (Hungarian) partridge</u>	<u>Oct. 2 - Jan. 17</u>	<u>Oct. 1 - Jan. 16</u>	<u>Oct. 7 - Jan. 15</u>	<u>6 gray partridges</u>	<u>18 gray partridges</u>
<u>California (valley) quail and northern bobwhite</u>	<u>Oct. 2 - Jan. 17</u>	<u>Oct. 1 - Jan. 16</u>	<u>Oct. 7 - Jan. 15</u>	<u>10 California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite, straight or mixed bag.</u>	<u>30 California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite, straight or mixed bag.</u>
<u>Mountain quail</u>	<u>Closed throughout Eastern Washington</u>				
<u>Western Washington:</u>					
<u>Ring-necked pheasant (see subsection (4) of this section)</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Nov. 30</u>	<u>Sept. 24 - Nov. 30</u>	<u>Sept. 23 - Nov. 30</u>	<u>2 pheasants of either sex</u>	<u>15 pheasants of either sex</u>

<u>Species</u>	<u>2021-22 Dates</u>	<u>2022-23 Dates</u>	<u>2023-24 Dates</u>	<u>Daily Bag Limit</u>	<u>Possession Limit</u>
<u>California (valley) quail and northern bobwhite</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Nov. 30</u>	<u>Sept. 24 - Nov. 30</u>	<u>Sept. 23 - Nov. 30</u>	<u>10 California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite, straight or mixed bag.</u>	<u>30 California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite, straight or mixed bag.</u>
<u>Mountain quail</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Nov. 30</u>	<u>Sept. 24 - Nov. 30</u>	<u>Sept. 23 - Nov. 30</u>	<u>2 mountain quail</u>	<u>4 mountain quail</u>

(5) EXTENDED WESTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT SEASON:

(a) Hunting hours and locations: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. only at the following release sites: Belfair, Mason Lake, JBLM, Kosmos, Lincoln Creek, Scatter Creek, Skookumchuck, and all Whidbey Island.

(b) The department may not release pheasants during the extended season.

<u>Species</u>	<u>2021-22 Dates</u>	<u>2022-23 Dates</u>	<u>2023-24 Dates</u>	<u>Daily Bag Limit</u>	<u>Possession Limit</u>
<u>Western Washington:</u>					
<u>Ring-necked pheasant (see subsection (5)(a) of this section)</u>	<u>Dec. 1-15</u>	<u>Dec. 1-15</u>	<u>Dec. 1-15</u>	<u>2 pheasants of either sex</u>	<u>15 pheasants of either sex</u>

(6) SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS FOR WESTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT HUNTERS:

(a) Western Washington pheasant hunters must choose to hunt only on odd-numbered or even-numbered weekend days from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. at all units of Lake Terrell, Tennant Lake, Snoqualmie, Skookumchuck, and Scatter Creek Wildlife Areas, and all hunting sites on Whidbey Island.

(b) Hunters must indicate their choice of odd-numbered or even-numbered weekend days on the Western Washington Pheasant Permit by choosing "odd" or "even."

(c) Hunters who select the three-day option, hunters possessing a valid disabled hunter permit, hunters 65 years of age or older, and youth hunters may hunt in the morning on both odd-numbered and even-numbered weekend days.

(d) Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older, and the adult must have an appropriately marked pheasant permit if hunting.

WILD TURKEY SEASONS

(7) TURKEY SPRING SEASONS:

(a) LEGAL HUNTER: Open to all hunters with a valid turkey tag, EXCEPT youth dates are open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.

(b) HUNTING METHOD RESTRICTION: It is unlawful to hunt turkeys with rifles during the spring season.

<u>Hunter</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>2021-22 Dates</u>	<u>2022-23 Dates</u>	<u>2023-24 Dates</u>	<u>2024-25 Dates</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Legal Bird</u>
<u>Youth</u>	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>April 3-4, 2021</u>	<u>April 1-7, 2022</u>	<u>April 1-7, 2023</u>	<u>April 1-7, 2024</u>	<u>The combined spring/youth season limit is 3 birds. Only 2 turkeys may be killed in Eastern Washington, except 3 may be killed in Spokane County and only 1 may be killed in Kittitas or Yakima counties. One turkey may be killed per year in Western Washington outside of Klickitat County. Two turkeys may</u>	<u>Male turkeys and turkeys with visible beards only.</u>
<u>Any</u>	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>April 15 - May 31</u>	<u>April 15 - May 31</u>	<u>April 15 - May 31</u>	<u>April 15 - May 31</u>		

Hunter	Area	2021-22 Dates	2022-23 Dates	2023-24 Dates	2024-25 Dates	Bag Limit	Legal Bird
						be killed in Klickitat County.	

(8) FALL TURKEY GENERAL SEASONS:

(a) LEGAL HUNTER: Open to all hunters with a valid turkey tag.

(b) HUNTING METHOD RESTRICTION: It is unlawful to hunt turkeys

with rifles during the fall season. ~~EXCEPT rimfire rifles may be used~~

~~from October 15 — November 15.~~

<u>Game Management Unit (GMU)</u>	<u>2021 Dates</u>	<u>2022 Dates</u>	<u>2023 Dates</u>	<u>Legal Bird and Limit</u>	
<u>101-154 and 162-186</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>4 turkeys during the fall general season with the following area restrictions:</u>	<u>2 beardless plus 2 either sex turkey</u>
<u>382, 388, 568-578</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31</u>		<u>1 either sex turkey</u>
<u>203-290</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31</u>		<u>1 either sex turkey</u>

(9) FALL TURKEY PERMIT SEASONS:

~~((i) LEGAL BIRD: Either sex.~~

~~(ii)) (a) LEGAL HUNTER: All hunters who are selected in the fall~~

~~turkey special permit drawing and who also possess a valid turkey tag.~~

<u>((Hunt Name</u>	<u>Permit Season Dates</u>	<u>Special Restrictions</u>	<u>Boundary Description</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Bag Limit*</u>
<u>Methow</u>	<u>Nov. 15 — Dec. 15, 2018, 2019, 2020</u>	<u>Either sex</u>	<u>GMUs 218-231 and 242</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Teanaway</u>	<u>Nov. 15 — Dec. 15, 2018, 2019, 2020</u>	<u>Either sex</u>	<u>GMU 335</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>4))</u>

<u>Hunt Name</u>	<u>Boundary Description</u>	<u>Permit Season Dates</u>	<u>Legal Bird</u>	<u>Bag Limit*</u>	<u>Permits</u>
<u>Teanaway</u>	<u>GMU 335</u>	<u>Nov. 15 - Dec. 15, 2021, 2022, 2023</u>	<u>Either sex</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>50</u>

*BAG LIMIT: During the fall permit hunting seasons.

((e)) (10) HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR INCENTIVE TURKEY PERMITS:

~~((i))~~ (a) LEGAL BIRD: Male turkeys and turkeys with visible beards only.

~~((ii))~~ (b) LEGAL HUNTER: Qualified hunter education instructors who are selected through a random drawing. Hunter education instructors qualify if the instructor is certified and has been in active status for a minimum of 3 consecutive years, inclusive of the year prior to the permit drawing.

~~((iii))~~ (c) OPEN AREA: Statewide.

~~((iv))~~ (d) SEASON DATES: April 1 - May 31 during the current license year.

~~((v))~~ (e) PERMITS: 4 individuals will be drawn for this permit per year.

~~((vi))~~ (f) BAG LIMIT: 1 male turkey or turkey with visible beard in addition to other spring season turkey harvest.

~~((f))~~ (11) OFFICIAL HUNTING HOURS FOR WILD TURKEY: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset during spring and fall seasons.

~~((g))~~ (12) SPECIAL RULES FOR WILD TURKEY:

~~((i))~~ (a) It is unlawful to hunt turkey unless the hunter possesses a valid turkey tag.

~~((ii))~~ (b) It is unlawful to hunt turkeys with dogs.

~~((iii))~~ (c) It is unlawful to bait game birds.

~~((EASTERN WASHINGTON SEASONS:†~~

~~(11) RING NECKED PHEASANT~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: Three (3) cock pheasants per day. Hunters may possess up to 15 cock pheasants at any one time.~~

~~(b) YOUTH SEASON DATES: Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.~~

~~(i) Sept. 22-23, 2018;~~

~~(ii) Sept. 21-22, 2019; and~~

~~(iii) Sept. 19-20, 2020.~~

~~(c) HUNTERS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES SEASON DATES:†~~

~~(i) Sept. 24-28, 2018;~~

~~(ii) Sept. 23-27, 2019; and~~

~~(iii) Sept. 21-25, 2020.~~

~~(d) REGULAR SEASON DATES:†~~

~~(i) Oct. 20, 2018 – Jan. 21, 2019;~~

~~(ii) Oct. 19, 2019 – Jan. 20, 2020; and~~

~~(iii) Oct. 24, 2020 – Jan. 18, 2021.~~

~~(12) CHUKAR~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: 6 chukar per day. Hunters may possess up to 18 chukar at any one time.~~

~~(b) YOUTH SEASON DATES: Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.~~

~~(i) Sept. 22-23, 2018;~~

~~(ii) Sept. 28-29, 2019; and~~

~~(iii) Sept. 26-27, 2020.~~

~~(c) REGULAR SEASON DATES:~~

~~(i) Oct. 6, 2018 — Jan. 21, 2019;~~

~~(ii) Oct. 5, 2019 — Jan. 20, 2020; and~~

~~(iii) Oct. 3, 2020 — Jan. 18, 2021.~~

~~(13) GRAY (HUNGARIAN) PARTRIDGE~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: 6 gray partridges per day. Hunters may possess up to 18 gray partridges at any one time.~~

~~(b) YOUTH SEASON DATES: Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.~~

~~(i) Sept. 22-23, 2018;~~

~~(ii) Sept. 28-29, 2019; and~~

~~(iii) Sept. 26-27, 2020.~~

~~(c) REGULAR SEASON DATES:~~

~~(i) Oct. 6, 2018 — Jan. 21, 2019;~~

~~(ii) Oct. 5, 2019 — Jan. 20, 2020; and~~

~~(iii) Oct. 3, 2020 — Jan. 18, 2021.~~

~~(14) MOUNTAIN QUAIL~~

~~Closed throughout Eastern Washington.~~

~~(15) CALIFORNIA (VALLEY) QUAIL AND NORTHERN BOBWHITE~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: 10 quail per day. Hunters may possess up to 30 quail at any one time, straight or mixed bag.~~

~~(b) YOUTH SEASON DATES: Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.~~

~~(i) Sept. 22-23, 2018;~~

~~(ii) Sept. 28-29, 2019; and~~

~~(iii) Sept. 26-27, 2020.~~

~~(c) REGULAR SEASON DATES:~~

~~(i) Oct. 6, 2018 — Jan. 21, 2019;~~

~~(ii) Oct. 5, 2019 — Jan. 20, 2020; and~~

~~(iii) Oct. 3, 2020 — Jan. 18, 2021.~~

~~WESTERN WASHINGTON SEASONS:~~

~~(16) RING-NECKED PHEASANT~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: 2 pheasants of either sex per day. Hunters may possess up to 15 pheasants at any one time.~~

~~(b) YOUTH SEASON DATES: Open only to youth hunters accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.~~

~~(i) Sept. 22-23, 2018;~~

~~(ii) Sept. 21-22, 2019; and~~

~~(iii) Sept. 19-20, 2020.~~

~~(c) HUNTERS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES SEASON DATES:~~

~~(i) Sept. 24-28, 2018;~~

~~(ii) Sept. 23-27, 2019; and~~

~~(iii) Sept. 21-25, 2020.~~

~~(d) REGULAR SEASON DATES: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.~~

~~(i) Sept. 29 - Nov. 30, 2018;~~

~~(ii) Sept. 28 - Nov. 30, 2019; and~~

~~(iii) Sept. 26 - Nov. 30, 2020.~~

~~(e) EXTENDED SEASON DATES:~~

~~(i) Dec. 1-15, during the current license year.~~

~~(ii) 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. only at the following release sites:~~

~~Belfair, Fort Lewis, Kosmos, Lincoln Creek, Scatter Creek,~~

~~Skookumchuck, and all Whidbey Island release sites EXCEPT Bayview.~~

~~(iii) The department may not release pheasants during the extended season.~~

~~(f) SPECIAL RESTRICTION: Western Washington pheasant hunters must choose to hunt only on odd numbered or even numbered weekend days from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. at all units of Lake Terrell, Tennant Lake,~~

~~Snoqualmie, Skagit, Skookumchuck, and Scatter Creek Wildlife Areas, and all hunting sites on Whidbey Island. Hunters must indicate their choice of odd-numbered or even-numbered weekend days on the Western Washington Pheasant Permit by choosing "odd" or "even." Hunters who select the three day option, hunters possessing a valid disabled hunter permit, hunters 65 years of age or older, and youth hunters may hunt in the morning on both odd-numbered and even-numbered weekend days. Youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older, and the adult must have an appropriately marked pheasant permit if hunting.~~

~~(17) MOUNTAIN QUAIL~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: 2 mountain quail per day. Hunters may possess up to 4 mountain quail at any one time.~~

~~(b) SEASON DATES:~~

~~(i) Sept. 29 - Nov. 30, 2018;~~

~~(ii) Sept. 28 - Nov. 30, 2019; and~~

~~(iii) Sept. 26 - Nov. 30, 2020.~~

~~(18) CALIFORNIA (VALLEY) QUAIL AND NORTHERN BOBWHITE~~

~~(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: 10 California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite per day. Hunters may possess up to 30 California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite at any one time, straight or mixed bag.~~

~~(b) SEASON DATES:~~

~~(i) Sept. 29 - Nov. 30, 2018;~~

~~(ii) Sept. 28 - Nov. 30, 2019; and~~

~~(iii) Sept. 26 - Nov. 30, 2020.)~~

OTHER BIRD SEASONS

(13) LEGAL HUNTER: Open to all hunters with a valid license.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Daily Bag Limit</u>	<u>Possession Limit</u>
<u>Forest Grouse (Dusky, Sooty, Ruffed, and Spruce)</u>	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Sept. 15 - Jan. 15</u>	<u>4 grouse per day, to include not more than 3 Dusky or Sooty Grouse (combined), 3 Spruce Grouse, and 3 Ruffed Grouse.</u>	<u>12 grouse, to include not more than 9 Dusky or Sooty Grouse (combined), 9 Spruce Grouse, and 9 Ruffed Grouse.</u>
<u>Crow</u>	<u>Statewide</u>	<u>Sept. 1 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>No limit.</u>	<u>No limit.</u>
<u>Ptarmigan, Sage, and Sharp-tailed Grouse</u>	<u>Closed statewide</u>			

FALCONRY SEASONS ((+))

~~((19))~~ (14) UPLAND GAME BIRD AND FOREST GROUSE - FALCONRY:

(a) Hunters must have a valid license for the species being hunted and a valid falconer's permit.

(b) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

(i) 2 pheasants (either sex);

(ii) 6 partridge;

(iii) 5 California (valley) quail or northern bobwhite;

(iv) 2 mountain quail (in Western Washington only);

(v) 3 forest grouse (~~((blue))~~) dusky, sooty, ruffed, spruce) per day; and

(vi) Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

~~((b))~~ (c) OPEN AREA: Statewide.

~~((e))~~ (d) SEASON DATES: Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 during the current license year.

~~((20))~~ (15) TURKEY - FALCONRY:

(a) A turkey tag is required to hunt turkey during the turkey falconry season.

(b) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: One (1) turkey (either sex) per turkey tag, with a maximum of 2 turkeys. Hunters may possess up to 2 turkeys at any one time.

(c) OPEN AREA: Eastern Washington.

(d) SEASON DATES: Sept. 1 - Feb. 15 during the current license year.

~~((21))~~ (16) COTTONTAIL RABBIT AND SNOWSHOE HARE - FALCONRY:

(a) BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: 5 cottontails or snowshoe hares per day, straight or mixed bag. Hunters may possess up to 15 cottontails or snowshoe hares at any one time, straight or mixed bag.

(b) OPEN AREA: Statewide.

(c) SEASON DATES: Aug. 1 - Mar. 15 during the current license year.

OTHER SEASONS (~~(+)~~)

~~((+22+))~~ (17) BIRD DOG TRAINING SEASON:

(a) Wild upland game birds may be pursued during the dog-training season but may not be killed except during established hunting seasons. A small game license is required to train dogs on wild game birds. A Western Washington Pheasant Permit is required to train dogs on pheasants in Western Washington. Captive raised game birds may be released and killed during dog training if the hunter has proof of lawful acquisition (invoices) and the birds are appropriately marked (WAC 220-450-010 and 220-416-110).

(b) OPEN AREA: Statewide.

(c) SEASON DATES: Aug. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year.

(d) Only youth and seniors may train dogs during their respective seasons on designated Western Washington pheasant release sites.

(e) Bird dog training may be conducted year round on areas posted for bird dog training on portions of:

(i) Region One - Espanola (T24N, R40E, E 1/2 of section 16);

(ii) Region Two - Martha Lake Access Area (170 acres): One mile northeast of the town of George, southeast of the South Frontage Road along Interstate 90 and north of Baseline Road.

(iii) Region Three - Wenas Wildlife Area;

~~((iii))~~ (iv) Region Four - Skagit Wildlife Area, Lake Terrell Wildlife Area, and Snoqualmie Wildlife Area;

~~((iv))~~ (v) Region Five - Shillapoo/Vancouver Lake Wildlife Area;

~~((v))~~ (vi) Region Six - Scatter Creek Wildlife Area, Fort Lewis Military Base.

~~((23))~~ (18) **YAKAMA INDIAN RESERVATION:**

The ~~((2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021))~~ 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 upland bird seasons within the Yakama Indian Reservation are the same as the season established by the Yakama Indian Nation.

~~((24))~~ (19) **COLVILLE INDIAN RESERVATION:**

The ~~((2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021))~~ 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 upland bird seasons within the Colville Indian Reservation are the same as the season established by the Colville Indian Tribe.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-416-010, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245,

77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-416-010, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-416-010, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-342, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-033 (Order 15-95), § 232-28-342, filed 4/28/15, effective 5/29/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-342, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-342, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-342, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.32.070, 77.32.530. WSR 10-10-061 (Order 10-94), § 232-28-342, filed 4/30/10, effective 5/31/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240. WSR 09-09-083 (Order 09-53), § 232-28-342, filed 4/15/09, effective 5/16/09. Statutory Authority: RCW

77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210. WSR 08-09-090 (Order 08-78), § 232-28-342, filed 4/18/08, effective 5/19/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 06-11-031 (Order 06-91), § 232-28-342, filed 5/8/06, effective 6/8/06.]

WAC 220-416-010 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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- Change: Remove language proposing a rimfire rifle fall turkey season.

Rationale: After additional consideration of the proposed rimfire rifle fall turkey season, WDFW staff is recommending that this segment of the proposed rule changes be removed. Postponing the proposal at this time would allow WDFW staff additional time to better address concerns that were brought up during public comment.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

Written Supporting Comments:

The department received a total of 1,553 comments through the online survey.

The majority (63%, 976) of the respondents agreed with the proposal. With this proposal, the common theme was support for the expanded youth opportunity and expanded turkey limits.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Ten percent (161) of the respondents disagreed and twenty-seven percent (416) were neutral with the proposal.

Concerns expressed by those opposed:

- Disagree with moving grouse opener to September 15
- Longer seasons for various game birds (particularly pheasant and quail)
- Various suggestions on bag limits and possession for bobcat, fox, and turkey

Other – Many respondents had mixed support and/or concern.

In addition, the department received written correspondence expressing concerns about the proposal to add rimfire rifles as a legal means to harvest turkey.

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

There were ten individuals that provided comment during this session. Four of the ten individuals spoke specific to the proposed changes in this rule (220-416-010) during the session. Two opposed the addition of a rimfire rifle turkey season; but would support the proposed limited time frame (October 15- November 15) if the Commission chose to adopt. One supported rimfire rifle turkey season. One requested a spring grouse season to offset the proposed two-week delay of fall season.

There were comments provided on aspects of how the department gathers input from the public, rules that are not moving forward, the department's mission to manage wildlife for all versus manage wildlife for hunting or trapping opportunities.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The department will proceed with the rule as proposed with the recommended adjustments.

Public comment received prior to the Commission briefing on 26 March 2021:

The majority of respondents expressed support (63%, 976) or were neutral (27%, 416) for the proposed rule changes. However, there were several concerns noted and a few respondents indicated mixed concerns and support, stating too many different proposed changes. Several respondents indicated support for most of the proposed changes but concerns for a few others. The common concerns expressed by respondents were:

Comment: *Disagree with moving grouse opener to September 15.*

The department is proposing September 15 as the opener to ensure recruitment of young. Harvest records indicate adult females are disproportionately harvested during the first two weeks of September, which in turn affects recruitment of young individuals into the population. Populations are indicating a decline therefore to ensure long-term viability the season opener is proposed to occur after the observed critical period.

Comment: *Longer seasons for various game birds (particularly pheasant and quail).*

The department monitors game bird populations and indices and when feasible will expand seasons or increase bag limits when indices indicate favorable conditions for those types of management actions. Further the department will begin the Game Management Plan revision this upcoming year and during that process the department will review current management objectives and strategies for game birds.

Comment: *Various suggestions on bag limits and possession for bobcat, fox, and turkey.*

The department monitors many wildlife species populations, harvest records, and other population indices. When feasible the department will expand seasons or increase bag limits when indices indicate favorable conditions for those management actions. In addition, the department will begin the Game Management Plan revision this upcoming year and during that process the department will review current management objectives and strategies for furbearers and resident game birds.

Comment: *Concern over rimfire rifle use for turkey hunting: hunter safety, wounding loss, ethics.*

The use of rimfire weapons will allow for longer distance shots and hunters will need to take the appropriate measures to know their target and ensure clean shots. The wounding loss is not expected to vary from wounding loss that may occur with the use of archery equipment. The use of rimfire rifles for turkey hunting is limited to Oct 15 – Nov 15; which is also deer season and blaze orange is a requirement during this time period. Allowing these lighter weapons may increase interest and opportunity for those individuals that need to carry a lighter weight weapon. In addition, the change will allow for use on damage permits.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-05-112, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17)

WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations. (1) Statewide

trapping seasons:

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	RESTRICTIONS
Badger, Beaver, Bobcat, (Marten) Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Red Fox, River Otter, and Weasel	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year	
<u>Marten</u>	<u>Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year</u>	<u>CLOSED in Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, and Gray's Harbor counties.</u>
Eastern cottontail, Nuttall's cottontail, and snowshoe hare	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year	Daily bag limit: 5 mixed bag. Possession limit: 15 mixed bag.

(2) Participation requirements:

(a) A valid Washington state trapper's license is required.

(b) To be issued your first Washington state trapping license an individual must pass the Washington state trapper education exam.

~~((b))~~ (c) Licensed trappers must comply with reporting requirements in WAC 220-417-020.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), amended and recodified as § 220-417-010, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-

10-033 (Order 15-95), § 232-28-516, filed 4/28/15, effective 5/29/15.
Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210,
77.12.150, 77.12.240. WSR 09-09-083 (Order 09-53), § 232-28-516, filed
4/15/09, effective 5/16/09.]

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations

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- Change: Remove the language proposing the season requirements, daily bag limits, and possession limits for: Eastern cottontail, Nuttall's cottontail, and Snowshoe hare.

Rationale: After additional consideration on adding the proposed season, bag limits and possession limits for these species, WDFW staff is recommending that this segment of the proposed rule changes be removed. Postponing the proposal at this time would allow WDFW staff additional time to better address concerns that were brought up during the public comments.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-417-010 Trapping season and regulations.

Written Supporting Comments:

The department received a total of 1,501 comments through the online survey.

There were nearly equal respondents that supported (45%, 676) or were neutral (46%, 685) of the proposed changes. The respondents that support the proposed changes expressed general support, supported the closure of marten trapping in the identified areas, requested consideration of expanding trapping methods to include leg hold and snare traps, and requested the department to consider creating a Master Trapper program.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Nine percent (140) of respondents opposed the proposed rule changes and 46% (685) were neutral. The common theme from those that opposed was a general opposition to trapping. There were several respondents that supported trapping but opposed the closure of marten trapping.

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

There were 10 Individuals that provided verbal comments during this session. Six individuals provided comment specific to this proposal (220-417-010):

- No public spoken comments were made in reference to the change in marten season, closing trapping for marten in Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, and Gray's Harbor counties
- Four individuals requested restricting beaver trapping to areas of beaver relocations, wetland restorations, salmon recovery areas, and other habitat restoration areas, or eliminating trapping entirely.
- Two individuals spoke in favor of beaver trapping and the value of beaver trapping, mentioning the change in habitat, potential predators, and food resources that may have greater impact than trappers on beavers.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments: The department will proceed with the changes as proposed with the recommended adjustments.

Public comment received prior to Commission briefing on March 26, 2021: A slight majority (46%) of respondents were neutral of the proposed changes. Nine percent opposed the changes while (45%) were supportive of the proposed changes. The common theme of comments are as follows:

Comment: *Eliminate trapping, trapping is unnecessary.*

The department is delegated responsibility for preserving, protecting, perpetuating, and managing fish and wildlife in the lands and waters of the state. The department is charged with conservation of fish and wildlife, while providing fishing, hunting, fish and wildlife viewing, and other outdoor recreational opportunities compatible with healthy, diverse, and sustainable fish and wildlife populations. Trappers are among the citizens the department serves through management of public resources. While trapping participation has indicated a decline in Washington since Initiative 713 passed; it remains an important activity to many Washingtonians.

Comment: *Restrict trapping on public lands.*

The department recognizes the ecological value of beavers and is fully committed to improving our knowledge and management of beavers. Over the past 3 years, we have invested in projects and programs which assist with beaver translocation and identifying suitable beaver habitat. We have an ongoing pilot program that enables translocation of beavers from human conflict situations to areas where they can be released for habitat restoration. We funded the development of a statewide beaver intrinsic potential habitat model to inform selection of beaver release sites. Most recently, we are funding a research project with Washington State University to develop a method for monitoring beavers and post-release survival. The department is working with partners to study beaver dam analogs and develop beaver restoration projects.

Comment: *Disagree with marten closures.*

The department understands that current methods for trapping may allow for release of Pacific marten if captured. However, because of the similarity of species and the recent detection of a remnant population of Pacific marten in the Olympic Peninsula the department has proposed these closures. In addition, trapping records submitted to the department indicate martens have not been harvested since 1994, therefore, minimal impact to trappers is expected.

Comment: *Expand trapping methods to include leg hold and snare style traps.*

Washington currently has a law (77.15.194) in place which prohibits use or authorization of use of any steel-jawed leghold trap, neck snare, or other body-gripping trap to capture any mammal for recreation or commerce in fur. This law was supported by voter initiative I-713.

Comment: *Create a Master Trapper program.*

Thank you for the idea. This is a topic that the department can consider during the Game Management Plan (GMP) revision process. A review of the value, need, and support for such a program will be necessary. Several key points of importance are to prevent any impact to other trappers, including certified Wildlife Control Operators. The department will include this suggestion during the review for revisions of the GMP.



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/9/2021

Agenda item:

Game Reserves – Waterfowl Closures – Regulated Access Areas – Decision

Presenter(s):

Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager, Wildlife Program

Background summary: Department staff briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to:

- WAC 220-411-140
- WAC 220-411-210
- WAC 220-416-070
- WAC 220-416-080

WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve and WAC 220-411-210 Stratford Game Reserve.

- Technical adjustment under area description to align intent with legal description. This does not change how users have understood this Game Reserve.

WAC 220-416-070 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures.

- Under subsection 4, removes reference to the “Wooden Tower” which has been removed from the landscape.
- Eliminates subsection 7; Would now allow waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting during approved season dates.

WAC 220-416-080 Lynch Cove and Union River hunting area restrictions (Mason County) [Regulated Access Area restrictions for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting].

- Adjusts the title of this WAC to include several Wildlife Area Units where restrictions exist to regulate access for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting.
- Provides specification of current management restrictions for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting access consistent with purposes articulated in WAC 220-500-040 Regulating public access.

Amendments to WAC 220-416-070 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures update closures to reflect current management considerations. WAC 220-500-040 Regulating public access, prompts the department to encourage safety, to increase wildlife use to improve hunter success or manage wildlife viewing opportunities. There are several cases, highlighted in the proposed WAC 220-416-080 Regulated access area restriction for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting, where department managed lands are left to relay and enforce these restrictions through posted notice (signs), but specifying these restrictions would provide greater clarity to users and reinvigorate the rationale behind those management considerations on

particular units. The ten Regulated Access Areas are consistent with current management and considerations at these sites.

Staff recommendation:

Recommend adoptions of the rules as presented.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

The changes to the rules above were discussed in the March FWC meeting.

Greater clarity to waterfowl hunters and other users of department lands management and providing enforceable restrictions to achieve increased wildlife use to improve hunter success, while managing other uses and safety on particular units of our Wildlife Areas.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-05-112, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17)

WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve (Whatcom County). All of Lake Terrell in Sections 15 and 16, Twp. 39 north, Range 1 east **except** that portion of the lake within 350 feet of the south line of said sections and, in addition, those uplands owned by the department in the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of said Section 15, and in the SE1/4 of NE1/4; the NW1/4 of NE1/4; the ~~((E1/2 of E1/2))~~ W1/2 of W1/2 of NE1/4 NE1/4; ~~((and))~~ the E1/2 of the SW1/4 SW1/4; and the W1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 except the south 350 feet in Section 16, Twp. 39 north, Range 1 east.

WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve.

We received 1,251 total responses on this proposed rule change through our online survey.

Written Supporting Comments:

Ninety-two percent (582) of the non-neutral online respondents indicated that they agreed with this rule change.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Eight percent (50) of the non-neutral online respondents disagreed with the proposed rule. Forty-nine percent of all survey respondents were neutral or did not provide an answer.

Six written comments were received from respondents, with a common theme asking for better maps to reflect the proposed change.

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

No comments were received during this meeting.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

There is no “change” in this proposal, except for a technical adjustment in the legal description, not in the way hunters have understood or interacted with this closed area.

Game Reserves are defined (RCW 77.08.010) as “a closed area where hunting for all wild animals and wild birds is prohibited”. In producing better map products to help hunters understand the areas closed to hunting, errors were found in the legal description provided in this WAC compared to maps documents.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-05-112, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17)

WAC 220-411-210 Stratford Game Reserve. Stratford Game Reserve shall include the following described lands in Grant County: In Twp. 22N, R 28 EWM; Sec. 1 north of the Great Northern Railroad right of way; Sec. 2 north of the Great Northern Railroad right of way and State Highway No. 28; and that part of Section 3 lying north of the main canal and east of a line running north and south located 100 yards west of the Washington water power transmission line(~~(+;+)~~);

In Twp. 23N, R. 28 EWM; all of Sections 11, 13, 14(~~(+;+)~~), 24, and 25(~~(+;+)~~); the south half of Sections 12, 10 and 9 except the north 300 feet of the S.1/2 of 9 and 10; Section 35 except that part (~~(east)~~) west of north-south lying gravel road and south of cultivated lands; Sec. 36 EXCEPT the east 500 feet; and those parts of Section 15, lying east of a line running north and south located 100 yards west of the Washington water power transmission line and also those portions of the north half of Sections 15 and 16 lying north of the cultivated lands; and in addition the north 500 feet of the NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 19, Twp. 23N, R. 29 EWM.

WAC 220-411-210 Stratford Game Reserve.

We received 1,242 total responses on this proposed rule change through our online survey.

Written Supporting Comments:

Ninety-one percent (575) of the non-neutral online respondents indicated that they agreed with this rule change.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Nine percent (58) of the non-neutral online respondents disagreed with the proposed rule. Forty-nine percent of all survey respondents were neutral or did not provide an answer.

Five written comments were received from respondents, with a common theme asking for better maps to reflect the proposed change.

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

No comments were received during this meeting.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-05-112, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17)

WAC 220-416-070 Columbia, and Snake, ~~and Yakima~~ River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures. It is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe on or within the following described areas:

(1) Waters and land below the mean high water mark of Bachelor Island Slough of the Columbia River. Bachelor Island Slough is further defined as those waters starting at the south end of the slough at its confluence with the Columbia River, running north along the eastern shore of Bachelor Island to the confluence with Lake River. (Clark County)

(2) The Columbia River and those lands lying within one-quarter mile of the Columbia River upstream from the railroad bridge at Wishram to the U.S. Highway 97 bridge at Maryhill (Klickitat County).

(3) The Columbia River between the mouth of Glade Creek (river channel marker 57) and the old town site of Paterson (river channel marker 67), except the hunting of waterfowl, coot, and snipe is permitted from the main shoreline of the Columbia River in this area. (Benton County)

(4) The Columbia River and those lands lying within one-quarter mile of the Columbia River between the old Hanford townsite (~~((Wooden Tower))~~) power line crossing in Section 24, T13N, R27E, to Vernita Bridge (Highway 24). (Benton, Franklin, and Grant counties)

(5) The Columbia River between the public boat launch at Sunland Estates (Wanapum Pool) and a point perpendicular in Kittitas County; upstream to the posted marker 200 yards north of Quilomene Bay and a point perpendicular in Grant County, including islands. (Grant and Kittitas counties)

(6) The Snake River and those lands within one-quarter mile of the Snake River, between the U.S. Highway 12 bridge near Burbank, upstream to a line running between shoreline navigation marker 5 at Levey Park Recreation Area and the Corps of Engineers windmill at Charbonneau Habitat Management Unit. (Franklin and Walla Walla counties)

~~((7) The Yakima River and those lands lying within one-fourth mile of the Yakima River from the Sunnyside Mabton Road bridge downstream to the Euclid Road bridge (4 miles). (Yakima County))~~

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-416-070, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW

77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-16-740, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-034 (Order 15-96), § 232-16-740, filed 4/28/15, effective 5/29/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 05-17-098 (Order 05-174), § 232-16-740, filed 8/15/05, effective 9/15/05; WSR 04-17-061 (Order 04-207), § 232-16-740, filed 8/11/04, effective 9/11/04; WSR 03-16-087 (Order 03-175), § 232-16-740, filed 8/5/03, effective 9/5/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.040. WSR 97-18-023 (Order 97-163), § 232-16-740, filed 8/25/97, effective 9/25/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.040 and 77.12.010. WSR 96-18-005 (Order 96-123), § 232-16-740, filed 8/22/96, effective 9/22/96.]

WAC 220-416-070 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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Change: Retitle this WAC to “Columbia and Snake River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures.”

Rationale: The proposal removes the “Section 7” closure along the Yakima River. This is the last remaining closure on the Yakima River and with its removal the WAC title should be adjusted to accurately reflect this change.

WAC 220-416-070 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures.

We received 1,244 total responses on this proposed rule change through our online survey.

Written Supporting Comments:

Ninety-one percent (631) of the non-neutral online respondents indicated that they agreed with this rule change.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Nine percent (65) of the non-neutral online respondents disagreed with the proposed rule. Forty-four percent of all survey respondents were neutral or did not provide an answer.

Eight written comments were received from respondents, with a common theme asking for better maps to reflect the proposed change, and one referencing a section not proposed for change.

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

No comments were received during this meeting.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

Waterfowl Closures prohibit the hunting of migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe within defined sections of the Columbia, Snake, and Yakima rivers.

The “Wooden Tower” referenced as a visual marker for the old Hanford townsite was taken down and no longer serves as a reference point from the river.

The 4-miles of the Yakima River closed under Section 7, is proposed to be opened back up to migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe as there are neighboring Game Reserves to the west and east of this closure. This is the last closure located on the Yakima River.

Game Reserves are defined (RCW 77.08.010) as “a closed area where hunting for all wild animals and wild birds is prohibited”.

Better map products will be available to assist migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunters with these designations.

WAC 220-416-080 (~~(Lynch Cove and Union River hunting area restriction (Mason County).)~~) **Regulated access area restrictions for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting.** It is unlawful to hunt migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe within the following regulated access areas managed by the department, except under the following restrictions:

(1) Dungeness (North Olympic Wildlife Area - Dungeness Unit):

(a) Allowed in hunting zones or sites designated by the department.

(b) Open only on select days of the week designated by the department during approved migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe season dates.

(2) Elk River (Johns River Wildlife Area - Elk River Unit, south of State Route 105):

(a) Open every day during approved September Canada goose season dates in Goose Management Area 2 - Coast.

(b) Open only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during approved migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe season dates.

(3) Frenchman (Columbia Basin Wildlife Area - Desert Unit, southwest of Moses Lake at T17, R27E Sections 8 and 9):

(a) Open every day during approved migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe season dates.

(b) All visitors using the area must register and park in the parking lot and parking sites designated by the department.

(c) All vehicles are not allowed into the parking lot before 4:00 a.m.

(4) Lynch Cove and Union River (Mason County, within the SW 1/4 of Section 29, Section 31 (excluding the SW 1/4), and the W 1/2 of Section 32 in T23N, R1W.W.M.; in areas south of State Route 300 and NE North Shore Road, and areas north of State Routes 3 and 106): (~~(It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl, coot, or snipe in Lynch Cove and the Union River except in blinds designated by the department.)~~)

(a) Allowed in hunting zones or sites designated by the department.

(b) Open every day during approved migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe season dates.

(5) Mesa Lake (Sunnyside-Snake River Wildlife Area - Mesa Lake Unit):

(a) Open every day during approved migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe season dates.

(b) All visitors using the area must register and park in parking lots (Lanford and Sheffield Roads) and parking sites designated by the department during approved season dates.

(6) North Potholes (Columbia Basin Wildlife Area - Potholes Unit, west of Moses Lake at T19, R27, S33 and S34):

(a) Open every day during migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe season dates.

(b) All visitors using the area must register and park in the parking lot and parking sites designated by the department.

(c) All vehicles are not allowed in the parking lot before 4:00 a.m.

(7) Samish River (Skagit Wildlife Area - Samish River Unit):

(a) Allowed in hunting zones or sites designated by the department.

(b) Open every day during approved migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe season dates.

(c) All visitors using the area must first register and park in the parking sites designated by the department, in order to access the designated hunting zone.

(8) South Padilla Bay (Skagit Wildlife Area - South Padilla Bay Unit):

(a) Allowed in hunting zones or sites designated by the department.

(b) Open every day during approved migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe season dates.

(c) All visitors using the area must first register and park in the parking sites designated by the department.

(9) Winchester (Columbia Basin Wildlife Area - Desert Unit, west of Moses Lake at T18N, R25E Section 13, and T18N, R26E Section 18):

(a) Open only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during approved migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe season dates, and all approved goose hunting dates in Goose Management Area 4 (closed to all access during nonhunt days).

(b) All visitors using the area must register and park in the parking lot and parking sites designated by the department.

(c) All vehicles are not allowed in the parking lot before 4:00 a.m.

(10) Windmill Ranch (Sunnyside-Snake River Wildlife Area - Windmill Ranch Unit):

(a) Open every day during approved migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe season dates.

(b) All visitors using the area must register and park in parking lots (Marion or Colonial Roads) and parking sites designated by the department during approved season dates.

WAC 220-416-080 Lynch Cove and Union River hunting area restrictions (Mason County) [Regulated Access Area restrictions for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting].

We received 1,209 total responses on this proposed rule change through our online survey.

Written Supporting Comments:

Eighty-eight percent (429) of the non-neutral online respondents indicated that they agreed with this rule change.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Twelve percent (60) of the non-neutral online respondents disagreed with the proposed rule. Sixty percent of all survey respondents were neutral or did not provide an answer.

Seven written comments were received from respondents, with a common theme asking for better maps to reflect the proposed change, and one expressing a misunderstanding that this proposals strives to solidify management that currently exists, not enact new restrictions for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting.

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

No comments were received during this meeting.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

During the 3-year season setting process, respondents supported the idea of Regulated Access Areas on public lands to balance waterfowl conservation, habitat management, and waterfowl hunter opportunities and experience on public lands.

Consistent with WDFW WAC 220-500-040 Regulating public access, that prompts the department to encourage safety, to increase wildlife use in order to improve hunter success or manage wildlife viewing opportunities. There are several cases, highlighted in the proposed WAC 220-416-080 Regulated access area restriction for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting, where department-managed lands are left to relay and enforce these restrictions through posted notice (signs), but specifying these restrictions would provide greater clarity to users and reinvigorate the rationale behind those management considerations on particular units.

The 10 Regulated Access Areas are consistent with current management and considerations at these sites.

Better map products will be available to assist migratory waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunters with these designations.



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/9/2021

Agenda item:

Hunting Boundaries – Decision

Presenter(s):

Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager, Wildlife Program

Background summary: Department staff briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to WACs:

- 220-410-010 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions–Region one.
- 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions–Region four.
- 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions–Region five.
- 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions–Region six.
- 220-415-010 Deer area descriptions.
- 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

The primary purpose of these proposals is to identify hunt areas that align harvest levels for big game with local populations to ensure long-term conservation goals are achieved. Specific amendments include:

1. Eliminating Elk Area 1040 and Deer Area 1040 and opening the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area Unit during general deer and elk seasons.
2. Eliminating Deer Area 1021-Clarkston (Asotin Co.).
3. An administrative clarification for GMUs 175 (Lick Creek) and 178 (Peola) that the boundary follows the elk drift fence to where it meets the Section line, rather than where the fence ends.
4. Making a minor adjustment to the boundary description for Elk Area 2032 (Malaga) to establish a more easily identified boundary.
5. Establishing Stuart Island and Henry Island in the Puget Sound as standalone GMUs, rather than including them as part of GMU 410 (Islands).
6. Making a minor adjustment to the boundary description for GMUs 407 (North Sound) and 454 (Issaquah) to establish a more easily identified boundary.
7. Making a minor adjustment to the boundary description for GMUs 568 (Washougal) and 572 (Siouxon) to establish a more easily identified boundary.
8. Adding that portion of GMU 554 (Yale) that is north of State Route 503 to GMU556 (Toutle).
9. Adding Elk Area 5066 (Norway Pass) to GMU 522 (Loo-Wit).

10. Establishing a new Elk Area in GMU 603 (Pysht) near the town of Joyce to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints.
11. Formally adopting a change to the boundary description for GMUs 506 (Willapa Hills) and 673 (Williams Creek) that was implemented as an emergency rule on September 1, 2020.

Staff recommendation:

Recommend adoptions of the rules as presented.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

The changes to the rules above were discussed in the March FWC meeting.

- Maximize recreation hunting opportunities.
- Continue sustainable hunting seasons for big game.
- Establishing boundary descriptions that are more easily identified by hunters.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-19-001, filed 9/5/18, effective 10/6/18)

WAC 220-410-010 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region one. GMU 101-SHERMAN (Ferry and Okanogan counties):

Beginning at the Kettle River and the US-Canadian border near the Ferry Customs Office, north of the town of Toroda; E on the US-Canadian border to the Kettle River, east of the town of Laurier; S down the Kettle River (Ferry-Stevens county line) to the mouth of the Kettle River on Lake Roosevelt; S down the western shore of Lake Roosevelt to the northeastern corner of the Colville Indian reservation; W on the northern Colville Indian reservation boundary to State Route (SR) 21; N on SR 21 to SR 20 at the town of Republic; NW on SR 20 to Toroda Creek Rd at the town of Wauconda; NE on the Toroda Creek Rd to Toroda Creek at the town of Toroda; E along Toroda Creek to its mouth on the Kettle River; N up the Kettle River to the US-Canadian border near the Ferry Customs Office north of the town of Toroda and point of beginning.

GMU 105-KELLYHILL (Stevens County):

Beginning at the Kettle River (Ferry-Stevens county line) and the US-Canadian border east of the town of Laurier; E on the US-Canadian border to Lake Roosevelt (Columbia River); SW along the eastern shore of Lake Roosevelt to the US Hwy (US) 395 bridge; W on US 395 over the bridge to the western shore of Lake Roosevelt; N on the western shore of Lake Roosevelt to the mouth of the Kettle River; N up the Kettle River (Ferry-Stevens county line) to the US-Canadian border east of the town of Laurier and the point of beginning.

GMU 108-DOUGLAS (Stevens County):

Beginning at the junction of US Hwy (US) 395 and State Route (SR) 20 in the town of Colville; NW on US 395 (SR 20) to the bridge over Lake Roosevelt; N up the southeastern shore of Lake Roosevelt and Columbia River to the SR 25 bridge over the Columbia River at the town of Northport; S on SR 25 to Colville-Aladdin-Northport Rd in the town of Northport; SW on the Colville-Aladdin-Northport Rd to SR 20, E of the town of Colville; W on SR 20 to US 395 at the town of Colville and point of beginning.

GMU 111-ALADDIN (Stevens and Pend Oreille counties):

Beginning at the junction of the Colville-Aladdin-Northport Rd and State Route (SR) 20 on the east side of Colville; N on Aladdin Rd to SR 25 at the town of Northport; N on SR 25 to the bridge over the

Columbia River; NE along the southeastern shoreline of the Columbia River to the US-Canadian border; E along the US-Canadian border to the Pend Oreille River; S along the western shoreline of the Pend Oreille River to Tiger East Rd, which is due east of the town of Tiger; W on the Tiger East Rd to SR 20 at the town of Tiger; W and S on SR 20 to the junction with the Aladdin Rd, E of the town of Colville and point of beginning.

GMU 113-SELKIRK (Pend Oreille County):

Beginning on the western shore of the Pend Oreille River at the US-Canadian border; E on the US-Canadian border to the Washington-Idaho state line; S on the Washington-Idaho state line to the southwestern shore of the Pend Oreille River at the town of Newport; NW along the southwestern shore of the Pend Oreille River to the US-Canadian border and the point of beginning.

GMU 117-49 DEGREES NORTH (Stevens and Pend Oreille counties):

Beginning at junction of State Route (SR) 20 and US Hwy (US) 395 at the town of Colville; E on SR 20 to Tiger East Rd at the town of Tiger; E on Tiger East Rd to western shore of the Pend Oreille River; S along the southwestern shore of the Pend Oreille River to the Washington-Idaho state line; S along the Washington-Idaho state line to US 2 in the town of Newport; SW and S on US 2 to the Deer Park-

Milan Rd; W on the Deer Park-Milan Rd to US 395 at the town of Deer Park; NW on US 395 to its junction with SR 20 at the town of Colville and the point of the beginning.

GMU 121-HUCKLEBERRY (Stevens County):

Beginning at the US Hwy (US) 395 bridge over Lake Roosevelt (Columbia River) NW of the town of Kettle Falls; SE on US 395 through Colville and Chewelah to State Route (SR) 292 at Loon Lake; W on SR 292 to SR 231 at the town of Springdale; S on SR 231 to the first tributary of Chamokane Creek intersecting SR 231 south of the northeast corner of the Spokane Indian reservation; SW on the said tributary to Chamokane Creek, the northern boundary of the Spokane Indian reservation; W along the northern border of the Spokane Indian Reservation border to eastern boundary of the Colville Indian reservation on the Ferry-Stevens county line on Lake Roosevelt; N along the Colville Indian reservation boundary to its northern corner on Lake Roosevelt; W along Colville Indian reservation boundary to the western shore of Lake Roosevelt; N along western shore of Lake Roosevelt to the US 395 bridge over Lake Roosevelt northwest of the town of Kettle Falls and the point of beginning.

GMU 124-MOUNT SPOKANE (Spokane, Stevens and Pend Oreille counties):

Beginning at the junction of State Route (SR) 231 and SR 292 at the town of Springdale; E on SR 292 to US Hwy (US) 395 at Loon Lake; SE on US 395 to the Deer Park-Milan Rd; E on the Deer Park-Milan Rd to US 2; N and NE on US 2 to the Washington-Idaho state line at the town of Newport; S on the Washington-Idaho state line to the Spokane River; W and NW down the north shore of Spokane River to Chamokane Creek (Spokane Indian reservation boundary); N along the Chamokane Creek to the last Chamokane Creek tributary before the northeastern corner of the Spokane Indian reservation; NE up said tributary to SR 231; N on SR 231 to SR 292 at the town of Springdale and the point of beginning.

GMU 127-MICA PEAK (Spokane County):

Beginning at the mouth of Latah Creek (Hangman Creek) on the Spokane River; E up the south shore of the Spokane River to the Maple Street Bridge; N across the Maple Street Bridge to the north shore of the Spokane River; E on the north shore of the Spokane River to the Washington-Idaho state line; S on the Washington-Idaho state line to State Route (SR) 274 at the town of Willard; SW on SR 274 to SR 27 at the town of Tekoa; NW on SR 27 to Fairbanks Rd; W on Fairbanks Rd to Spring Valley Rd; NW on Spring Valley Rd to Dunn Rd; SW on Dunn Rd to Merritt Rd; W on Merritt Rd to US Hwy (US) 195; N on US 195 to

Interstate Hwy (I)-90; E on I-90 to Latah Creek; N down Latah Creek to the Spokane River and the point of the beginning.

GMU 130-CHENEY (Spokane and Lincoln counties):

Beginning on the Spokane River and State Route (SR) 231; E up the north shore of the Spokane River to the Maple Street Bridge; S on the Maple Street Bridge to the south shore of the Spokane River; W on the south shore of the Spokane River to Latah Creek (Hangman Creek) in Spokane; S up Latah Creek to Interstate Hwy (I)-90; W on I-90 to US Hwy (US) 195; S on US 195 to Rosalia exit and south to Gashous Rd in the town of Rosalia; W on Gashous Rd to Squaw Rd; NW on Squaw Rd to Blackman Rd; W on Blackman Rd to Texas Ferry Rd; S on Texas Ferry Rd to Siegel Rd; W on Siegel Rd to Belsby Rd; W on Belsby Rd to Henderson Rd; W on Henderson Rd to Mullinix Rd; N on Mullinix Rd to Reed Rd; W on Reed Rd to Spuler Rd; S on Spuler Rd to Dewey Rd; W on Dewey Rd to SR 23; NW along SR 23 to SR 231; N on SR 231 to US 2; E on US 2 to SR 231 at the town of Reardan; N along SR 231 to the Spokane River and to the point of beginning.

GMU 133-ROOSEVELT (Lincoln County):

Beginning at the east end of the Grand Coulee Dam at Lake Roosevelt; E along the Grant-Okanogan, Lincoln-Okanogan, Lincoln-Ferry county lines on Lake Roosevelt to the Spokane River; E up the Spokane River,

following the Lincoln-Stevens county line, to State Route (SR) 231; S on SR 231 to US Hwy (US) 2 at the town of Reardan; W on US 2 to SR 21 at the town of Wilbur; N on SR 21 to SR 174; NW on SR 174 to SR 155 at the town of Grand Coulee; NE on SR 155 to the access road to the Grand Coulee Dam causeway (access restricted); E on the causeway access road to the east end of the Grand Coulee Dam at Lake Roosevelt and the point of the beginning.

GMU 136-HARRINGTON (Lincoln and Grant counties):

Beginning at the town of Grand Coulee at State Route (SR) 174 and Rd W NE (Grand Coulee Hill Rd); SE on SR 174 to US Hwy (US) 2 at the town of Wilbur; E on US 2 to SR 231; S on 231 to SR 23; S on SR 23 to Interstate Hwy (I)-90; SW on I-90 to Danekas Rd (Interstate Hwy Exit 231); W on Danekas Rd to Tokio Rd; W on Tokio Rd to Marcellus Rd; N on Marcellus Rd to Davis Rd; W on Davis Rd to Rd 12 NE; W on Rd 12 NE to Rd W NE; N on Rd W NE to Rd X NE at the town of Marlin; N on Rd X NE to Kiner Rd; NE, E, N, E, and N on Kiner Rd to US 2, east of the town of Almira; SW on US 2 to Main Rd; W on Main St to N 3rd St; N on 3rd St to Old Coulee Rd; N on Old Coulee Rd to Douglas Rd; W on Douglas Rd to Peterson Rd; N on Peterson Rd to 51 NE Rd; E on 51 NE Rd to Rd W NE; N on Rd W NE to Grand Coulee Hill Rd; N on Grand Coulee Hill Rd to SR 174 in the town of Grand Coulee and the point of the beginning.

GMU 139-STEPTOE (Lincoln, Whitman, and Spokane counties):

Beginning at the Washington-Idaho state line and State Route (SR) 274 at the town of Willard; W on SR 274 to SR 27 at the town of Tekoa; NW on SR 27 to Fairbanks Rd; Fairbanks Rd to Spring Valley Rd; NW on Spring Valley Rd to Dunn Rd; SW on Dunn Rd to Merritt Rd; W on Merritt Rd to the town of Rosalia; from Rosalia, W on Gashous Rd to Squaw Rd; NW on Squaw Rd to Blackman Rd; W on Blackman Rd to Texas Ferry Rd; S on Texas Ferry Rd to Siegel Rd; W on Siegel Rd to Belsby Rd; W on Belsby Rd to Henderson Rd; W on Henderson Rd to Mullinix Rd; N on Mullinix Rd to Reed Rd; W on Reed Rd to Spuler Rd; S on Spuler Rd to Dewey Rd; W on Dewey Rd to SR 23; N on SR 23 to Lamont Rd; SW on Lamont Rd to Revere Rd; S on Revere Rd to Jordan-Knott Rd; S on Jordan-Knott Rd to Rock Creek; S down Rock Creek to the Palouse River; S down the Palouse River to SR 26; E along SR 26 to US Hwy (US) 195 at the town of Colfax; S on US 195 to SR 270; E on SR 270 to Washington-Idaho state line; N on the Washington-Idaho state line to SR 274 at the town of Willard and the point of the beginning.

GMU 142-ALMOTA (Whitman County):

Beginning at US Hwy (US) 195 and State Route (SR) 26 at the town of Colfax; SE on US 195 to SR 270; E on SR 270, through the town of Pullman to the Washington-Idaho state line near Moscow, Idaho; S along

the Washington-Idaho state line to the Snake River (Asotin-Whitman county line), north of the town of Clarkston; W along the Snake River (Asotin-Whitman, Garfield-Whitman, and Columbia-Whitman county line) to the mouth of the Palouse River (Franklin-Whitman county line); N and E up the Palouse River (Franklin-Whitman and Whitman-Adams county lines) to SR 26, west of the town of Gordon; E on SR 26 (Washtucna-Lacrosse Hwy) to US 195 at the town of Colfax and the point of beginning.

GMU 145-MAYVIEW (Garfield and Asotin counties):

Beginning at the State Route (SR) 127 bridge crossing the Snake River (Whitman-Garfield county line) at Central Ferry; E along the Snake River (Whitman-Asotin and Whitman-Garfield county lines) to the mouth of Alpowa Creek; S up Alpowa Creek to the US Hwy (US) 12 bridge; W on US 12 to SR 127; N on SR 127 (Central Ferry Hwy) to the bridge crossing the Snake River (Garfield-Whitman county line) at Central Ferry and the point of beginning.

GMU 149-PRESCOTT (Walla Walla, Columbia, and Garfield counties):

Beginning on the Columbia River at the mouth of the Snake River (Benton-Franklin-Walla Walla county line); NE and E along the Snake River (Franklin-Walla Walla, Whitman-Columbia, and Whitman-Garfield county lines) to State Route (SR) 127 bridge at Central Ferry; S on SR

127 (Central Ferry Hwy) to US Hwy (US) 12 at Dodge Junction; SW on US 12, through the towns of Dayton and Waitsburg, to SR 125 at the town of Walla Walla; S on SR 125 to the Washington-Oregon state line; W on the Washington-Oregon state line to the Columbia River (Benton-Walla Walla county line); N along the Columbia River (Benton-Walla Walla county line) to the mouth of the Snake River and the point of beginning.

GMU 154-BLUE CREEK (Walla Walla and Columbia counties):

Beginning on US Hwy (US) 12 at the town of Waitsburg; NE on US 12 to Lower Hogeye Rd at Long Station; E on Lower Hogeye Rd to Bowman Hill Rd; SW on Bowman Hill Rd to the Payne Hollow Rd; S on the Payne Hollow Rd to Jasper Mountain Rd; S on Jasper Mountain Rd to Mt. Pleasant Rd; S on Mt. Pleasant Rd to Dent Rd; S on Dent Rd to the Lewis Peak Rd; S on the Lewis Peak Rd to Lewis Peak Trail; SE on Lewis Peak Trail to US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 3211 (Mill Creek Watershed Intake Trail); SW on USFS Trail 3211 to the Washington-Oregon state line; W on the Washington-Oregon state line to State Route (SR) 125; N on SR 125 to US 12; NE on US 12 to the town of Waitsburg and the point of beginning.

GMU 157-MILL CREEK WATERSHED (Walla Walla and Columbia counties):

Beginning at US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 3211 (Mill Creek Watershed Intake Trail) at the Washington-Oregon state line; NE and E on USFS Trail 3211 to USFS Rd 64; S on the USFS Rd 64 to the Washington-Oregon state line; W on the Washington-Oregon state line to USFS Trail 3211 and the point of beginning.

GMU 162-DAYTON (Walla Walla and Columbia counties):

Beginning at the junction of US Hwy (US) 12 and Patit Rd in the town of Dayton; E on the Patit Rd to the Hartsock Grade Rd-Maloney Mountain Rd intersection; S on Maloney Mountain Rd to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 4625 (Maloney Mountain Rd); S and W on to USFS Rd 4625 to Skyline Drive Rd; SE on Skyline Drive Rd to USFS Rd 46 (Skyline Drive Rd); S on USFS Rd 46 to USFS Rd 64; S on USFS Rd 64 to USFS Trail 3211 (Mill Creek Watershed Intake Trail); W on USFS Trail 3211 to the Lewis Peak Trail; NW on the Lewis Peak Trail to Lewis Peak Rd; N on the Lewis Peak Rd to Dent Rd; N on Dent Rd to Mt. Pleasant Rd; N on the Mt. Pleasant Rd to the Jasper Mountain Rd; N on the Jasper Mountain Rd to Payne Hollow Rd; N on Payne Hollow Rd to Bowman Hill Rd; NE on Bowman Hill Rd to Lower Hogeye Rd; W on Lower Hogeye Rd to US 12 at Long Station; NE on US 12 to its junction with Patit Rd at the town of Dayton and the point of beginning.

GMU 163-MARENGO (Columbia and Garfield counties):

Beginning at the junction of US Hwy (US) 12 and Patit Rd in the town of Dayton; N and E on US 12 to the Tatman Mountain Rd at Zumwalt; SE on Tatman Mountain Rd to Linville Gulch Rd; S on the Linville Gulch Rd to the Blind Grade Rd; SW on the Blind Grade Rd to the Tucannon Rd; N on the Tucannon Rd to the Hartsock Grade Rd; S on the Hartsock Grade Rd to the Patit Rd; W on the Patit Rd to US 12 in the town of Dayton and the point of beginning.

GMU 166-TUCANNON (Columbia and Garfield counties):

Beginning at the intersection of the Hartsock Grade Rd and the Tucannon Rd; SE on the Tucannon Rd to the elk drift fence at the northern boundary of the W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area; E and S along the elk drift fence to the US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 40 (Mountain Rd) at the Umatilla National Forest's northern boundary; S on the USFS Rd 40 to USFS Rd 4030 (Diamond Peak Rd); W on USFS Rd 4030 to USFS Trail 3113 (Diamond Peak Trail-Bullfrog Springs Trail-Oregon Butte Trail) at Diamond Peak; W on USFS Trail 3113 to USFS Trail 3136 (Teepee Trail); W along USFS Trail 3136 to USFS Rd 4608 (Teepee Rd) at Teepee Camp; W on the USFS Rd 4608 to USFS Rd 46 (Skyline Drive Rd); N on the USFS Rd 46 to Skyline Drive Rd; N on Skyline Drive Rd to the Maloney Mountain Rd; W on Maloney Mountain Rd to USFS Rd 4625 (Maloney Mountain Rd); E and N on the USFS Rd 4625 (Maloney Mountain Rd) to the Hartsock Grade

Rd; N on the Hartsock Grade Rd to the Tucannon Rd and the point of the beginning.

GMU 169-WENAHA (Columbia, Garfield and Asotin counties):

Beginning on the Washington-Oregon state line at the US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 64; N on USFS Rd 64 to USFS Rd 46 (Skyline Dr); E on USFS Rd 46 to USFS Rd 4608 (Teepee Rd) at Godman Springs; E on USFS Rd 4608 to USFS Trail 3136 (Teepee Trail) at Teepee Camp; E on the USFS Trail 3136 to USFS Trail 3113 (Oregon Butte Trail-Bullfrog Springs Trail-Diamond Peak Trail); E on USFS Trail 3113 to USFS Rd 4030 (Diamond Peak Rd) at Diamond Peak; E on USFS Rd 4030 to USFS Rd 40 (Mountain Rd); S along USFS Rd 40 to USFS Rd 4039 (South Boundary Rd); SW along USFS Rd 4039 to USFS Trail 3133 (Three Forks Trail); NW on USFS Trail 3133 to USFS Trail 3100; S on USFS Trail 3100 to the Washington-Oregon state line; due W on the Washington-Oregon state line to USFS Rd 64 and the point of beginning.

GMU 172-MOUNTAIN VIEW (Garfield and Asotin counties):

Beginning on the Washington-Oregon state line at US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 3100; N on USFS Trail 3100 to USFS Trail 3133 (Three Forks Trail); SE on USFS Trail 3133 (Three Forks Trail) to USFS Rd 4039 (South Boundary Rd); NE on USFS Rd 4039 to USFS Rd 40 (Mountain Rd); N on USFS Rd 40 to USFS Rd 44 (Mount Misery-Big Butte Rd) at

Misery junction; E on USFS Rd 44 to USFS Rd 43; E on USFS Rd 43 to USFS Rd 4304; E on USFS Rd 4304 to West Mountain Rd; NE on the West Mountain Rd to Bennett Ridge Rd; N on Bennett Ridge Rd to Mill Rd; E on Mill Rd to State Route (SR) 129 at the town of Anatone; SW on SR 129 to the Washington-Oregon state line; due W on the Washington-Oregon state line to USFS Trail 3100 and the point of beginning.

GMU 175-LICK CREEK (Garfield and Asotin counties):

Beginning at the intersection of US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 40 (Mountain Rd) and the elk drift fence on the Umatilla National Forest's northern boundary; E along the elk drift fence to (~~its end at~~) where it meets the eastern border section line of Section 2, T9N, R43E; due S (~~from the end to the elk drift fence~~) on the eastern section line of Section 2, T9N, R43E to Charley Creek; E down Charley Creek to Asotin Creek; S down Asotin Creek to the South Fork Asotin Creek Rd; S up the South Fork Asotin Creek Rd to Campbell Grade Rd; E on the Campbell Grade Rd to Parsons Rd (Back Rd); S on Parsons Rd (Back Rd) to the Cloverland Rd; S on Cloverland Rd to its junction with the Umatilla National Forest's eastern boundary fence; E and S on the USFS boundary fence past Big Butte to USFS Rd 4303 (Big Butte Rd-Mount Misery Rd); W on USFS Rd 4304 to USFS Rd 43; W on USFS Rd 43 to USFS Rd 44; W on USFS Rd 44 to USFS Rd 40 (Mountain Rd) at Misery

junction; NW on USFS Rd 40 (Mountain Rd) to the intersection with the elk drift fence on the Umatilla National Forest's northern boundary and the point of beginning.

GMU 178-PEOLA (Garfield and Asotin counties):

Beginning at the intersection of US Hwy (US) 12 and Tatman Mountain Rd at Zumwalt; E on US 12 to bridge near the mouth of Alpowa Creek; N down Alpowa Creek to the Snake River; E and S along the Snake River (Asotin-Whitman county line, Washington-Idaho state line) to the mouth of Asotin Creek; W along Asotin Creek to Charley Creek; W along Charley Creek to (~~the unit boundary marker at~~) the eastern border section line of Section 2, T9N, R43E; due N on eastern border section line of Section 2, T9N, R43E (~~to end of~~) until it meets the elk drift fence; W along the elk drift fence to the boundary of the W.T. Wooten Wildlife Area; NW and W along the elk drift fence to the Tucannon Rd; N on the Tucannon Rd to Blind Grade Rd; NE up Blind Grade Rd to the Linville Gulch Rd; N on the Linville Gulch Rd to Tatman Mountain Rd; NW up Tatman Mountain Rd to US 12 at Zumwalt and the point of beginning.

GMU 181-COUSE (Asotin County):

Beginning at the mouth of Asotin Creek on the Snake River at the town of Asotin; S along the Snake River (Washington-Idaho state line) to

the Grande Ronde River; W along the north shore of Grande Ronde River to State Route (SR) 129; NW on SR 129 to Mill Rd in the town of Anatone; W on Mill Rd to Bennett Ridge Rd; S and W on Bennett Ridge Rd to West Mountain Rd; SW on West Mountain Rd to Umatilla National Forest eastern boundary fence at Big Butte; N along the Umatilla National Forest boundary fence to Cloverland Rd; NE on Cloverland Rd to the first, southernmost intersection with Parsons Rd (Back Rd); N on Parsons Rd (Back Rd) to Campbell Grade Rd; W on the Campbell Grade Rd to South Fork Asotin Creek Rd; NE on South Fork Asotin Creek Rd to Asotin Creek; NE down Asotin Creek to the Snake River at the town of Asotin and the point of beginning.

GMU 186-GRANDE RONDE (Asotin County):

Beginning on the Washington-Oregon state line and State Route (SR) 129; N on SR 129 to the Grande Ronde River; E along the north shore of the Grande Ronde River to the Snake River (Washington-Idaho state line); S along the Snake River (Washington-Idaho state line) to the Washington-Oregon state line; W on the Washington-Oregon state line to SR 129 and the point of beginning.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 18-19-001 (Order 18-229), § 220-410-010, filed 9/5/18, effective 10/6/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012,

77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-410-010, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-035 (Order 15-97), § 232-28-331, filed 4/28/15, effective 5/29/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 11-11-013 (Order 11-86), § 232-28-331, filed 5/6/11, effective 6/6/11; WSR 06-02-063 (Order 05-271), § 232-28-331, filed 1/3/06, effective 2/3/06; WSR 03-16-087 (Order 03-175), § 232-28-331, filed 8/5/03, effective 9/5/03; WSR 03-06-110 (Order 03-23), § 232-28-331, filed 3/5/03, effective 4/5/03.]

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-410-010 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region one.

We received 12 total comments on the proposed rule change, and all came through our online survey. Seven of the comments did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,467 respondents to our online survey 58% (858) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Four comments indicated general support of the proposed change but did not specify why.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 3% (38) of respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule change and 39% (571) indicated they were neutral. One comment indicated opposition to the proposed change but did not specify why.

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received no comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing that were specific to GMU boundary descriptions in Region 1.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed. The proposed rule change is minor and does not substantially change the boundary of Game Management Units 175 and 178. Most of the responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-10-011, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19)

WAC 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary

descriptions—Region four. GMU 407-NORTH SOUND (Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish and King counties); (does not include Guemes Island):

Beginning at the NW corner of Whatcom County line and the US-Canadian border; E on the US-Canadian border to a point due north of Silver Lake Rd; S to Silver Lake Rd; S on Silver Lake Rd to State Route (SR) 542 (Mount Baker Hwy); SW on SR 542 (Mount Baker Hwy) to Mosquito Lake Rd; S on Mosquito Lake Rd to SR 9 (Valley Hwy); S on SR 9 (Valley Hwy) to SR 20 in the town of Sedro-Woolley; W and S on SR 20 to SR 9; S on SR 9 to SR 530 at the town of Arlington; NE on SR 530 to Jim Creek-Trafton Rd at the Trafton School in the town of Trafton; SE along Jim Creek-Trafton Rd (242nd St. NE) to the City of Seattle power transmission line; SW on the transmission line to Jordan Rd in Section 20, T31N, R6E; SE along Jordan Rd to SR 92 at the town of Granite Falls; E on SR 92 to South Alder Ave; S on South Alder Ave to E Pioneer St; E on East Pioneer St to Menzel Lake Rd; SE on Menzel Lake Rd to North Lake Roesiger Rd; S on North Lake Roesiger Rd to South

Lake Roesiger Rd; S on South Lake Roesiger Rd to 242nd St SE; S on 242nd St SE to Woods Creek Rd; S on Woods Creek Rd to US Hwy 2 at the town of Monroe; W on US Hwy 2 to SR 203 at the town of Monroe; S on SR 203 to (~~NE Woodinville Duvall Rd at the town of Duvall; W on NE Woodinville Duvall Rd~~) Peoples Creek; W, S and N on Peoples Creek to the Snoqualmie River; N down the Snoqualmie River to the Snohomish River; W down the Snohomish River to its mouth on the Puget Sound; W from the mouth of the Snohomish River to the northern tip of Gedney Island; due W from the northern tip of Gedney Island to a point on the Snohomish-Island County line; N along the Island-Snohomish County line in Possession Sound and Port Susan to Juniper Beach and N through Davis Slough to the Island-Snohomish-Skagit County junction; W and N along Island-Skagit County line through Skagit Bay and W through Deception Pass to San Juan-Skagit County line; N on the San Juan-Skagit County line to a point due West of Kelly's Point on Guemes Island; E from the San Juan-Skagit County line to Bellingham Channel, EXCLUDING Guemes Island; N through the middle of Bellingham Channel, then NE from Bellingham Channel to Carter Point on Lummi Island; NW from Carter Point to the Skagit-Whatcom County line; W along Skagit-Whatcom County line to the Whatcom-San Juan County line; NW along the

Whatcom-San Juan County line to the US-Canadian border and the point of beginning.

GMU 410-ISLANDS (Island, San Juan, and Skagit counties) EXCLUDING Camano, Whidbey, Orcas, San Juan, Lopez, Shaw, Blakely, Decatur, Henry, Stuart, and Cypress Islands:

Beginning at the junction of San Juan-Whatcom County lines and the US-Canadian border at the northernmost point in San Juan County; SE on the San Juan-Whatcom County line to the junction of San Juan-Whatcom-Skagit County lines; E on the Skagit-Whatcom County line to the first point where the Skagit-Whatcom County line turns SE; SE from the Skagit-Whatcom County line to Carter Point on Lummi Island; SW down the middle of Bellingham Channel to a point due W of Kelly's Point on Guemes Island and including Cypress Island; W to the Skagit-San Juan County line; S through Rosario Strait on the San Juan-Skagit County line to the San Juan-Skagit-Island County line; E on the Skagit-Island County line through Deception Pass and S through Skagit Bay to the Island-Snohomish-Skagit County junction; SE on the Island-Snohomish County line through Davis Slough, Juniper Beach, Port Susan, Possession Sound to the Island-Kitsap County line; NW on the Island-Kitsap-Jefferson County line through Puget Sound, Admiralty Inlet, and the Strait of Juan De Fuca; W on the Clallam-Jefferson-San Juan County

lines to the US-Canadian border; N on the US-Canadian border, through Middle Bank, Haro Strait, and Boundary Pass, to the northernmost corner of San Juan-Whatcom County line and the point of beginning.

GMU 411-ORCAS (San Juan County):

Includes all of Orcas Island

GMU 412-SHAW (San Juan County):

Includes all of Shaw Island

GMU 413-SAN JUAN (San Juan County):

Includes all of San Juan Island

GMU 414-LOPEZ (San Juan County):

Includes all of Lopez Island

GMU 415-BLAKELY (San Juan County):

Includes all of Blakely Island

GMU 416-DECATUR (San Juan County):

Includes all of Decatur Island

GMU 417-CYPRESS (Skagit County):

Includes all of Cypress Island

GMU 418-NOOKSACK (Whatcom and Skagit counties):

Beginning at the US-Canadian border and the western border of the North Cascades National Park; S on the North Cascades National Park boundary to Noisy Diobsud Wilderness Area boundary; W and S on Noisy Diobsud Wilderness Area boundary to a point due E of the head waters of Watson Creek; W to the headwaters of Watson Creek; S down Watson Creek to Thunder Creek; W down Thunder Creek to Baker River Rd; S along Baker River Rd to State Route (SR) 20 at the town of Concrete; W along SR 20 to SR 9 at the town of Sedro-Woolley; N along SR 9 to Mosquito Lake Rd; N on the Mosquito Lake Rd to SR 542 (Mount Baker Hwy); N on SR 542 to the Silver Lake Rd; N on the Silver Lake Rd to its northern most point; N from the Silver Lake Rd to the US-Canadian border; E on the US-Canadian border to the western border of the North Cascades National Park and the point of beginning.

GMU 419-GUEMES (Skagit County):

Includes all of Guemes Island

GMU 420-WHIDBEY (Island County):

Includes all of Whidbey Island

GMU 421-CAMANO (Island County):

Includes all of Camano Island

GMU 422-VASHON-MAURY (King County):

Includes all of Vashon and Maury Islands

GMU 423-HENRY ISLAND (San Juan County):

Includes all of Henry Island

GMU 424-STUART ISLAND (San Juan County):

Includes all of Stuart Island

GMU 426-DIABLO (Skagit and Whatcom counties):

Beginning at the US-Canadian border and the western boundary of the Ross Lake National Recreation Area; S on the Ross Lake National Recreation Area boundary, across SR 20 (North Cascades Hwy) and Skagit River, then NE and E on the Ross Lake National Recreation Area boundary to a point 2 miles east of Panther Creek, where the recreation boundary connects with the Okanogan National Forest boundary; S on North Cascades National Park boundary to the Skagit-Chelan County line at Fisher Peak; SE along the Skagit-Chelan County line to the US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail); N on the USFS Trail 2000 to the Pasayten Wilderness boundary at Jim Pass; W along the Pasayten Wilderness boundary to the Ross Lake National Recreation Area boundary; N along the Ross Lake National Recreation Area-Pasayten Wilderness Area boundary to the US-Canadian border; W along the US-Canadian border to

the NW corner of the Ross Lake National Recreation Area and the point of beginning.

GMU 437-SAUK (Skagit and Snohomish counties):

Beginning at the intersection of State Route (SR) 9 and SR 20, W of the town of Sedro-Woolley; E along SR 20 to Baker River Rd at the town of Concrete; N on Baker River Rd to Thunder Creek; E up Thunder Creek to Watson Creek; N up Watson Creek to its headwaters; E from the headwaters of Watson Creek to Noisy Diobsud Wilderness boundary; N and E on Noisy Diobsud Wilderness boundary to North Cascades National Park boundary; S and E along the North Cascades National Park boundary to the Ross Lake National Recreation boundary; S along the Ross Lake National Recreation Area boundary, across the SR 20 (North Cascade Hwy) and the Skagit River, then E along the Ross Lake National Recreation Area boundary to the North Cascades National Park boundary near Big Devil Peak; SE on the North Cascades National Park boundary to the Cascade River Rd; S on Cascade River Rd to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 1590; S on USFS Rd 1590 to USFS Trail 769 (South Fork Cascade River Trail); S on USFS Trail 769 to the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area boundary; W and S on Glacier Peak Wilderness Area Boundary to the Suiattle River; W down the Suiattle River to the Sauk River; N on the Sauk River to SR 530 (Sauk Valley Rd); S on SR 530 to

the town of Darrington; W on SR 530 to SR 9 at the town of Arlington; N on SR 9 to SR 20, W of the town of Sedro-Woolley, and the point of beginning.

GMU 448-STILLAGUAMISH (Snohomish and Skagit counties):

Beginning at the intersection of State Route (SR) 530 (Arlington-Darrington Hwy) and Jim Creek Rd at the town of Trafton; NE on SR 530 to the town of Darrington, where it is called Seeman St; N on SR 530 (Sauk Valley Rd) to the Sauk River; S on the Sauk River to Suiattle River; E along the Suiattle River to the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area boundary; S on the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area boundary to US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 650, West of June Mountain; W on the (USFS) Trail 650 to (USFS) Trail 1050 (Quartz Creek Trail) at Curry Gap; S on the USFS Trail 1050 to USFS Rd 6300; E on USFS Rd 6300 to USFS Trail 1051; NE on Trail 1051 to Henry M. Jackson Wilderness boundary; S along the Henry M. Jackson Wilderness boundary to Meadow Creek; S down Meadow Creek to Rapid River; E up Rapid River to USFS Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail) at Lake Janus; S on the USFS 2000 to SR 2 at Stevens Pass; W on SR 2 to Woods Creek Rd at the town of Monroe; N on Woods Creek Rd to 242nd St SE; N on 242nd St SE to South Lake Roesiger Rd; N on South Lake Roesiger Rd to North Lake Roesiger Rd; N on North Lake Roesiger Rd to Menzel Lake Rd; N on Menzel Lake Rd to

East Pioneer St; W on East Pioneer St to South Alder Ave; N on South Alder Ave to SR 92 (E Stanley St); W on SR 92 to Jordan Rd; NW on Jordan Rd, through the town of Jordan, to the City of Seattle power transmission lines; NE on the transmission lines to Jim Creek-Trafton Rd (242nd St. NE); W on Jim Creek-Trafton Rd to SR 530 at the town of Trafton and the point of beginning.

GMU 450-CASCADE (Skagit and Snohomish counties):

Beginning on the Glacier Peak Wilderness boundary and Jordan Creek, W of Jordan Lakes; N and E on the wilderness boundary to US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 769; N on USFS Trail 769 to USFS Rd 1590; N on USFS Rd 1590 to the USFS Rd 15 (Cascade River Rd); N on USFS Rd 15 to the North Cascades National Park boundary; E on the North Cascades National Park boundary to USFS Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail); S on USFS Trail 2000 to the Rapid River at Lake Janus; NW down the Rapid River to Meadow Creek; N up Meadow Creek to Henry M. Jackson Wilderness Area boundary; N along the Henry M. Jackson Wilderness boundary to USFS Trail 1051; S on USFS Trail 1051 to USFS Rd 6300; W on USFS Rd 6300 to USFS Trail 1050; N on USFS Trail 1050 to USFS Trail 650 at Curry Gap; E on USFS Trail 650 to the Glacier Peak Wilderness boundary west of June Mountain; N on the Glacier Peak

Wilderness boundary, across the Suiattle River, to Jordan Creek and the point of beginning.

GMU 454-ISSAQUAH (King and Snohomish counties); (does not include Vashon-Maury Island):

Beginning at the mouth of the Snohomish River at the city of Everett; SE up the Snohomish River to the Snoqualmie River; SE up the Snoqualmie River to (~~NE Woodinville-Duvall Rd; E on NE Woodinville-Duvall Rd~~) Peoples Creek; N, E and S on Peoples Creek to State Route (SR) 203 (~~at the town of Duvall~~); S on SR 203 to SR 202 (Fall City-Snoqualmie Rd) at the town of Fall City; S on SR 202 (Fall City-Snoqualmie Rd) across the Snoqualmie River, to Preston-Fall City Rd; SW on Preston-Fall City Rd to SE 82nd St at the town of Preston; E on SE 82nd St to Interstate Hwy (I)-90; E on I-90 to SR 18; S on SR 18 to the Raging River; SE along the Raging River to Kerriston Rd; S on Kerriston Rd to the City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed boundary; W, S and E along the Cedar River Watershed boundary to the posted GMU 485 boundary encompassing the controlled access portion of the Green River Watershed; W, S and E along the posted GMU 485 boundary encompassing the controlled access portion of the Green River Watershed to USFS Rd 7110 (Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 5200 line) near Lynn Lake; SW on USFS Rd 7110 (Weyco 5200 line) to SR 410; W on SR 410 to SR 164 at the city of

Enumclaw; W on SR 164 to SR 18 at the city of Auburn; W on SR 18 to SR 99; N on SR 99 to SR 509; W on SR 509 to Redondo Way South; NW on Redondo Way South to the town of Redondo on Puget Sound; SW across East Passage to the Pierce-King County line at the point where the county line turns southeast, northwest of Dash Point; W and N along the King County line, EXCLUDING Vashon-Maury Island; to the King, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties line junction in the Puget Sound west of Point Wells; N on the Snohomish County line through Possession Sound to a point on the Snohomish County line due west of the northern tip of Gedney Island (Hat Island); E to the northern tip of Gedney Island; E from the northern tip of Gedney Island to the mouth of the Snohomish River and the point of beginning.

GMU 460-SNOQUALMIE (King and Snohomish counties):

Beginning at State Route (SR) 203 and SR 2 at the town of Monroe; E on SR 2 to US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail) at Stevens Pass; S on the USFS Trail 2000 to the City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed; W on the Cedar River Watershed boundary to Kerriston Rd; N on Kerriston Rd to the Raging River; W and N along the Raging River to SR 18; N on SR 18 to Interstate Hwy (I)-90; W on I-90 to SE 82nd St at the town of Preston; NE on SE 82nd St to Preston-Fall City Rd; N on the Preston-Fall City Rd to SR 202 (Fall

City-Snoqualmie Rd); N on SR 202 (Fall City-Snoqualmie Rd), across the Snoqualmie River, to SR 203; N on SR 203 to SR 2 at the town of Monroe and the point of beginning.

GMU 466-STAMPEDE (King County):

Beginning on the US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail) and the east boundary of the City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed; S on the USFS Trail 2000, past Blowout Mountain, to USFS Rd 7038 at its closest point to the USFS Trail 2000 near Windy Gap north of Pyramid Peak; NW on USFS Rd 7038 to USFS Rd 7036; NW on USFS Rd 7036 to USFS Rd 7030; NW on USFS Rd 7030 to USFS Rd 7032; NW on USFS Rd 7032 to USFS Trail 1172; W on USFS Trail 1172 to the posted GMU 485 boundary encompassing the controlled access portion of the Green River Watershed; N, W and E along the posted GMU 485 boundary encompassing the controlled access portion of the Green River Watershed to the City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed boundary; N along City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed boundary to USFS Trail 2000 and the point of beginning.

GMU 485-GREEN RIVER (King County):

The area within the posted GMU 485 boundary encompassing the controlled access portion of the Green River Watershed; including the

posted southern boundary of the City of Seattle Cedar River Watershed found between the E and W posted GMU 485 boundary lines.

GMU 490-CEDAR RIVER (King County):

The area within the posted boundary of the city of Seattle's Cedar River Watershed.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-410-040, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-410-040, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-334, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 11-11-013 (Order 11-86), § 232-28-334, filed 5/6/11, effective 6/6/11; WSR 03-16-087 (Order 03-175), § 232-28-334, filed 8/5/03, effective 9/5/03; WSR 03-06-110 (Order 03-23), § 232-28-334, filed 3/5/03, effective 4/5/03.]

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region four.

We received 11 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all came through our online survey. Seven of the comments did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,453 respondents to our online survey 52% (762) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Four comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 4% (52) of respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 44% (640) indicated they were neutral. We received no comments that were in opposition.

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received no comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing that were specific to GMU boundary descriptions in Region 4.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed. The proposed changes will reduce hunter confusion, reduce enforcement issues, and improve harvest estimates.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region five. GMU 501-LINCOLN (Lewis, Thurston, Pacific, and Grays Harbor counties):

Beginning at the intersection of Interstate Hwy (I)-5 and State Route (SR) 6; W on SR 6 to Stevens Rd; NW on Stevens Rd to Elk Creek Rd at the town of Doty; W on Elk Creek Rd to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 7000 line; W and N on Weyco 7000 line to Weyco 7400 line; N on Weyco 7400 line to Weyco 7050 line; NE on Weyco 7050 line to Weyco 7000 line; NW and N on Weyco 7000 line to the Weyco 7800 line; N on Weyco 7800 line to Weyco 7800 F line; NE on Weyco 7800 F line to Weyco 720 line; E on Weyco 720 line to Weyco 723 line; NW on Weyco 723 line to the Weyco C line; NE on Weyco C line to Garrard Creek Rd; NE on Garrard Creek Rd to South Bank Rd; E on South Bank Rd to North State St; N on North State St to US Hwy (US) 12 at the town of Oakville; E on US 12 to I-5; S on I-5 to SR 6 and point of beginning.

GMU 503-RANDLE (Lewis County):

Beginning at the intersection of US Hwy (US) 12 and the Rayonier 100 Mainline (Kosmos Rd, Old Champion Haul Rd); E on US 12 to State Route (SR) 131; S on SR 131 to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 25; S on the USFS Rd 25 to the Cispus River; W on the Cispus River to Rayonier 271 line; S on the Rayonier 271 line to the Rayonier 300 line; W on the Rayonier 300 line to the Rayonier 100 line (Kosmos Haul Rd); N on the Rayonier 100 line to US 12 and the point of beginning.

GMU 504-STELLA (Cowlitz County):

Beginning at the mouth of the Cowlitz River on the Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to the mouth of Germany Creek (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both north of the Washington-Oregon state line and between the Cowlitz River and Germany Creek); N up Germany Creek to State Route (SR) 4; E on SR 4 to Germany Creek Rd; N on Germany Creek Rd to International Paper (IP) 1000 line; N on IP 1000 line to IP 1050 line; E on IP 1050 line to IP 2200 line; E and S on IP 2200 to Woodside Dr; NE on Woodside Dr to Delameter Rd; E on Delameter Rd to the three power lines; N along the three power lines to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 9312 line; E on Weyco 9312 line to Growlers Gulch Rd; E on Growlers Gulch Rd to Public Hwy (PH) 10 Rd; E along the Public Hwy (PH) 10 Rd to the A Street bridge over the Cowlitz River at

the town of Castle Rock; S down the Cowlitz River to the Columbia River and point of beginning.

GMU 505-MOSSYROCK (Lewis County):

Beginning on Interstate Hwy (I)-5 and the Cowlitz River; NE up the Cowlitz River to the Mayfield Dam; NE along the south shore of Mayfield Lake to the US Hwy (US) 12 bridge; NE on US 12 to Winston Creek Rd; SE on Winston Creek Rd to Longbell Rd; E on Longbell Rd to Perkins Rd; NE on Perkins Rd to Green Mountain Rd; E on Green Mountain Rd to the outlet of Swofford Pond; E along the Swofford Pond outlet to Riffe Lake; E along the south shore of Riffe Lake to the Cowlitz River; up the Cowlitz River to the Rayonier 100 Mainline (Kosmos Haul Rd); N on the Rayonier 100 Mainline to US 12; W on US 12 to Davis Lake Rd; N and W on Davis Lake Rd to Main St at town of Morton; W on Main St to SR 508; W on SR 508 to Centralia-Alpha Rd; W and N on Centralia-Alpha Rd to Salzer Valley Rd; W on Salzer Valley Rd to Summa St at the town of Centralia; W on Summa St to Kresky Rd; N on Kresky Rd to Tower St; N on Tower St to SR 507; W on SR 507 (Cherry St, Alder St, and Mellen St) to I-5; S on I-5 to the Cowlitz River and point of beginning.

GMU 506-WILLAPA HILLS (Wahkiakum, Pacific and Lewis counties):

Beginning at State Route (SR) 6 and 3rd St S at the town of Pe Ell; S on 3rd St S to Muller Rd; S on Muller Rd to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 1000 line; S on Weyco 1000 line to Weyco 1800 line; S on Weyco 1800 line to Weyco 500 line; SE on Weyco 500 line to SR 407 (Elochoman Valley Rd) at Camp 2; S on SR 407 to the Elochoman River; down the Elochoman River to Foster Rd; N on Foster Rd to Risk Rd; W and N along Risk Rd to SR 4; W on SR 4 to Skamokawa Creek; SW down Skamokawa Creek to the Columbia River; W along Columbia River to the mouth of the Deep River (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both north of the Washington state line and between Skamokawa Creek and Deep River); N along the Deep River to SR 4; NW on SR 4 to the Salmon Creek Rd; NE on Salmon Creek Rd to Weyco 5000 line; N on Weyco 5000 line (Deep River main line) to Weyco 5800 line; NE on Weyco 5800 line to power transmission line (Section 21, T11N, R8W); E, NE, then N on the power transmission line to the Trap Creek A Line; E and N on the Trap Creek A Line to SR 6; E on SR 6 to the town of Pe Ell and the point of beginning.

GMU 510-STORMKING (Lewis County):

Beginning on US Hwy (US) 12 at the Silver Creek bridge; N up Silver Creek to Silverbrook Rd; E on Silverbrook Rd to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 47; N on USFS Rd 47 to USFS Rd 85; W and N on USFS Rd 85 to

USFS Rd 52; N on USFS Rd 52 to the Nisqually River; W down the Nisqually River to State Route (SR) 7; S on SR 7 to Main St at town of Morton; E on Main St to Davis Lake Rd; E on Davis Lake Rd to US 12; E on US 12 to the Silver Creek bridge and point of beginning.

GMU 513-SOUTH RAINIER (Lewis County):

Beginning on US Hwy (US) 12 at the Silver Creek bridge; N up Silver Creek to Silverbrook Rd; E on Silverdale Rd to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 47; N on USFS Rd 47 to USFS Rd 85; W and N on USFS Rd 85 to USFS Rd 52; W and N on USFS Rd 52 to the Nisqually River; E up the Nisqually River to the southern boundary of Mount Rainier National Park; E along the south park boundary to the USFS Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail); S along the USFS Trail 2000 to US 12; W on US 12 to the Silver Creek bridge and point of beginning.

GMU 516-PACKWOOD (Lewis and Skamania counties):

Beginning at US Hwy (US) 12 and US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail) at White Pass; S on USFS Trail 2000 to the Yakama Indian Reservation border; S on the Yakama Indian Reservation border to USFS Trail 2000; S on USFS Trail 2000 to USFS Trail 98 at Sheep Lake; W on USFS Trail 98 to USFS Rd 2160 at Walupt Lake; W on USFS Rd 2160 to USFS Rd 21; S and W on USFS Rd 21 to USFS Rd 23; S on USFS Rd 23 to USFS Trail 263; S and W on USFS 263 to USFS

Trail 261; S on USFS Trail 261 to USFS Trail 1; W on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Rd 99; W on USFS Rd 99 to USFS Rd 26; N on USFS Rd 26 to USFS Rd 2612; W on USFS Rd 2612 to USFS Trail 217; N and W on USFS Trail 217 to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 2600 line; W on Weyco 2600 line to Weyco 2658 line; N on Weyco 2658 line to Rayonier (Campbell Group) 430 line; N on Rayonier 430 line to the Rayonier Mainline 400 line; N and E on Rayonier Mainline 400 line to Rayonier 300 line; E on Rayonier 300 line to Rayonier 271 line; N on Rayonier 271 line to the Cispus River; E on the Cispus River to USFS Rd 25; N on USFS Rd 25 to State Route (SR) 131; N on SR 131 to US 12; E on US 12 to the USFS Trail 2000 at White Pass and beginning.

GMU 520-WINSTON (Cowlitz, Lewis and Skamania counties):

Beginning at the bridge at intersection of Interstate Hwy (I)-5 and the Cowlitz River; S down the Cowlitz River to the Toutle River; E up the Toutle River to the South Fork Toutle River; SE up South Fork Toutle River to Johnson Creek; NE up Johnson Creek to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 4400 line; N along Weyco 4400 line to Weyco 2421 line; N along Weyco 2421 line to Weyco 2400 line; NW along Weyco 2400 line to Alder Creek; NW down Alder Creek to North Fork Toutle River; W down the North Fork Toutle River to the Green River; E up the Green River to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 2612; E on USFS Rd 2612 to USFS Trail 217; N

and W on USFS Trail 217 to Weyco 2600 line; W on Weyco 2600 line to Weyco 2658 line; N on Weyco 2658 line to Rayonier 430 line; N on Rayonier 430 line to Rayonier 400 Mainline; N and E on Rayonier 400 Mainline to Rayonier 100 Mainline; N on Rayonier 100 Mainline to Cowlitz River; W down the Cowlitz River to Riffe Lake; W along the south shore to the Swofford Pond outlet; W along the Swofford Pond outlet to Green Mountain Rd; W on Green Mountain Rd to Perkins Rd; SW on Perkins Rd to Longbell Rd; W on Longbell Rd to Winston Creek Rd; NW on Winston Creek Rd to US Hwy (US) 12; SW on US 12 to the Mayfield Lake bridge at Mayfield Lake; SW down the south shore of Mayfield Lake to the Cowlitz River at Mayfield Dam; SW down the Cowlitz River to I-5 bridge crossing the Cowlitz River and point of beginning.

GMU 522-LOO-WIT (Cowlitz and Skamania counties):

Beginning on the North Fork Toutle River at the mouth of Hoffstadt Creek; SE up the North Fork Toutle River to Deer Creek; SE up Deer Creek to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 3020 line; NW along Weyco 3020 line to Weyco 3000 line; E along Weyco 3000 line to US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 216G; SE along USFS Trail 216G to USFS Trail 216; S on USFS Trail 216 to South Fork of the Toutle River; E along South Fork Toutle River to its headwaters and Mount St. Helens crater's southern edge; E along the Mt. St. Helens crater's southern edge to the headwaters of

Ape Canyon Creek; SE down Ape Canyon Creek to USFS Trail 225 (Smith Creek Trail); N and NW on USFS Trail 225 to USFS Rd 99; NE along USFS Rd 99 to USFS Rd 26; N on USFS Rd 26 to USFS Trail 1 (Boundary Trail); W on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Trail 214 (Whittier Trail); N on USFS Trail 214 to USFS Trail 211 (Lakes Trail); W on USFS Trail 211 to USFS Trail 211, USFS Trail 230 (Coldwater Trail) junction; NE to Minnie Peak; W to the USFS property boundary in the SE 1/4 of Section 20, T10N, R5E; W and S on (~~Trail 1 (Boundary Trail); W on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Trail 214 (Whittier Trail); N on USFS Trail 214 to USFS Trail 211 (Lakes Trail); W on USFS Trail 211 to USFS Trail 211, USFS Trail 230 (Coldwater Trail) junction; NE to Minnie Peak; W to the USFS property boundary in the SE 1/4 of Section 20, T10N, R5E; W and S on~~) Rd 2612; W on USFS Rd 2612 to the Green River; W down the Green River to the USFS property boundary in the SE 1/4 of Section 31, T11N, R5E; E then S then W along the USFS property boundary to State Route 504 near the center of Section 35, T10N, R4E; W on SR 504 to Hoffstadt Creek Bridge on Hoffstadt Creek; S and W down Hoffstadt Creek to the North Fork Toutle River and point of beginning.

GMU 524-MARGARET (Cowlitz, Skamania and Lewis counties):

Beginning on the North Fork Toutle River at the mouth of the Green River; SE up the North Fork Toutle River to the mouth of Hoffstadt

Creek; N and E up Hoffstadt Creek to the State Route (SR) 504 bridge over Hoffstadt Creek; E on SR 504 to US Forest Service (USFS) property boundary near the center of Section 35, T10N, R4E; E and N on USFS property boundary to the USFS property boundary in the SE 1/4 of Section 20, T10N, R5E; E to Minnie Peak; SW to USFS Trail 211 (Lakes Trail) and USFS Trail 230 (Coldwater Trail) junction; E on USFS Trail 211 (Lakes Trail) to USFS Trail 214 (Whittier Trail); S on USFS Trail 214 to USFS Trail 1 (Boundary Trail); E on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Rd 26; N on USFS Rd 26 to USFS Rd 2612; W on USFS Rd 2612 to (~~the USFS property boundary in the SE 1/4 of Section 20, T10N, R5E; E to Minnie Peak; SW to USFS Trail 211 (Lakes Trail) and USFS Trail 230 (Coldwater Trail) junction; E on USFS Trail 211 (Lakes Trail) to USFS Trail 214 (Whittier Trail); S on USFS Trail 214 to USFS Trail 1 (Boundary Trail); E on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Rd 26; N on USFS Rd 26 to USFS Rd 2612; W on USFS Rd 2612 to~~) the Green River; W down the Green River to its mouth on the North Fork of the Toutle River and point of beginning.

GMU 530-RYDERWOOD (Cowlitz, Lewis and Wahkiakum counties):

Beginning at Stevens Rd and State Route (SR) 6, south of the town of Doty; E on SR 6 to Interstate Hwy (I)-5 at the town of Chehalis; S on I-5 to the Cowlitz River; S along the Cowlitz River to Public Hwy 10

on the A Street bridge at the town of Castle Rock; W on the Public Hwy 10 to Growler's Gulch Rd; W on Growler's Gulch Rd to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 9312 line; W on Weyco 9312 line to three power lines; S on the three power lines to Delameter Rd; SW on Delameter Rd to Woodside Dr; SW on Woodside Dr to International Paper (IP) 2200 line; N and W on IP 2200 line to IP 1050 line; W on IP 1050 line to IP 1000 line; S on IP 1000 line to the Germany Creek Rd; S on the Germany Creek Rd to SR 4; W on SR 4 to Germany Creek; S along Germany Creek to its mouth at the Columbia River; W along the Columbia River to Skamokawa Creek (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both north of the Washington state line and between Skamokawa Creek and Germany Creek); NE up Skamokawa Creek to SR 4; E on SR 4 to Risk Rd; SE on Risk Rd to Foster Rd; S on Foster Rd to the Elochoman River; SE up the Elochoman River to SR 407 (Elochoman Valley Rd); NE on SR 407 to Weyco 500 line at Camp 2; NW on Weyco 500 line to Weyco 1800 line; N on Weyco 1800 line to Weyco 1000 line; N on Weyco 1000 line to Muller Rd; N on Muller Rd to 3rd St South in the town of Pe Ell; N on 3rd St South to SR 6 at the town of Pe Ell; N on SR 6 to Stevens Rd, south of the town of Doty, and the point of beginning.

GMU 550-COWEEMAN (Cowlitz County):

Beginning at the mouth of the Toutle River on the Cowlitz River; E along the Toutle River to the South Fork Toutle River; up the South Fork Toutle River to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 4100 line; E on Weyco 4100 line to Weyco 4950 line; S and E on Weyco 4950 line to Weyco 235 line; SE on Weyco 235 line to Weyco 200 line; W on Weyco 200 line to Weyco 240 line; SE on Weyco 240 line to Weyco 243 line; E on Weyco 243 line to Weyco 135A line; S on Weyco 135A line to Weyco 135 line; E on Weyco 135 line to Weyco 134 line; SW on Weyco 134 line to Weyco 133 line; SW on Weyco 133 line to Weyco 130 line; SW on Weyco 130 line to Weyco 1680 line; W on Weyco 1680 line to Weyco 1600 line; SE on Weyco 1600 line to Weyco 1400 line; W on Weyco 1400 line to Weyco 1420 line which is the Kalama/Coweeman Summit; SE on Weyco 1420 line to Weyco 1426 line; W on Weyco 1426 line to Weyco 1428 line; SW on Weyco 1428 line to Weyco 1429 line which turns into Weyco 6400 line; SW down Weyco 6400 line to Weyco 6000 line; E on Weyco 6000 line to Weyco 6450 line; SE for approximately one mile on Weyco 6450 line (crossing the Kalama River) to Weyco 6452 line; SE on Weyco 6452 line to Dubois Rd; SE on Dubois Rd to State Route (SR) 503; W on SR 503 to Cape Horn Creek; SE down Cape Horn Creek to Merwin Reservoir; SW along the north shore of Merwin Reservoir to the Lewis River; SW down the Lewis River to the power transmission lines in Section 4, T5N, R2E; NW along the power

transmission lines to Northwest Natural Gas Pipeline located east of the town of Kalama, approximately 1/2 mile east of China Gardens Rd; N up the Natural Gas Pipeline right of way to Ostrander Creek; W down Ostrander Creek to the Cowlitz River; N on the Cowlitz River to the Toutle River and point of beginning.

GMU 554-YALE (Cowlitz and Clark counties):

Beginning on State Route (SR) 503 at its crossing of Cape Horn Creek; E and NE on SR 503 to (~~Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 6600 line (Rock Creek Rd); NE on Weyco 6600 line to Weyco 6690 Rd; N and E on Weyco 6690 line to West Fork Speelyai Creek; SE down West Fork Speelyai Creek to the main stem of the Speelyai Creek; SW and SE down Speelyai Creek to SR 503; NE on SR 503 to~~) Dog Creek; S down Dog Creek to Yale Reservoir; S and W along western shore of Reservoir to Yale Dam and the North Fork Lewis River; W along the northern shore of the North Fork Lewis River to SR 503 bridge crossing; S and W along SR 503 to NE 221st Ave; N about 1/4 mile on NE 221st Ave to NE Cedar Creek Rd; W along NE Cedar Creek Rd to NE Pup Creek Rd; N on NE Pup Creek Rd to NE Buncombe Hollow Rd; N about 1/4 mile on NE Buncombe Hollow Rd to power transmission line; S and W on the power transmission line to the north shore of the North Fork Lewis River; NE along the north shore of the North Fork Lewis River to Merwin Reservoir at the Merwin Dam; NE along

the north shore of Merwin Reservoir to Cape Horn Creek; NW up Cape Horn Creek to SR 503 and the point of beginning.

GMU 556-TOUTLE (Cowlitz County):

Beginning on the intersection of State Route (SR) 503 (Lewis River Rd) and US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 81 (Merrill Lake Rd); N on USFS Rd 81 to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 7200 line; NW on Weyco 7200 line to Weyco 7400 line; N on Weyco 7400 line to Weyco 5500 line; E and N on Weyco 5500 line to Weyco 5670 line; N and E on Weyco 5670 line to Weyco 5660 line; N on Weyco 5660 line about a 1/4 mile to the South Fork Toutle River; E on the South Fork Toutle River to USFS Trail 216; N on USFS Trail 216 to USFS Trail 216G; NW on USFS Trail 216G to Weyco 3000 line; W on Weyco 3000 line to Weyco 3020 line; SE on Weyco 3020 line to Deer Creek; NW down Deer Creek to the North Fork Toutle River; down the North Fork Toutle River to Alder Creek; up Alder Creek to Weyco 2400 line; S on Weyco 2400 line to Weyco 2421 line; S on Weyco 2421 line to Weyco 4400 line; S and W along Weyco 4400 line to Johnson Creek; S along Johnson Creek to the South Fork Toutle River; SE up the South Fork Toutle River to Weyco 4100 line; E on Weyco 4100 line to the Weyco 4950 line; S and E on Weyco 4950 line to Weyco 235 line; SE on Weyco 235 line to Weyco 200 line; W on Weyco 200 line to Weyco 240 line; SE on Weyco 240 line to Weyco 243 line; E on Weyco 243 line to

Weyco 135A line; S on Weyco 135A line to Weyco 135 line; E on Weyco 135 line to Weyco 134 line; SW on Weyco 134 line to Weyco 133 line; SW on Weyco 133 line to Weyco 130 line; SW on Weyco 130 line to Weyco 1680 line; W on Weyco 1680 line to Weyco 1600 line; SE on Weyco 1600 line to Weyco 1400 line; W on Weyco 1400 line to Weyco 1420 line which is the Kalama/Coweeman Summit; SE on Weyco 1420 line to Weyco 1426 line; W on Weyco 1426 line to Weyco 1428 line; SW on Weyco 1428 line to Weyco 1429 line; SW on Weyco 1429 line to Weyco 6400 line; SW on Weyco 6400 line to Weyco 6000 line; E on Weyco 6000 line to Weyco 6450 line; SE for approximately one mile on Weyco 6450 line (crossing the Kalama River) to Weyco 6452 line; SE on Weyco 6452 line to Dubois Rd; SE on Dubois Rd to SR 503; E and NE on SR 503 to ((~~Weyco 6600 line (Rock Creek Rd); NE on Weyco 6600 line to Weyco 6690 line; N and E on Weyco 6690 line to West Fork Speelyai Creek; SE down West Fork Speelyai Creek to the main stem of Speelyai Creek; SW and SE down Speelyai Creek to SR 503; NE on SR 503 to~~)) USFS Rd 81 and point of beginning.

GMU 560-LEWIS RIVER (Cowlitz, Skamania, Klickitat, Yakima, and Lewis counties):

Beginning on State Route (SR) 141 and Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd at the town of Trout Lake; N on the Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd

to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 82 (Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd); N on USFS Road 82 to Yakama Indian Reservation boundary (Section 16, T7N, R11E); N along the Yakama Indian reservation boundary (Cascade Mountain Range Crest) to USFS Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail) in Section 3, T11N, R11E; S on USFS Trail 2000 to USFS Trail 98 at Sheep Lake; W on USFS Trail 98 to USFS Rd 2160 at Walupt Lake; W on USFS Rd 2160 to USFS Rd 21; S and W on USFS Rd 21 to USFS Rd 23; S on USFS Rd 23 to USFS Trail 263; S and W on USFS Trail 263 to USFS Trail 261; S on USFS Trail 261 to USFS Trail 1; W on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Rd 99; S and W on USFS Rd 99 to USFS Trail 225 (Smith Creek Trail); S on USFS Trail 225 to Ape Canyon Creek; N and W up Ape Canyon Creek to Mt. St. Helens crater's eastern edge; W along Mt. St. Helens crater's southern edge to headwaters of S Fork Toutle River; W along S Fork Toutle River to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 5660 line; S along Weyco 5660 line to Weyco 5670 line; S and W on Weyco 5670 line to Weyco 5500 line; S and W on Weyco 5500 line to Weyco 7400 line; S and E on Weyco 7400 line to Weyco 7200 line; S and E on Weyco 7200 line to USFS Rd 81; S on USFS Rd 81 to SR 503; N and E on SR 503 to Dog Creek; S down Dog Creek to the N shore of Yale Reservoir; E along N shore of Yale Reservoir to N Fork Lewis River; E up the Lewis River to Swift Dam and Swift Reservoir; E along the N shore of Swift Reservoir to N Fork

Lewis River; E up N Fork Lewis River to USFS Rd 90 Bridge (Eagle Cliff); E on USFS Rd 90 to USFS Rd 51 (Curly Creek Rd); SE on USFS Rd 51 to USFS Rd 30; NE on USFS Rd 30 to USFS Rd 24; SE on USFS Rd 24 to SR 141; NE on SR 141 to Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd, at the town of Trout Lake and point of beginning.

GMU 564-BATTLE GROUND (Clark, Skamania, and Cowlitz counties):

Beginning at the mouth of Ostrander Creek on the Cowlitz River; E up Ostrander Creek approximately 1 1/2 miles to the second Northwest Natural Gas Pipeline right of way crossing Ostrander Creek, east of the railroad crossing; S along the Northwest Natural Gas Pipeline right of way to the power transmission lines right of way located east of the town of Kalama, approximately 1/2 mile east of China Garden Rd; SE along the power transmission lines right of way across the north fork of the Lewis River in the northeast corner of Section 4, T5N, R2E to NE Buncombe Hollow Rd; S on NE Buncombe Hollow Rd to NE Pup Creek Rd; S on NE Pup Creek Rd to NE Cedar Creek Rd; E on NE Cedar Creek Rd to NE 221st Ave; S along NE 221st Ave to SR 503, to NE Amboy Rd; S on NE Amboy Rd to W Yacolt Rd; E on W Yacolt Rd to N Railroad Ave; SE on N Railroad Ave, which becomes S Railroad Ave; SE on S Railroad Ave which becomes NE Railroad Ave; SE on NE Railroad Ave to Lucia Falls Rd; W on Lucia Falls Rd to Hantwick Rd; SE on Hantwick Rd to Basket

Flats Rd; W on Basket Flats Rd to NE 197th Ave; S on NE 197th Ave to NE 279th St; W on NE 279th St to NE 182nd Ave; S on NE 182nd Ave to NE 259th St; E on NE 259th St to NE 220th Ave; S on NE 220th Ave which turns into NE Cresap Rd; SE on NE Cresap Rd which turns into NE 222nd Ave; S on NE 222nd Ave to NE Allworth Rd; E on NE Allworth Rd to NE 232nd Ave; S on NE 232nd Ave to NE 237th St; E on NE 237th St which turns into NE 240th Ave; S on NE 240th Ave to NE Berry Rd; NE on NE Berry Rd to the DNR L-1410 Rd; SE on DNR L-1410 Rd to the DNR L-1400 Rd; W on DNR L-1400 Rd which turns into NE Rawson Rd; W on NE Rawson Rd to NE Powell Rd; SW on NE Powell Rd to NE 212th Ave; S on NE 212th Ave to NE 109th St; E on NE 109th St to NE 222nd Ave; S on NE 222nd Ave to NE 83rd St; W on NE 83rd St to NE 217th Ave; S on NE 217th Ave to NE 68th St; E on NE 68th St to NE 232nd Ave; S on NE 232nd Ave to NE 54th St; E on NE 54th St to NE 237th Ave; S on NE 237th Ave to NE 53rd St; E on NE 53rd St which turns into NE Bradford Rd then back into NE 53rd St to NE 292nd Ave; S on NE 292nd Ave to NE Ireland Rd; E on NE Ireland Rd to NE Stauffer Rd; E then SW on NE Stauffer Rd to NE 292nd Ave; S on NE 292nd Ave which turns into NE Reilly Rd; SW on NE Reilly Rd to NE Blair Rd; SE on NE Blair Rd to NE Zeek Rd; E on NE Zeek Rd which turns into NE 10th St; E on NE 10th St which turns into NE 312th Ave; S on NE 312th Ave to NE 9th St; E on NE 9th St to NE

322nd Ave; N on NE 322nd Ave which turns into NE Ammeter Rd; NE on NE Ammeter Rd approximately 1/8 mile to the power transmission lines; E along the northern margin of the power transmission lines to NE Hughes Rd; N on NE Hughes Rd which turns into NE 392nd Ave; N on NE 392nd Ave to NE 28th St; E on NE 28th St to NE Miller Rd; NE on NE Miller Rd which turns into NE 39th St; E on NE 39th St to Skye Rd; SE on Skye Rd to Washougal River Rd; S on Washougal River Rd to Canyon Creek Rd; SE on Canyon Creek Rd to Salmon Falls Rd; S on Salmon Falls Rd to State Route (SR) 14; E on SR 14 to Cape Horn Rd; S on Cape Horn Rd to Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to the Cowlitz River (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both on the Washington side of the state line and between Cape Horn Rd and the Cowlitz River); N along Cowlitz River to Ostrander Creek and point of beginning.

GMU 568-WASHOUGAL (Clark and Skamania counties):

Beginning on the Lewis River at State Route (SR) 503; E on Lewis River (Cowlitz-Clark County line) to Canyon Creek; SE and E up Canyon Creek to ((~~NE Healy Rd; E on NE Healy Rd to~~)) US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 54; E on USFS Rd 54 to USFS Rd 53; S on USFS Rd 53 to USFS Rd 4205 (Gumboot Rd); S on USFS Rd 4205 to USFS Rd 42 (Green Fork Rd); SW on USFS Rd 42 to USFS Rd 41 at Sunset Falls; E on USFS Rd 41 to Hemlock

Rd; E on Hemlock Rd to the Hemlock Rd bridge over the Wind River; SE down the Wind River to the Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to the Cape Horn Rd (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both on the Washington side of the state line and between Cape Horn Rd and the Wind River); N on Cape Horn Rd to SR 14; W on SR 14 to Salmon Falls Rd; N on Salmon Falls Rd to Canyon Creek Rd; NW on Canyon Creek Rd to Washougal River Rd; E on Washougal River Rd to Skye Rd; NW on Skye Rd to NE 39th St; W on NE 39th St which turns into NE Miller Rd; SW on NE Miller Rd to NE 28th St; W on NE 28th St to NE 392nd Ave; S on NE 392nd Ave which turns into NE Hughes Rd; S on NE Hughes Rd approximately 1/8 mile to the power transmission lines; W along the northern margin of the power transmission lines to NE Ammeter Rd; SW on NE Ammeter Rd which turns into NE 322nd Ave; S on NE 322nd Ave to NE 9th St; W on NE 9th St to NE 312th Ave; N on NE 312th Ave which turns into NE 10th St; W on NE 10th St which turns into NE Zeek Rd; W on NE Zeek Rd to NE Blair Rd; NW on NE Blair Rd to NE Reilly Rd; NE on NE Reilly Rd which turns into NE 292nd Ave; E on NE 292nd Ave to NE Stauffer Rd; NE then NW on NE Stauffer Rd to NE Ireland Rd; W on NE Ireland Rd to NE 292nd Ave; N on NE 292nd Ave to NE 53rd St; W on NE 53rd St which turns into NE Bradford Rd then turns into NE 53rd St again to NE 237th Ave; N on 237th Ave to NE 232nd Ave; N on NE 232nd

Ave to NE 68th St; W on NE 68th St to NE 217th Ave; N on NE 217th Ave to NE 83rd St; E on NE 83rd St to NE 222nd Ave; N on NE 222nd Ave to NE 109th St; W on NE 109th St to NE 212th Ave; N on NE 212th Ave to NE Powell Rd; NE on NE Powell Rd to NE Rawson Rd; E on Rawson Rd to DNR L-1400 Rd; E on DNR L-1400 Rd to DNR L-1410 Rd; NW on DNR L-1410 Rd to NE Berry Rd; W then SW on NE Berry Rd to NE 240th Ave; N on NE 240th Ave which turns into NE 237th St; W on NE 237th St to NE 232nd Ave; N on NE 232nd Ave to NE Allworth Rd; W on NE Allworth Rd to NE 222nd Ave; N on NE 222nd Ave which turns into NE Cresap Rd which turns into NE 220th Ave to NE 259th St; W on NE 259th St to NE 182nd Ave; N on NE 182nd Ave to NE 279th St; E on NE 279th St to NE 197th Ave; N on NE 197th Ave to NE Basket Flats Rd; E on NE Basket Flats Rd to NE Hantwick Rd; N then NW on NE Hantwick Rd to Lucia Falls Rd; E on Lucia Falls Rd to NE Railroad Ave; NW on NE Railroad Ave, which turns into S Railroad Ave then N Railroad Ave in the town of Yacolt, to W Yacolt Rd; W on W Yacolt Rd to NE Amboy Rd; N on NE Amboy Rd to NE 221st Ave; N on 221st Ave to SR 503; NE along SR 503 to the Lewis River and point of beginning.

GMU 572-SIOUXON (Skamania and Clark counties):

Beginning at the Yale Dam at Yale Lake; N then E along the shore of Yale Lake to the Lewis River; NE along the Lewis River to Swift

Reservoir; E along the north shore Swift Reservoir to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 90 at the Eagle Cliff bridge; E on USFS Rd 90 to USFS Rd 51 (Curly Creek Rd); SE on USFS Rd 51 to USFS Rd 30 (Wind River Rd); N on USFS Rd 30 to USFS Rd 24 (Twin Butte Rd); S on USFS Rd 24 to USFS Rd 60 (Carson Guler Rd); SW on USFS Rd 60 to USFS Rd 65; SW on USFS Rd 65 to USFS Rd 6517 (Warren Gap Rd); W on USFS Rd 6517 to the Wind River Rd; S on the Wind River Rd to Hemlock Rd at the town of Stabler; W on Hemlock Rd to USFS Rd 41 (Sunset-Hemlock Rd); W on the USFS Rd 41 to USFS Road 42 (Green Fork Rd) at Sunset Falls; NE on USFS Rd 42 to USFS Rd 4205 (Gumboot Rd); N on USFS Rd 4205 to USFS Rd 53; NW on USFS Rd 53 to USFS Rd 54 (~~((NE Healy Rd))~~); W on USFS Rd 54 to Canyon Creek; ((N)) W and NW down Canyon Creek to the Lewis River; NE up the Lewis River to the Yale Dam and the point of beginning.

GMU 574-WIND RIVER (Skamania and Klickitat counties):

Beginning at the town of Trout Lake; S on State Route (SR) 141 to the SR 141 bridge over the White Salmon River Bridge at Husum; S on the White Salmon River to the Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to the mouth of Wind River (including all islands in the Columbia River that are both north of the Washington state line and between the White Salmon River and Wind River); NW up the Wind River to the Hemlock Rd bridge; E on Hemlock Rd to Wind River Rd; N on Wind River Rd to US

Forest Service (USFS) Rd 6517 (Warren Gap Rd); E on USFS Rd 6517 to USFS Rd 65 (Panther Creek Rd); N on USFS Rd 65 to USFS Rd 60; NE on USFS Rd 60 to USFS Rd 24 (also called Carson-Gular Rd); E on USFS Rd 24 to SR 141; NE on SR 141 to the town of Trout Lake and the point of beginning.

GMU 578-WEST KLICKITAT (Klickitat and Yakima counties):

Beginning at the mouth of the White Salmon River on the Columbia River; N up the White Salmon River to the State Route (SR) 141 bridge over the White Salmon River at Husum; N on SR 141 to Mount Adams Recreation Area Road, at the town of Trout Lake; N on the Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 82 (Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd); N on USFS Rd 82 to Yakama Indian Reservation boundary (Section 16, T7N, R11E); S along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the Reservation's SW corner at King Mountain (Section 27, T7N, R11E); E along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the end of King Mountain Rd, about 1 mile; N along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to its corner in Section 2, T7N, R11E; E along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the NE corner of Section 4, T7N, R12E; SE along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the Klickitat River; S and SW down the Klickitat River to the Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to the mouth of the

White Salmon River and the point of beginning (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both north of the Washington state line and between the Klickitat River and the White Salmon River).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-410-050, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-410-050, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-410-050, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-035 (Order 15-97), § 232-28-335, filed 4/28/15, effective 5/29/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 11-11-013 (Order 11-86), § 232-28-335, filed 5/6/11, effective 6/6/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240. WSR 09-09-083 (Order 09-53), § 232-28-335, filed 4/15/09, effective 5/16/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210. WSR 07-11-017 (Order 07-62), § 232-28-335, filed 5/3/07,

effective 6/3/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 06-11-032 (Order 06-92), § 232-28-335, filed 5/8/06, effective 6/8/06; WSR 06-02-063 (Order 05-271), § 232-28-335, filed 1/3/06, effective 2/3/06; WSR 05-11-022 (Order 05-89), § 232-28-335, filed 5/10/05, effective 6/10/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047 and 77.12.020. WSR 04-11-036 (Order 04-98), § 232-28-335, filed 5/12/04, effective 6/12/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 03-16-087 (Order 03-175), § 232-28-335, filed 8/5/03, effective 9/5/03; WSR 03-06-110 (Order 03-23), § 232-28-335, filed 3/5/03, effective 4/5/03.]

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SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing. The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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- Change: Under GMU 522-LOO-WIT (Cowlitz and Skamania counties, retain boundary description language that was in effect previously.

Rationale: Following the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing, the Department received a considerable amount of feedback from the public in opposition of this proposal. The Department will continue outreach efforts with the public to identify an alternative solution to address hunter confusion and enforcement issues in Elk Area 5066.

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- Change: Under GMU 524-MARGARET (Cowlitz, Skamania, and Lewis counties, retain boundary description language that was in effect previously.

Rationale: Following the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing, the Department received a considerable amount of feedback from the public in opposition of this proposal. The Department will continue outreach efforts with the public to identify an alternative solution to address hunter confusion and enforcement issues in Elk Area 5066.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region five.

We received 28 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all came through our online survey. Nine of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,457 respondents to our online survey 51% (747) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Three comments indicated general support but did not specify why.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 6% (81) of respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 43% (629) indicated they were neutral. Three comments indicated general opposition but did not specify why.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition during the online survey and specified why:

- Moving a portion of GMU 554 to GMU 556 would result in a reduction in opportunity for hunters because GMU 556 is a special permit area for elk
- The Firearm Restriction Area (FRA) is needed to keep landowners safe
- Moving EA 5066 to GMU 522 would reduce opportunity for hunters that hunt game species, other than elk, in EA 5066

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received no comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing that were specific to GMU boundary descriptions in Region 5. However, we received two written comments following the hearing and both expressed opposition to shifting Elk Area 5066 to GMU 522.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: Moving a portion of GMU 554 to GMU 556 would result in a reduction in opportunity for hunters because GMU 556 is a special permit area for elk

Although this is true, and the area associated with the proposed change would no longer be open to general season archery and muzzleloader elk hunters, the Department believes the opportunity lost would be minimal. On average, only 166 hunters reported hunting elk in GMU 554, 2015-2019, and reported harvesting just 10 elk. More than likely, an extremely small portion of that hunting activity occurred within the area associated with this proposal.

Comment: The Firearm Restriction Area (FRA) is needed to keep landowners safe

If this proposed change results in an increase in concerns related to conflicts with private landowners or safety concerns, then we will work with our local law Enforcement Officers and landowners to address those concerns. However, we do not believe the proposed change will jeopardize the safety of private landowners.

Comment: Moving EA 5066 to GMU 522 would reduce opportunity for hunters that hunt game species, other than elk, in EA 5066

Although Elk Area 5066 is currently open during general seasons for other game species, including black-tailed deer, black bear, cougar, and grouse, hunters are more than likely accessing the area to hunt black-tailed deer or black bears. From 2015-2019 the average number of hunters reporting they hunted in GMU 524 was just 187 hunters for black-tailed deer and 45 hunters for black-bear. It is likely only a small portion of those hunters were hunting in Elk Area 5066. As such, the Department does not believe this proposed change would result in a substantial reduction in opportunity. However, following the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing, the Department received a considerable amount of feedback from the public in opposition of this proposal. As such, we have proposed a supplemental recommended adjustment to retain the current boundary descriptions and will continue outreach efforts with the public to identify an alternative solution to address hunter confusion and enforcement issues in Elk Area 5066.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

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descriptions—Region six. GMU 601-HOKO (Clallam County):

Beginning on the Makah Indian reservation boundary and the Strait of Juan de Fuca; SE along the shore of the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the mouth of the Hoko River; S along the Hoko River to State Route (SR) 112; SE on SR 112 to the Hoko-Ozette Rd; SW on the Hoko-Ozette Rd to the Olympic National Park boundary near Ozette; N along the Olympic National Park boundary to the Makah Indian reservation boundary; E and N along the Makah Indian reservation boundary to the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the point of beginning.

GMU 602-DICKEY (Clallam County):

Beginning at the mouth of the Hoko River and the Strait of Juan de Fuca; SE along the shore of the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the mouth of the Clallam River; S along the Clallam River to State Route (SR) 112; S on SR 112 to SR 113 (Burnt Mountain Rd); S on SR 113 to US Hwy (US) 101 at the town of Sappho; SW on US 101 to the LaPush Rd; SW on LaPush Rd to the Olympic National Park boundary; N along the Olympic National

Park boundary to Hoko-Ozette Rd; NE on Hoko-Ozette Rd to SR 112; NW on SR 112 to the Hoko River; NW on the Hoko River to its mouth on the Strait of Juan De Fuca and the point of beginning.

GMU 603-PYSHT (Clallam County):

Beginning at the mouth of the Clallam River on Strait of Juan de Fuca; E along the shore of the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the mouth of the Elwha River; S along the Elwha River to the Olympic National Park boundary; W along the Olympic National Park boundary to one mile west of Lake Crescent; S on the Olympic National Park boundary to US Hwy (US) 101; W on US 101 to the State Route (SR) 113 (Burnt Mountain Rd); N on SR 113 to SR 112; N on SR 112 to the Clallam River; N along the Clallam River to its mouth and the point of beginning.

GMU 607-SOL DUC (Clallam County):

Beginning at US Hwy (US) 101 at the town of Sappho; E on US 101 to the Olympic National Park boundary; S and W along the Olympic National Park boundary to the Bogachiel River; W along the Bogachiel River to US 101; N on US 101, through the town of Forks, to the town of Sappho and the point of beginning.

GMU 612-GOODMAN (Jefferson and Clallam counties):

Beginning approximately two miles east of the town of LaPush on the Olympic National Park boundary and LaPush Rd intersection; NE on LaPush Rd to US Hwy (US) 101 at the town of Forks; S on US 101, across the Hoh River, and west to Olympic National Park Boundary; N on the Olympic National Park boundary to LaPush Rd and the point of beginning.

GMU 615-CLEARWATER (Jefferson County):

Beginning on US Hwy (US) 101 and the Bogachiel River; E along the Bogachiel River to the Olympic National Park boundary; SE and W on the Olympic National Park boundary to the Quinault Indian reservation boundary; W on the Quinault Indian reservation boundary to the Olympic National Park boundary; N along the Olympic National Park boundary to US 101; E, N, and W on US 101 to the Bogachiel River and the point of beginning.

GMU 618-MATHENY (Jefferson and Grays Harbor counties):

Beginning at the boundary junction of Olympic National Park and the Quinault Indian reservation, east of the Queets River Rd; N, E, S, and W along the Olympic National Park boundary to the park and Quinault Indian reservation boundary junction, north of Lake Quinault; NW along the Quinault Indian reservation boundary to its junction with the boundary of Olympic National Park, east of the Queets River Rd, and

the point of beginning, including the Olympic National Forest land and private land one mile west of Lake Quinault and bounded by the Olympic National Park and the Quinault Indian reservation.

GMU 621-OLYMPIC (Jefferson, Clallam, and Mason counties):

Beginning at the Olympic National Park boundary and the Elwha River; N along the Elwha River to US Hwy (US) 101; E on US 101, through Port Angeles and Sequim, to the Chimacum Center Rd at the town of Quilcene; N on the Chimacum Center Rd to the East Quilcene Rd; E on the East Quilcene Rd to Quilcene Bay; S along the shore of Quilcene Bay to Dabob Bay; S along the shore of Dabob Bay to Hood Canal; SW along the shore of Hood Canal to Finch Creek; upstream on Finch Creek to US 101; S on US 101 to State Route (SR) 119 (Lake Cushman Rd); W on SR 119 to Standstill Dr (Power Dam Rd); W on Standstill Dr to Upper Cushman Dam and the shore of Lake Cushman; NW on the west shore of Lake Cushman to the North Fork Skokomish River; N along the North Fork Skokomish River to the Olympic National Park boundary; N and W on the Olympic National Park boundary to the Elwha River and the point of beginning.

GMU 624-COYLE (Clallam and Jefferson counties):

Beginning at the mouth of the Elwha River on the Strait of Juan de Fuca; N from the mouth of the Elwha River to the Clallam county line in the Strait of Juan De Fuca; NE on the Clallam county line to

Clallam-San Juan county line; NE on the Clallam-San Juan county line to the Jefferson-San Juan county line; NE on the Jefferson-San Juan county line to the Jefferson-Island county line; S then SE on the Jefferson-Island county line to the Kitsap-Island county line; SE on the Kitsap-Island county line to a point due east of Point No Point; W from the Kitsap-Island county line to Point No Point; NW, S, N, and SW along the coast of the Kitsap peninsula to Cougar Spit; W from Cougar Spit to Finch Creek at the town of Hoodspport; NE along the east shore of Hood Canal to Dabob Bay; N along the shore of Dabob Bay and Quilcene Bay to East Quilcene Rd; W on East Quilcene Rd to the Chimacum Center Rd; S on Chimacum Center Rd to US Hwy (US) 101; N and W on US 101 through Sequim and Port Angeles to the Elwha River; N down the Elwha River to its mouth on the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the point of beginning.

GMU 627-KITSAP (Kitsap, Mason, and Pierce counties):

Beginning at the Hood Canal Bridge; E, S, N, and SE along the shore of the Kitsap peninsula to Point No Point; due E from Point No Point to Kitsap-Island county line in the Puget Sound; S along the Kitsap-Island county line to the Kitsap-Snohomish county line; S along the Kitsap-Snohomish county line to Kitsap-King county line; S along the Kitsap-King county line to the King-Pierce county line; S on the King-

Pierce county line to the outlet of the Tacoma Narrows; S through the Tacoma Narrows, past Fox Island (which is included in this GMU), to Carr Inlet; NW up Carr Inlet around McNeil and Gertrude Islands (which are excluded from this GMU), to Pitt Passage; SW through Pitt Passage and Drayton Passage to the Pierce-Thurston county line in the Nisqually Reach; NW along the Pierce-Thurston county line to the Pierce-Mason county line; NW on the Pierce-Mason county line in the Nisqually Reach to North Bay; along the east shore of North Bay to State Route (SR) 3 at the town of Allyn; N on SR 3 to the Old Belfair Hwy at the town of Belfair; N on the Old Belfair Hwy to the Bear Creek-Dewatto Rd; W on the Bear Creek-Dewatto Rd to the Dewatto Rd West; N along the Dewatto Rd to Albert Pfundt Rd; N on the Albert Pfundt Rd to Anderson Creek; E down Anderson Creek to the east shore of the Hood Canal; N from Anderson Creek along the east shore of Hood Canal to the Hood Canal bridge and the point of beginning.

GMU 633-MASON (Mason and Kitsap counties):

Beginning at the mouth of Anderson Creek on the eastern shore of Hood Canal; W along Anderson Creek to Albert Pfundt Rd; S on the Albert Pfundt Rd to West Dewatto Rd; S on West Dewatto Rd to Bear Creek-Dewatto Rd; E along Bear Creek-Dewatto Rd to Old Belfair Hwy; S on Old Belfair Hwy to State Route (SR) 3 at the town of Belfair; S on SR 3 to

North Bay at the town of Allyn; N along the west shore of North Bay; S along the east shore of North Bay to Pierce-Mason county line at Case Inlet; SE along the Pierce-Mason county line through Case Inlet to the Mason-Thurston county line; W along the Mason-Thurston county line through Dana Passage, Squaxin Passage, and Totten Inlet to US Hwy (US) 101 at Oyster Bay; N on US 101 to Finch Creek at the town of Hoodspport; E from Finch Creek across Hood Canal to Cougar Spit on the east shore of the Hood Canal; N from Cougar Spit along the east shore of Hood Canal to the mouth of Anderson Creek and the point of beginning.

GMU 636-SKOKOMISH (Grays Harbor and Mason counties):

Beginning on the Olympic National Park boundary and the North Fork of the Skokomish River; S along the North Fork Skokomish River to Lake Cushman; SE along the west shore of Lake Cushman to Standstill Dr (Power Dam Rd) at the Upper Cushman Dam; E on the Standstill Dr to State Route (SR) 119 (Lake Cushman Rd); SE on SR 119 to US Hwy (US) 101 at the town of Hoodspport; S on US 101 to the Shelton-Matlock Rd at the town of Shelton; W on the Shelton-Matlock Rd to the Matlock-Brady Rd; S on the Matlock-Brady Rd to Deckerville Rd south of the town of Matlock; W on Deckerville Rd to Boundary Rd (Middle Satsop Rd); W and S on Boundary Rd to Kelly Rd; N on Kelly Rd to US Forest Service

(USFS) Rd 2368 (Simpson Timber 500 line); N on USFS Rd 2368 to USFS Rd 2260 (Simpson Timber 600 line); W on USFS Rd 2260 to USFS Rd 22 (Wynoochee Rd); NW and W on USFS Rd 22 to USFS Rd 2294, 1/4 mile east of Big Creek; NW on USFS Rd 2294, which parallels Big Creek, to junction with USFS Rd 2281; W on USFS Rd 2281, to the watershed divide between the Humptulips River watershed and the Wynoochee River watershed; N on the ridge between the Humptulips River watershed and Wynoochee River watershed to Olympic National Park boundary; E along the Olympic National Park boundary to the north fork of the Skokomish River and the point of beginning.

GMU 638-QUINAULT RIDGE (Grays Harbor and Jefferson counties):

Beginning on the Olympic National Park boundary and the Quinault Indian reservation boundary at the northwest corner of Lake Quinault; NE along the west shore of Lake Quinault to the Quinault River; NE on the Olympic National Park boundary, which is along the Quinault River, to the Olympic National Park boundary west of Bunch Creek; S and NE on the Olympic National Park boundary to the ridge between the Wynoochee River watershed and Humptulips River watershed; S along the ridge between the Humptulips River watershed and the Wynoochee River watershed to its intersection with US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 2281; E along USFS Rd 2281 to USFS Rd 2294; SE on USFS Rd 2294, paralleling

Big Creek, to USFS Rd 22 (Donkey Creek Rd); W on the USFS Rd 22 to US Hwy (US) 101; N on US 101 to the Quinault Indian reservation boundary; NE on the reservation boundary to Lake Quinault; NW along the south shore of Lake Quinault to the Olympic National Park boundary and the point of beginning.

GMU 642-COPALIS (Grays Harbor County):

Beginning at the Quinault Indian reservation and US Hwy (US) 101 south of Lake Quinault; S on US 101 to the Hoquiam River in the city of Hoquiam; S along the Hoquiam River to the north shore of Grays Harbor; W along the north shore of Grays Harbor to the Pacific Ocean; N along the shore of the Pacific Ocean to the Quinault Indian reservation boundary; E and NE along the Quinault Indian reservation to US 101 south of Lake Quinault and the point of beginning.

GMU 648-WYNOOCHEE (Grays Harbor County):

Beginning at the junction of US Hwy (US) 101 and the US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 22 (Donkey Creek Rd); NE along the USFS Rd 22 (Donkey Creek Rd) to its junction with the Donkey Creek-Grisdale Rd; E on USFS Rd 22 (Donkey Creek-Grisdale Rd) to Camp Grisdale (south of Wynoochee Lake); S along USFS Rd 22 (Wynoochee Rd) to USFS Rd 2260 (Simpson Timber 600 line); E on USFS Rd 2260 to USFS Rd 2368 (Simpson Timber 500 line); S on USFS Rd 2368 to Kelly Rd; S on Kelly Rd to Boundary Rd (Middle

Satsop Rd); S on Boundary Rd to Cougar Smith Rd; W on Cougar Smith Rd to the west fork of the Satsop River; S down the west fork Satsop River to the Satsop River; S down the Satsop River to US 12; W along US 12 to its junction with US 101 in the town of Aberdeen; SE along US 101 to the north shore of the Chehalis River; W along the north shore of the Chehalis River to the north shore of Grays Harbor; W along the north shore of Grays Harbor to the mouth of the Hoquiam River; N up the Hoquiam River to US 101; W and N along US 101 to its junction with the USFS Rd 22 (Donkey Creek Rd) and the point of beginning. INCLUDES Rennie Island.

GMU 651-SATSOP (Grays Harbor, Mason, and Thurston counties):

Beginning at the US Hwy (US) 12 bridge on the Satsop River; N up the Satsop River to its junction with the west fork of the Satsop River; N up the west fork of the Satsop River to Cougar Smith Rd; E on Cougar Smith Rd to Boundary Rd (Middle Satsop Rd); N and E on Boundary Rd to Deckerville Rd; E on Deckerville Rd to Matlock-Brady Rd; N on Matlock-Brady Rd to the town of Matlock; E on Shelton-Matlock Rd to its junction with US 101 west of the town of Shelton; S on US 101 to its junction with State Route (SR) 8; W on SR 8 to its junction with US 12; W along US 12 to bridge over the Satsop River and the point of beginning.

GMU 652-PUYALLUP (Pierce and King counties); (does not include Anderson Island):

Beginning at Redondo Junction on the shore of Puget Sound and Redondo Way S; SE on Redondo Way S to State Route (SR) 509; E on SR 509 to Pacific Hwy S (Old Hwy 99); S on Pacific Hwy S to SR 18 at the city of Auburn; E on SR 18 to SR 164; SE on SR 164 to SR 410 (Chinook Pass Hwy) at the town of Enumclaw; E on SR 410 to the second set of power transmission lines near the Mud Mountain Dam Rd; SW on the power transmission lines to the White River; NW along the White River to SR 410; S on SR 410 to SR 165; S on SR 165 to the first intersection with a power transmission line at T19N, R06E, Sec 21; SW on this power transmission line to Orville Rd E at the Puyallup River; S on Orville Rd E to SR 161; S on SR 161 to the Mashel River; down the Mashel River to the Nisqually River (Pierce-Thurston county line); NW along the Nisqually River, along the Pierce-Thurston county line, to the Nisqually Reach in the Puget Sound; NW along the Thurston-Pierce county line in the Nisqually Reach to a point on the Thurston-Pierce county line southeast of Drayton Passage Channel; NE through Drayton Passage and Pitt Passage to Carr Inlet; E and S around McNeil Island to a point southwest of the Tacoma Narrows (including McNeil, Gertrude, and Ketron Islands); NE through the Tacoma Narrows to a

point on the Pierce-King county line northeast of the main channel of the Tacoma Narrows; E on the Pierce-King county line to the point where the county line turns southeast, northwest of Dash Point; E to Redondo Junction on the eastern shore of the Puget Sound and the point of beginning.

GMU 653-WHITE RIVER (King and Pierce counties):

Beginning at the lookout station at US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 7110 (Grass Mountain mainline) and the posted GMU 485 boundary encompassing the controlled access portion of the Green River Watershed; E on the posted GMU 485 boundary encompassing the controlled access portion of the Green River Watershed to USFS Rd 7032; E along USFS Rd 7032 to USFS Rd 7030; SE along USFS Rd 7030 to USFS Rd 7036; SE along USFS Rd 7036 to USFS Rd 7038; SE on USFS Rd 7038 to USFS Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail) at its closest point to USFS Rd 7038 near Windy Gap north of Pyramid Peak; S on the USFS Trail 2000 to Pierce-Yakima County Line (Cascades Crest) in T17N, R10E, Sec 35; S on the county line to the Mt. Rainier National Park boundary in T17 R, R10E, Sec 35; S on the park boundary to Chinook Pass; N and W on the Mt. Rainier National Park boundary to the Carbon River; NW down the Carbon River to the power transmission line at T19N, R06E, Sec 21; NE along the power transmission line to SR 165; NE on SR 165 to SR 410; NE on

SR 410 to the White River; SE along the White River to the power transmission lines on the north side of the White River near Mud Mountain Dam Rd; NE on the power transmission lines to State Route (SR) 410; E on SR 410 to USFS Rd 7110; N on USFS Rd 7110 to the posted GMU 485 boundary encompassing the controlled access portion of the Green River Watershed and the point of beginning.

GMU 654-MASHEL (Pierce County):

Beginning at the power transmission line at the Puyallup River Bridge on Orville Rd E; NE on the power line to the Carbon River; SE along the Carbon River to the west boundary of Mt. Rainier National Park; S on the Mt. Rainier National Park boundary to the Nisqually River; W down the Nisqually River to the mouth of the Mashel River; N up the Mashel River to the State Route (SR) 161 bridge (Eatonville-LaGrande Rd); N on SR 161 through Eatonville to Orville Rd E; N on Orville Rd E to the Puyallup River bridge and the point of beginning.

GMU 655-ANDERSON (Pierce County):

Includes all of Anderson Island.

GMU 658-NORTH RIVER (Grays Harbor and Pacific counties):

Beginning at the Pacific Ocean and the south shore of Grays Harbor at the Westport Jetty; E along the south shore of Grays Harbor to the

mouth of the Chehalis River at the town of Aberdeen; E up the Chehalis River to the US Hwy (US) 101 bridge; S on US 101 to the Willapa River at the town of Raymond; W down the Willapa River to Willapa Bay; W along the north shore of Willapa Bay to the Pacific Ocean; N along the Pacific Coast to the south shore of Grays Harbor at the Westport Jetty and the point of beginning.

GMU 660-MINOT PEAK (Grays Harbor and Pacific counties):

Beginning at the intersection of US Hwy (US) 12 and US 101 at the town of Aberdeen; E and S on US 12 to N State St at the town of Oakville; S on N State St to South Bank Rd; W on South Bank Rd to Garrard Creek Rd; SW on Garrard Creek Rd to Oakville-Brooklyn Rd; W on Oakville-Brooklyn Rd to North River Valley Rd; W on North River Valley Rd to Smith Creek Rd; W on Smith Creek Rd to US 101; N on US 101 to US 12 at the town of Aberdeen and the point of beginning.

GMU 663-CAPITOL PEAK (Grays Harbor and Thurston counties):

Beginning at US Hwy (US) 12 and State Route (SR) 8 at the town of Elma; E on SR 8 to US 101; E on US 101 to Delphi Rd SW; S on Delphi Road SW to 110th Ave SW; E on 110th Ave SW to Littlerock Rd; S on Littlerock Rd to US 12; NW on US 12 to SR 8 at the town of Elma and the point of beginning.

GMU 666-DESCHUTES (Thurston County):

Beginning on US Hwy (US) 101 at the Mason-Thurston county line southeast of Oyster Bay; NE on the Mason-Thurston county line, through Totten Inlet, Squaxin Passage and Dana Passage, to the Pierce-Thurston county line in the Nisqually Reach; SE through the Nisqually Reach along the Pierce-Thurston county line to the mouth of the Nisqually River; SE on the Nisqually River to State Route (SR) 507; SW on SR 507 to Old Hwy 99 SE at the town of Tenino; SW on Old Hwy 99 SE to SR 12 at Interstate Hwy-5; W on SR 12 to Littlerock Rd; N on the Littlerock Rd to 110th Ave SW; W on 110th Ave SW to Delphi Rd SW; N on Delphi Rd SW to US 101; NW on US 101 to the Mason-Thurston county line southeast of Oyster Bay and the point of beginning.

GMU 667-SKOOKUMCHUCK (Thurston and Lewis counties):

Beginning at the State Route (SR) 507 bridge on the Nisqually River; SE up the Nisqually River (Pierce-Thurston county line) to SR 7 bridge at the town of Elbe on Alder Lake; S on SR 7 to Main St at the town of Morton; S on Main St to SR 508; W on SR 508 to the Centralia-Alpha Rd; W and N on the Centralia-Alpha Rd to Salzer Valley Rd; W on Salzer Valley Rd to Summa St at the town of Centralia; W on Summa St to Kresky Rd; N on Kresky Rd to Tower St; N on Tower St to SR 507; W on SR 507 (Cherry St, Alder St, and Mellen St) to Interstate Hwy (I)-5; N

on I-5 to Old Hwy 99 SE; NE on Old Hwy 99 SE to SR 507; NE on SR 507 to the Nisqually River bridge and the point of beginning.

GMU 672-FALL RIVER (Pacific, Lewis, and Grays Harbor counties):

Beginning at the intersection of US Hwy (US) 101 and State Route (SR) 6 at the town of Raymond; N on US 101 to Smith Creek Rd; NE on Smith Creek Rd to North River Valley Rd; E on North River Valley Rd to Oakville-Brooklyn Rd; E on the Oakville-Brooklyn Rd to Garrard Creek Rd; S on Garrard Creek Rd to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) C line at mile post 5; W on the Weyco C line to Weyco 723 line; S on the Weyco 723 line to Weyco 720 line; W on the Weyco 720 line to Weyco 7800 F line; S on Weyco 7800 F line to Weyco 7800 line; S and SE on Weyco 7800 line to Weyco 7000 line; SW on Weyco 7000 line to Weyco 7050 line; S on Weyco 7050 line to Weyco 7400 line; S and E on Weyco 7400 line to Weyco 7000 line; E on Weyco 7000 line to Elk Creek Rd; E on Elk Creek Rd to Stevens Rd at the town of Doty; E on Stevens Rd to SR 6; S, W and NW on SR 6 to US 101 at the town of Raymond and the point of beginning.

GMU 673-WILLIAMS CREEK (Pacific County):

Beginning at US Hwy (US) 101 bridge crossing the Willapa River at the town of Raymond; S on US 101 to State Route (SR) 6; SE on SR 6 to the Trap Creek A line; S and W on the Trap Creek A line to power transmission lines; S and SW on the power transmission lines to

Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 5800 line (Section 22, T11N, R8W); SW along the Weyco 5800 line to Weyco 5000 line (Deep River main line); SW on the Weyco 5000 line to the Salmon Creek Rd; SW along the Salmon Creek Rd to SR 4; W on SR 4 to US 101 at Johnson's Landing; W on US 101 to the Naselle River bridge; W down the Naselle River to Willapa Bay; N along the east shore of Willapa Bay to the Willapa River; SE and NE up the Willapa River to the US 101 bridge and the point of beginning.

GMU 681-BEAR RIVER (Pacific and Wahkiakum counties):

Beginning at the US Hwy (US) 101 bridge at the Naselle River; E on US 101 to State Route (SR) 4; SE on SR 4 to Deep River bridge; S down the Deep River to the Columbia River; W along the shore of the Columbia River to the mouth of the Wallacut River (including all islands in the Columbia both north of the Washington-Oregon state line and between the Deep River and the Wallacut River); N up the Wallacut River to US 101; NW on US 101 to alternate US 101, north of the Ilwaco Airport; N on alternate US 101 to US 101; E and NE on US 101 to Bear River; N down Bear River to Willapa Bay; N along the eastern shore of Willapa Bay to the mouth of the Naselle River; SE up the Naselle River to the US 101 bridge and the point of beginning.

GMU 684-LONG BEACH (Pacific County):

Beginning at the mouth of Bear River on Willapa Bay; S up Bear River to US Hwy (US) 101; W and SW on US 101 to alternate US 101, north of the Ilwaco Airport; S on alternate US 101 to US 101; W on US 101 to the Wallacut River; S along the Wallacut River to the Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to its mouth on the Pacific Ocean (including all islands in the Columbia River both north of the Washington-Oregon state line and between the Wallacut River and the mouth of the Columbia River); N, E, S, and E along the shoreline of the Long Beach peninsula to Bear River and the point of beginning.

GMU 699-LONG ISLAND (Pacific County):

Includes all of Long Island.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-410-060, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-410-060, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-410-060, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-336, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW

77.12.047. WSR 11-11-013 (Order 11-86), § 232-28-336, filed 5/6/11, effective 6/6/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240. WSR 09-09-083 (Order 09-53), § 232-28-336, filed 4/15/09, effective 5/16/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 06-02-063 (Order 05-271), § 232-28-336, filed 1/3/06, effective 2/3/06; WSR 03-06-110 (Order 03-23), § 232-28-336, filed 3/5/03, effective 4/5/03.]

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region six.

We received 6 total comments on the proposed rule change, and all came through our online survey. Five of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,421 respondents to our online survey 50% (709) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule change. One comment indicated general support of the proposal but did not specify why.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 4% (56) of respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule change and 46% (656) indicated they were neutral. We did not receive any comments in opposition to the proposed change.

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received no comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing that were specific to GMU boundary descriptions in Region 6.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed. The proposed change is minor and reverts the boundary description for GMU 673 back to what it was in 2019. This proposed change was also implemented by the Department as an emergency rule prior to the 2020 hunting season.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-11-061, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18)

WAC 220-415-010 Deer area descriptions. The following areas are defined as deer areas:

Deer Area No. 1008 West Wenaha (Columbia County): That part of GMU 169 west of USFS trail 3112 from Tepee Camp (east fork of Butte Creek) to Butte Creek, and west of Butte Creek to the Washington-Oregon state line.

Deer Area No. 1009 East Wenaha (Columbia, Garfield, Asotin counties): That portion of GMU 169 east of USFS trail 3112 from Tepee Camp (east fork Butte Creek) to Butte Creek, and east of Butte Creek to the Washington-Oregon state line.

Deer Area No. 1010 (Columbia County): GMU 162 excluding National Forest land and the Rainwater Wildlife Area.

~~((Deer Area No. 1021 Clarkston (Asotin County): That portion of GMU 178 beginning at the junction of the Highway 12 bridge and Alpowa Creek; east on Highway 12 to Silcott Road; south and east on Silcott Road to Highway 128; southwest on Highway 128 to McGuire Gulch Road;~~

~~southeast along the bottom of McGuire Gulch to Asotin Creek; east on Asotin Creek to the Snake River; north and west on the Snake River to Alpowa Creek; southwest of Alpowa Creek to the Highway 12 bridge and the point of beginning.))~~

Deer Area No. 1031 Parker Lake (Pend Oreille County): That area within GMU 117 south of Ruby Creek Rd (USFS Road 2489), north of Tacoma Creek Rd (USFS Road 2389), and west of Bonneville Power Administration power lines. The Parker Lake Deer Area is a protected area for the U.S. Air Force Military Survival Training Program that allows some limited access for special permit hunting.

Deer Area No. 1035 Highway 395 Corridor (Stevens County): That portion of GMU 121 beginning at the intersection of US Highway (Hwy) 395 (State Route 20) and State Route (SR) 25: S on SR 25 to Old Kettle Rd; E on Old Kettle Rd to Mingo Mountain Rd; S on Mingo Mountain Rd to Greenwood Loop Rd; E on Greenwood Loop Rd to the bridge over the Colville River; S on the Colville River to the bridge over Gold Creek Loop/Valley Westside Rd; W and S on Valley Westside Rd to the Orin-Rice Rd; E on Orin-Rice Rd to Haller Creek Rd; S on Haller Creek Rd to Skidmore Rd; E and S on Skidmore Rd to Arden Hill Rd; E on Arden Hill Rd to Townsend-Sackman Rd; S on Townsend-Sackman Rd to Twelve Mile Rd; S on Twelve Mile Rd to Marble Valley Basin Rd; S on Marble Valley

Basin Rd to Zimmer Rd; S on Zimmer Rd to Blue Creek West Rd; E on Blue Creek West Rd to Dry Creek Rd; S on Dry Creek Rd to Duncan Rd; E on Duncan Rd to Tetro Rd; S on Tetro Rd to Heine Rd; E and S on Heine Rd to Farm-to-Market Rd; S on Farm-to-Market Rd to Newton Rd (also known as Rickers Lane); E on Newton Rd to US Hwy 395; N on US Hwy 395 to McLean Rd and Twelve Mile Rd (also known as Old Arden Hwy); N on McLean Rd and Twelve Mile Rd to US Hwy 395; N on US Hwy 395 to Old Arden Hwy (again); N on Old Arden Hwy to US Hwy 395; N on US Hwy 395, through the town of Colville, then W on US Hwy 395 (SR 20) to SR 25 and the point of beginning.

~~((Deer Area No. 1040 (Asotin County): That area within GMU 172 designated as the WDFW owned lands managed as the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area.))~~

Deer Area No. 2010 Benge (Adams and Whitman counties): That part of GMU 284 beginning at the town of Washtucna; north on SR 261 to Weber Road; east on Weber Road to Benzel Road; north on Benzel Road to Wellsandt Road; east on Wellsandt Road to Hills Road; south on Hills Road to Urquhart Road; east on Urquhart Road to Harder Road, East on Harder Road to McCall Road; east on McCall Road to Gering Road; east on Gering Road to Lakin Road; east on Lakin Road to Revere Road; south on Revere Road to George Knott Road; south on George Knott Road to

Rock Creek; south along Rock Creek to the Palouse River; south and west along the Palouse River to SR 26; west on SR 26 to Washtucna and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 2011 Lakeview (Grant County): That part of GMU 272 beginning at the junction of SR 28 and First Avenue in Ephrata; west on First Avenue to Sagebrush Flats Road; west on Sagebrush Flats Road to Norton Canyon Road; north on Norton Canyon Road to E Road NW; north on E Road NW to the Grant-Douglas county line; east along the county line to the point where the county line turns north; from this point continue due east to SR 17; south on SR 17 to SR 28 at Soap Lake; south on SR 28 to the junction with First Avenue in Ephrata and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 2012 Methow Valley (Okanogan County): All private land in the Methow Watershed located outside the external boundary of the Okanogan National Forest and north of the following boundary: Starting where the Libby Creek Road (County road 1049) intersects the Okanogan National Forest boundary; east on road 1049 to State Hwy 153; north on Hwy 153 to the Old Carlton Road; east on the Old Carlton Road to the Texas Creek Road (County road 1543); east on the Texas Creek Road to the Vintin Road (County road 1552); northeast on the Vintin Road to the Okanogan National Forest boundary.

Deer Area No. 2013 North Okanogan (Okanogan County): Restricted to private land only located within the following boundary: Beginning in Tonasket at the junction of Havillah Rd and Hwy 97; NE on Havillah Rd to Dry Gulch Extension Rd; N to Dry Gulch Rd; N on Dry Gulch Rd to Oroville-Chesaw Rd; W on Oroville-Chesaw Rd to Molson Rd; N on Molson Rd to Nine Mile Rd; N and W on Nine Mile Rd to the Canadian border at the old Sidley Town Site; W along the border to the east shore of Lake Osoyoos; S around Lake Osoyoos to the Okanogan River; S along the east bank of the Okanogan River to the Tonasket Fourth Street Bridge; E on Fourth Street to Hwy 97; N on Hwy 97 to point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 2014 Central Okanogan (Okanogan County): Restricted to private land only located within the following boundary: Beginning in Tonasket on the Okanogan River at the Fourth Street Bridge; S along Hwy 7 to Pine Creek Rd; W along Pine Creek Rd to Horse Spring Coulee Rd; W and N on Horse Spring Coulee Rd to Beeman Rd; W on Beeman Rd to North Lemansky Rd; S along North Lemansky Rd to Pine Creek Rd; S on Pine Creek Rd to Hagood Cut-off Rd; S on Hagood Cut-off Rd to South Pine Creek Rd; E on South Pine Creek Rd to Hwy 97; S on Hwy 97 to Town of Riverside North Main Street junction; SE on North Main Street to Tunk Valley Rd and the Okanogan River Bridge; E on Tunk Creek Rd to Chewiliken Valley Rd; NE along Chewiliken Valley Rd to Talkire Lake

Rd; N on Talkire Lake Rd to Hwy 20; W on Hwy 20 to the junction of Hwy 20 and Hwy 97; N on Hwy 97 to Fourth Street; W on Fourth Street to point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 2015 Omak (Okanogan County): Restricted to private land only located within the following boundary: Beginning at Hwy 97 and Riverside Cut-off road; west on Riverside Cut-off Rd to Conconully Road; south on Conconully Rd to Danker Cut-off road; west on Danker Cut-off road to Salmon Creek Rd; north on Salmon Creek Rd to Spring Coulee Rd; south on Spring Coulee Rd to B&O Road North Rd; southwest on B&O North Rd to Hwy 20; east on Hwy 20 to B&O Rd; south on B&O Rd to the Town of Malott and the bridge over the Okanogan River; north along the west bank of the Okanogan River to the Town of Riverside and the Tunk Valley road bridge; west on Tunk Valley road to State Street in Riverside; south on State Street to 2nd Street; west on 2nd Street to Hwy 97 and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 2016 Conconully (Okanogan County): Restricted to private land only located within the following boundary: Beginning at the Conconully town limit at the south edge of Town and the east shore of Conconully Reservoir; south along the east shore of the reservoir to Salmon Creek; south along the east bank of Salmon Creek to Salmon Creek road at the old Ruby Town site; south on Salmon Creek road to

Green Lake road; northeast on Green Lake road to Conconully road;
north on Conconully road to the south limit of the Town of Conconully
and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 2017 Lake Chelan North (Chelan County): Restricted to private land only located within the following boundary: Beginning at the confluence of Purtteman Creek (Purtteman Gulch) and Lake Chelan; NE along Purtteman Creek to Boyd Road; E on Boyd Road to Purtteman Creek Road; N on Purtteman Creek Road to the USFS boundary; W along the USFS boundary to Canyon Ranch Road (Joe Creek); SE on Canyon Ranch Road to Grade Creek Road; SE on Grade Creek Road to Lower Joe Creek Road; SE on Lower Joe Creek Road to Emerson Acres Road; west on Emerson Acres Road to Lake Chelan; S along the north shore of Lake Chelan to the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 3071 Whitcomb (Benton County): That part of GMU 373 made up by the Whitcomb Unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge.

Deer Area No. 3072 Paterson (Benton County): That part of GMU 373 made up by the Paterson Unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge.

Deer Area No. 3088 High Prairie (Klickitat County): That portion of GMU 388 (Grayback) that is south of SR 142.

Deer Area No. 3334 Ellensburg (Kittitas County): Beginning at the confluence of the Yakima River and Wilson Creek, north up Wilson Creek to the John Wayne Pioneer Trail, west and north on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail to State Hwy 10, north and west on State Hwy 10 to the Thorp Highway, south and east on the Thorp Highway to the Yakima River (Thorp Highway Bridge), south and upstream on the Yakima River to the confluence of Taneum Creek and the Yakima River, south and west up Taneum Creek to the South Branch Canal, south and east on the South Branch Canal and South Branch Extension Canal to Umtanum Road, north on Umtanum Road to Lower Riverbottom Road, east and south on Lower Riverbottom Road to the Fogarty Ditch, south and east on the Fogarty Ditch to the Yakima River, south and east along the Yakima River to Wilson Creek and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 3372 Sunnyside (Yakima County): Beginning in Union Gap where I-82 crosses the Yakima River, follow I-82 east to the Yakima River Bridge in Prosser. Upstream on the Yakima River to the point of beginning. The islands in the Yakima River are on the Yakama Indian Reservation and are not part of the deer area.

Deer Area No. 3682 Ahtanum (Yakima County): That part of GMU 368 beginning at the power line crossing on Ahtanum Creek in T12N, R16E, Section 15; west up Ahtanum Creek to South Fork Ahtanum Creek;

southwest up South Fork Ahtanum Creek to its junction with Reservation Creek; southwest up Reservation Creek and the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the main divide between the Diamond Fork drainage and Ahtanum Creek drainage; north along the crest of the main divide between the Diamond Fork drainage and the Ahtanum Creek drainage to Darland Mountain; northeast on US Forest Service Trail 615 to US Forest Service Road 1020; northeast on US Forest Service Road 1020 to US Forest Service Road 613; northeast on US Forest Service Road 613 to US Forest Service Trail 1127; northeast on US Forest Service Trail 1127 to US Forest Service Road 1302 (Jump Off Road), southeast of the Jump Off Lookout Station; northeast on US Forest Service Road 1302 (Jump Off Road) to Hwy 12. Northeast on Hwy 12 to the Naches River. Southeast down the Naches River to Cowiche Creek. West up Cowiche Creek and the South Fork Cowiche Creek to Summitview Ave. Northwest on Summitview Ave to Cowiche Mill Road. West on Cowiche Mill Road to the power line in the northeast corner of T13N, R15E, SEC 13. Southeast along the power line to Ahtanum Creek and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 4541 North Issaquah (King and Snohomish counties): That portion of GMU 454 beginning at the mouth of the Snohomish River at the city of Everett; SE up the Snohomish River to the Snoqualmie

River; SE up the Snoqualmie River to NE Woodinville-Duvall Rd; E on NE Woodinville-Duvall Rd State Route (SR) 203 at the town of Duvall; S on SR 203 to SR 202 (Fall City-Snoqualmie Rd) at the town of Fall City; S on SR 202 (Fall City-Snoqualmie Rd), across the Snoqualmie River, to Preston-Fall City Rd; SW on Preston-Fall City Rd to SE 82nd St at the town of Preston; E on SE 82nd St to Interstate Hwy (I)-90; E on I-90 to SR 18; S and W on SR 18 to SR 99; N on SR 99 to SR 509; W on SR 509 to Redondo Way South; NW on Redondo Way South to the town of Redondo on Puget Sound; SW across East Passage to the Pierce-King county line at the point where the county line turns southeast, northwest of Dash Point; W and N along the King County line excluding Vashon-Maury Island; to the King, Snohomish, and Kitsap counties line junction in the Puget Sound West of Point Wells; N on the Snohomish County line through Possession Sound to a point on the Snohomish County line due West of the northern tip of Gedney Island (Hat Island); E to the northern tip of Gedney Island; E from the northern tip of Gedney Island to the mouth of the Snohomish River and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 5064: That part of GMU 564 in the Columbia River near the mouth of the Cowlitz River made up of Cottonwood Island and Howard Island.

Deer Area No. 5382 Simcoe (Klickitat County): That area within GMU 382 designated as WDFW owned lands managed as the Simcoe Mountains Unit of the Klickitat Wildlife Area.

Deer Area No. 6020 (Clallam and Jefferson counties): Dungeness-Miller Peninsula: That part of GMU 624 west of Discovery Bay and Salmon Creek.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-010, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-415-010, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17.

Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-624, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-059 (Order 15-98), § 232-28-624, filed 4/30/15, effective 5/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-624, filed 4/25/14,

effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-624, filed
5/16/13, effective 6/16/13.]

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:
WAC 220-415-010 Deer area descriptions.

We received 85 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but one (an email) came through our online survey. Seventeen of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,911 respondents to our online survey 66% (1,269) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Fifteen comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 9 comments indicated support for specific aspects of the proposal.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 9% (168) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 25% (474) indicated they were neutral. Two comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 26 comments indicated opposition to specific aspects of the proposal.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition during the online survey:

- Tribal hunters are harvesting too many deer
- Eliminating Deer Area 1040 would result in too many hunters on the 4-O Wildlife Area
- WDFW should eliminate all doe harvest
- Deer Area 1021 should be retained because there are still a lot of deer in the area
- There are too many predators
- All deer seasons should be by special permit only

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received no comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing that were specific to deer area descriptions.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: Tribal hunters are harvesting too many deer

WDFW does not regulate tribal hunting. The 24 tribes that have off-reservation hunting rights in Washington set their own hunting regulations for their tribal members. Those tribes can allow members to hunt on open and unclaimed land within their ceded area or within an area proven to have been traditionally used by the tribe.

Comment: Eliminating DA 1040 would result in too many hunters on the 4-O Wildlife Area

We agree that eliminating DA 1040 is likely to result in more hunters on the 4-O Wildlife Area, but the area is no longer being managed with the intent of providing a quality (e.g., low hunter densities, higher bull-to-cow ratios, etc.) hunting opportunity.

Comment: WDFW should eliminate all doe harvest

WDFW regulates doe harvest relative to the status of deer populations and specific management objectives within a particular area. It is the primary tool used to manage population growth rates. For example, in some areas we have substantially reduced or eliminated opportunities to harvest antlerless deer with the objective of increasing the overall population. In other areas, we maintain modest levels of doe harvest to reduce conflict with private landowners.

Comment: DA 1021 should be retained because there are still a lot of deer in the area

Although many deer still occur in the area, the number of damage complaints reported to our local biologists and conflict staff have declined and no longer occur at levels that warrant the need for additional opportunities within the area.

Comment: There are too many predators

WDFW's Game Management Plan identifies guidelines to determine when a particular population meets the criteria of an "at-risk" ungulate population and whether carnivore management actions are needed to promote recovery. In some areas, populations meet that criteria and we have initiated efforts to determine if carnivore management actions are warranted. In addition, we have liberalized bear and cougar hunting seasons in eastern Washington in response to concerns that carnivore populations are too high.

Comment: All deer seasons should be by special permit only

When surveyed, deer hunters in Washington clearly indicate a preference for WDFW to maintain general season opportunities to harvest deer. As such, we are not likely to consider special permit only opportunities unless there is a resource concern or if public opinion changes.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions. The following areas are defined as elk areas:

Elk Area No. 1008 West Wenaha (Columbia County): That part of GMU 169 west of USFS trail 3112 from Tepee Camp (east fork of Butte Creek) to Butte Creek, and west of Butte Creek to the Washington-Oregon state line.

Elk Area No. 1009 East Wenaha (Columbia, Garfield, Asotin counties): That portion of GMU 169 east of USFS trail 3112 from Tepee Camp (east fork Butte Creek) to Butte Creek, and east of Butte Creek to the Washington-Oregon state line.

Elk Area No. 1010 (Columbia County): GMU 162 excluding National Forest land and the Rainwater Wildlife Area.

Elk Area No. 1013 (Asotin County): GMU 172, excluding National Forest lands and the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area.

Elk Area No. 1015 Turnbull (Spokane County): Located in GMU 130, designated areas within the boundaries of Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge.

Elk Area No. 1016 (Columbia County): GMU-162 Dayton, excluding the Rainwater Wildlife Area.

~~((**Elk Area No. 1040 (Asotin County):** That area within GMU 172 designated as the WDFW-owned lands managed as the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area.))~~

Elk Area No. 1075 (Asotin County): Private land (excluding WDFW lands) within GMU 175 within the following area: From the intersection of the South Fork Asotin Creek Rd and Campbell Grade Rd, continuing south until the South Fork Asotin Creek Rd crosses the South Fork of Asotin Creek. South along the South Fork of Asotin Creek until it intersects with the USFS property line, due south along the USFS boundary until it reaches the Cloverland Rd. NE along the Cloverland Rd to the intersection of the Parsons Rd (Back Rd), north along the Parsons Rd (Back Rd) to Campbell Grade Rd, west on Campbell Grade Rd to the intersection with South Fork Asotin Creek Rd and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 1081 (Asotin County): All of GMU 181 Couse, including the portion of GMU 172 starting at the intersection of Mill Road and Highway 129 in Anatone, south along Hwy 129 to Smyth Rd, west and then north on Smyth Rd to the intersection of E Mountain Rd, west along E Mountain Rd to the intersection of W Mountain Rd, north along W Mountain Rd to Mill Road, east on Mill Rd to the starting point.

Elk Area No. 2032 Malaga (Kittitas and Chelan counties): Beginning at the mouth of Davies Canyon on the Columbia River; west along Davies Canyon to the cliffs above (north of) the North Fork Tarpiscan Creek; west and north along the cliffs to the Bonneville Power Line; southwest along the power line to the North Fork Tarpiscan Road in Section 9, Township 20N, Range 21E; north and west along North Fork Tarpiscan Road to Colockum Pass Road (Section 9, Township 20N, Range 21E); south and west on Colockum Pass Road to section line between Sections 8 ((&)) and 9; north along the section line between Sections 8 and 9 as well as Sections 4 ((&)) and 5 (T20N, R21E) ((&)) and Sections 32 ((&)) and 33 (T21N, R21E) to Moses Carr Road; west and north on Moses Carr Road to section line between Section 31 and 30 (T21, R21); west along the section lines between Section 31 and 30 (T21, R21), 36 and 25 (T21, R20) and the section line between Section 35 and 26 (T21, R20) to Jump Off Road; south and west on Jump Off Road

to Shaller Road; north and west on Shaller Road to Upper Basin Loop Road; north and west on Upper Basin Loop Road to Wheeler Ridge Road; north on Wheeler Ridge Road to the Basin Loop Road (pavement) in Section 10 (T21N, R20E); north on Basin Loop Road to Wenatchee Heights Road; west on Wenatchee Heights Road to Squilchuck Road; south on Squilchuck Road to Beehive Road (USFS Rd 9712); northwest on Beehive Road to USFS Rd 7100 near Beehive Reservoir; north and west on USFS Rd 7100 to Peavine Canyon Road (USFS Rd 7101); north and east on Peavine Canyon Road to Number Two Canyon Road; north on Number Two Canyon Road to Crawford Street in Wenatchee; east on Crawford Street to the Columbia River; south and east along the Columbia River to Davies Canyon and point of beginning. (Naneum Green Dot, Washington Gazetteer, Wenatchee National Forest).

Elk Area No. 2033 Peshastin (Chelan County): Starting at the Division St bridge over the Wenatchee River in the town of Cashmere; S on Aplets Way then Division St to Pioneer St; W on Pioneer St to Mission Creek Rd; S on Mission Creek Rd to Binder Rd; W on Binder Rd to Mission Creek Rd; S on Mission Creek Rd to Tripp Canyon Rd; W on Tripp Canyon Rd to where Tripp Canyon Rd stops following Tripp Creek; W on Tripp Creek to its headwaters; W up the drainage, about 1000 feet, to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 7200-160; W on USFS Rd 7200-160 to Camas

Creek Rd (USFS Rd 7200); W on Camas Creek Rd (USFS 7200 Rd) (excluding Camas Land firearm closure*) to US Hwy 97; N on US Hwy 97 to Mountain Home Rd (USFS 7300 Rd); N on Mountain Home Rd to the Wenatchee River in the town of Leavenworth; S on the Wenatchee River to the Division St bridge in Cashmere and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 2051 Tronsen (Chelan County): All of GMU 251 except that portion described as follows: Beginning at the junction of Naneum Ridge Road (WDFW Rd 9) and Ingersol Road (WDFW Rd 1); north and east on Ingersol Road to Colockum Road (WDFW Rd 10); east on Colockum Road and Colockum Creek to the intersection of Colockum Creek and the Columbia River; south on the Columbia River to mouth of Tarpiscan Creek; west up Tarpiscan Creek and Tarpiscan Road (WDFW Rd 14) and North Fork Road (WDFW Rd 10.10) to the intersection of North Fork Road and Colockum Road; southwest on Colockum Road to Naneum Ridge Road; west on Naneum Ridge Road to Ingersol Road and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3681 Ahtanum (Yakima County): That part of GMU 368 beginning at the power line crossing on Ahtanum Creek in T12N, R16E, Section 15; west up Ahtanum Creek to South Fork Ahtanum Creek; southwest up South Fork Ahtanum Creek to its junction with Reservation Creek; southwest up Reservation Creek and the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the main divide between the Diamond Fork

drainage and Ahtanum Creek drainage; north along the crest of the main divide between the Diamond Fork drainage and the Ahtanum Creek drainage to Darland Mountain; northeast on US Forest Service Trail 615 to US Forest Service Road 1020; northeast on US Forest Service Road 1020 to US Forest Service Road 613; northeast on US Forest Service Road 613 to US Forest Service Trail 1127; northeast on US Forest Service Trail 1127 to US Forest Service Road 1302 (Jump Off Road), southeast of the Jump Off Lookout Station; northeast on US Forest Service Road 1302 (Jump Off Road) to Highway 12; northeast on Highway 12 to the Naches River; southeast down the Naches River to Cowiche Creek; west up Cowiche Creek and South Fork Cowiche Creek to Summitview Avenue; northwest on Summitview Avenue to Cowiche Mill Road; west on Cowiche Mill Road to the power line in the northeast corner of T13N, R15E, SEC 13; southeast along the power line to Ahtanum Creek and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3721 Corral Canyon (Benton and Yakima counties): That part of GMU 372 beginning at the Yakima River Bridge on SR 241 just north of Mabton; north along SR 241 to the Rattlesnake Ridge Road (mile post #19); east on Rattlesnake Ridge Road to the Hanford Reach National Monument's (HRNM) southwest corner boundary; east and south along the HRNM boundary to SR 225; south on SR 225 to the Yakima River

Bridge in Benton City; west (upstream) along Yakima River to point of beginning (SR 241 Bridge).

Elk Area No. 3722 Blackrock (Benton and Yakima counties): That part of GMU 372 beginning at southern corner of the Yakima Training Center border on Columbia River, northwest of Priest Rapids Dam; southeast on southern shore of Columbia River (Priest Rapids Lake) to Priest Rapids Dam; east along Columbia River to the Hanford Reach National Monument's (HRNM) western boundary; south along the HRNM boundary to the Rattlesnake Ridge Road; west on Rattlesnake Ridge Road to SR 241; south on SR 241 to the Yakima River Bridge just north of Mabton; west along Yakima River to SR 823 (Harrison Road) south of town of Pomona; east along SR 823 (Harrison Road) to SR 821; southeast on SR 821 to Firing Center Road at I-82; east on Firing Center Road to main gate of Yakima Training Center; south and east along Yakima Training Center boundary to southern corner of Yakima Training Center boundary on Columbia River and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3911 Fairview (Kittitas County): Beginning at the intersection of the BPA Power Lines in T20N, R14E, Section 36 and Interstate 90; east along the power lines to Highway 903 (Salmon La Sac Road); northwest along Highway 903 to Pennsylvania Avenue; northeast along Pennsylvania Avenue to No. 6 Canyon Road; northeast

along No. 6 Canyon Road to Cle Elum Ridge Road; north along Cle Elum Ridge Road to Carlson Canyon Road; northeast along Carlson Canyon Road to West Fork Teanaway River; east along West Fork Teanaway River to North Fork Teanaway River; north along North Fork Teanaway River to Teanaway Road; southeast on Teanaway Road to Ballard Hill Road; east on Ballard Hill Rd and Swauk Prairie Road to Hwy 970; northeast on Hwy 970 to Hwy 97; south on Hwy 97 to the power lines in T20N, R17E, Section 34; east on the power lines to Naneum Creek; south on Naneum Creek approximately 1/2 mile to power lines in T19N, R19E, Section 20; east along BPA power lines to Colockum Pass Road in T19N, R20E, Section 16; south on Colockum Pass Road to BPA power lines in T18N, R20E, Section 6; east and south along power lines to the Yakima Training Center boundary; south and west along the Yakima Training Center boundary to I-82; north on I-82 to Thrall Road; west on Thrall Road to Wilson Creek; south on Wilson Creek to Yakima River; north on Yakima River to gas pipeline crossing in T17N, R18E, Section 25; south and west on the gas pipeline to Umtanum Creek; west on Umtanum Creek to the Durr Road; north on the Durr Road to Umtanum Road; north on Umtanum Road to South Branch Canal; west on South Branch Canal to Bradshaw/Hanson Road; west on Bradshaw Road to the elk fence; north and west along the elk fence to power line crossing in T19N, R16E,

Section 10; west along the power line (south branch) to Big Creek; north on Big Creek to Nelson Siding Road; west and north on Nelson Siding Road to I-90; east on I-90 to point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3912 Old Naches (Yakima County): Starting at the elk fence and Roza Canal along the south boundary T14N, R19E, Section 8; following the elk fence to the bighorn sheep feeding site in T15N, R16E, Section 36; south on the feeding site access road to the Old Naches Highway; west and south on the Old Naches Highway to State Route 12 and the Naches River; down the Naches River to the Tieton River; up the Tieton River approximately 2 miles to the intersection of the metal footbridge and the elk fence at the south end of the bridge in T14N, R16E, Section 3; south along the elk fence to the top of the cliff/rimrock line; southwest along the top of the cliff/rimrock line to the irrigation canal in T14N, R16E, Section 9; southwest along the irrigation canal to the elk fence in T14N, R16E, Section 8; south along the elk fence to the township line between T12N, R15E and T12N, R16E; south along the township line to the South Fork Ahtanum Creek; downstream along the South Fork Ahtanum Creek and Ahtanum Creek to the Yakima River; upstream along the Yakima River to Roza Canal and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 4601 North Bend (King County): That portion of GMU 460 beginning at the interchange of State Route (SR) 18 and I-90; W on I-90 to SE 82nd St, Exit 22, at the town of Preston; N on SE 82nd Street to Preston Fall City Rd SE (Old SR 203); N on Preston Fall City Rd SE to SE Fall City Snoqualmie Rd (SR 202) at the town of Fall City; E on SE Fall City Snoqualmie Rd to the crossing of Tokul Creek; N and E up Tokul Creek to its crossing with Tokul Rd SE; S on SE Tokul Rd to SE 53rd Way; E on SE 53rd Way where it turns into 396th Dr SE then S on 396th Dr SE to SE Reinig Rd; E on SE Reinig Rd to 428th Ave SE; N on 428th Ave SE to where it turns into North Fork Rd SE; N and E on North Fork Rd SE to Ernie's Grove Rd; E on Ernie's Grove Rd to SE 70th St; N on SE 70th St to its ends at Fantastic Falls on the North Fork Snoqualmie River; SW down the North Fork Snoqualmie River to Fantastic Falls and the Mt Si Natural Resource Conservation Area boundary then S and E along the southern boundary of the Mt Si NRCA to the "School Bus" turnaround at SE 114th St; S on 480th Ave SE to SE 130th St; S and E on SE 130th St to its end; SSE overland from the end of SE 130th St, over the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, to the end of 486th Ave SE; S on 486th Ave SE to the intersection with SE Middle Fork Road; Due S, from said intersection, up Grouse Mountain toward its peak, to the logging road adjacent to Grouse Mountain Peak; S down the logging road

to Grouse Ridge Access Rd; W on Grouse Ridge Access Road which becomes SE 146th St; W on SE 146th St to I-90 then east along I-90 to the W boundary of Olallie/Twin Falls State Park; then along the westerly and northerly boundaries of Olallie/Twin Falls/Iron Horse state parks to the boundary of the Rattlesnake Lake Recreation Area; W along the boundary of the Rattlesnake Lake Recreation Area to Cedar Falls Rd SE; N along the Cedar Falls Rd to SE 174th Way; W on SE 174th Way to SE 174th St; W on SE 174th St to SE 173rd St; W on SE 173rd St to SE 170th Pl; W on SE 170th Pl to SE 169th St; W on SE 169th St to 424th Ave SE; N on 424th Ave SE to SE 168th St; W on SE 168th St to 422 Ave SE; N on 422 Ave SE to 426th Way SE; S on 426th Way SE to SE 164th St; E on SE 164th St to Uplands Way SE; W on Uplands Way SE to the crossing with the Power Transmission Lines; W along the Power Transmission Lines to the Winery Rd; NW on the Winery Rd to SE 99th Rd; W and N on SE 99th Rd to the I-90 interchange, at Exit 27; SW on I-90 to the interchange with SR 18 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 4941 Skagit River (Skagit County): That portion of GMU 437 beginning at the intersection of State Route 9 and State Route 20; east on State Route 20 to Concrete-Sauk Valley Road; south on Concrete-Sauk Valley Road over The Dalles Bridge (Skagit River) to the intersection with the South Skagit Highway; west on South Skagit

Highway to State Route 9; north on State Route 9 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5029 Toledo (Lewis and Cowlitz counties): Beginning at the Cowlitz River and State Highway 505 junction; east along the Cowlitz River to the Weyerhaeuser 1800 Road; south along Weyerhaeuser 1800 Road to Cedar Creek Road; east along Cedar Creek Road to Due Road; south on Due Road to Weyerhaeuser 1823 Road; south along Weyerhaeuser 1823 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1945 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1945 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road to the North Fork Toutle River; west along the North Fork Toutle River to the Toutle River; west on the Toutle River to the Cowlitz River; North along the Cowlitz River to the junction of State Highway 505 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5049 Ethel (Lewis County): That part of GMU 505 beginning at the intersection of Jackson Highway and Highway 12; south along Jackson Highway to Buckley Road; south on Buckley Road to Spencer Road; east on Spencer Road to Fuller Road; north on Fuller Road to Highway 12; east on Highway 12 to Stowell Road; north on Stowell Road to Gore Road; west on Gore Road to Larmon Road; west on Larmon Road to Highway 12; west on Highway 12 to Jackson Highway and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5050 Newaukum (Lewis County): That part of GMU 505 beginning at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Highway 12; east on Highway 12 to Larmon Road; east on Larmon Road to Leonard Road; north on Leonard Road through the town of Onalaska to Deggler Road; north on Deggler Road to Middle Fork Road; east on Middle Fork Road to Beck Road; north on Beck Road to Centralia-Alpha Road; west on Centralia-Alpha Road to Logan Hill Road; south then west on Logan Hill Road to Jackson Highway; south on Jackson Highway to the Newaukum River; west along the Newaukum River to Interstate 5; south on Interstate 5 to Highway 12 and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5051 Green Mountain (Cowlitz County): Beginning at the junction of the Cowlitz River and the Toutle River; east along the Toutle River to the North Fork Toutle River; east along the North Fork Toutle River to the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1910 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1910 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 2410 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 2410 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4553 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 4553 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4500 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 4500 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4400 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 4400 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4100 Road; east along the Weyerhaeuser 4100 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road; south along the

Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4730 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 4730 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4732 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 4732 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4790 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 4790 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1390 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1390 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1600 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 1600 Road to the Weyerhaeuser Logging Railroad Tracks at Headquarters; west along the Weyerhaeuser Logging Railroad Track to Ostrander Creek; west along Ostrander Creek to the Cowlitz River; north along the Cowlitz River to the Toutle River and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5052 Mossyrock (Lewis County): Beginning at the intersection of Winston Creek Road and State Highway 12; east on State Highway 12 to the Cowlitz River; east on the Cowlitz River to Riffe Lake; southeast along the south shore of Riffe Lake to Swofford Pond outlet creek; south on Swofford Pond outlet creek to Green Mountain Road; west on Green Mountain Road to Perkins Road; west on Perkins Road to Longbell Road; south on Longbell Road to Winston Creek Road; north on Winston Creek Road to State Highway 12 and the point of beginning. (All lands owned and managed by the Cowlitz Wildlife Area are excluded from this Elk Area.)

Elk Area No. 5053 Randle (Lewis County): Beginning at the town of Randle and the intersection of U.S. Highway 12 and State Route 131 (Forest Service 23 and 25 roads); south on State Route 131 to Forest Service 25 Road; south on Forest Service 25 Road to the Cispus River; west along the Cispus River to the Champion 300 line bridge; south and west on the Champion 300 line to the Champion Haul Road; north along the Champion Haul Road to Kosmos Road; north on Kosmos Road to U.S. Highway 12; east on U.S. Highway 12 to Randle and point of beginning. (All lands owned and managed by the Cowlitz Wildlife Area are excluded from this Elk Area.)

Elk Area No. 5054 Boistfort (Lewis County): Beginning at the town of Vader; west along State Highway 506 to the Wildwood Road; north along the Wildwood Road to the Abernathy 500 line gate (Section 20, T11N, R3W, Willamette Meridian); northwest along the 500, 540, and 560 lines to the Weyerhaeuser 813 line; northwest along the 813, 812, 5000J, 5000 and 4000 lines to the Pe Ell/McDonald Road (Section 15, T12N, R4W); west along the Pe Ell/McDonald Road to the Lost Valley Road; northeast along the Lost Valley Road to the Boistfort Road; north along the Boistfort Road to the King Road; east along the King Road to the town of Winlock and State Highway 603; south along Highway 505 to

Interstate 5; south along Interstate 5 to State Hwy 506; west along State Hwy 506 to the town of Vader and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5056 Grays River Valley (Wahkiakum County): That area in GMU 506 on or within 1.5 miles of agricultural land in the Grays River Valley and Eden Valley within the following sections: T11N, R08W, Section 36; T11N, R07W, Sections 31, 32, 33; T10N, R7W, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32; T10N, R8W, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36; T09N, R08W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15; T09N, R07W, Sections 5, 6, 7, 8.

Elk Area No. 5057 Carlton (Lewis County): That part of 513 (South Rainier) lying east of Highway 123 and north of Highway 12.

Elk Area No. 5058 West Goat Rocks (Lewis County): Goat Rocks Wilderness west of the Pacific Crest Trail.

Elk Area No. 5059 Mt. Adams Wilderness (Skamania and Yakima counties): The Mt. Adams Wilderness.

Elk Area No. 5060 Merwin (Cowlitz County): Begin at the State Route 503 and the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 junction; north and west on the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 to Day Place Road; west on Day Place Road to Dubois Road; south on Dubois Road to State Route 503; east on

State Route 503 to the State Route 503 and the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 junction and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5061 Wildwood (Lewis County): Beginning at the junction of the Pacific West Timber (PWT) 600 Road and the Wildwood Road (SE1/4 S29 T11N R3W); southwest on the 600 Road to the 800 Road (NW1/4 S36 T11N R4W); southwest on the 800 Road to the 850 Road (SW1/4 S3 T10N R4W); northwest on the 850 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road (S20 T11N R4W); north on the Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road (S17 T11N R4W); east on the Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 5822 Road (NW1/4 S16 T11N R4W); east on the Weyerhaeuser 5822 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 5820 Road (NW1/4 S10 T11N R4W); southeast on the Weyerhaeuser 5820 Road to the PWT 574 Road (SE1/4 S10 T11N R4W); south on the PWT 574 Road to the 570 Road (NW1/4 S14 T11N R4W); south on the 570 Road to the 500 Road (NW1/4 S14 T11N R4W); northeast on the 500 Road to the 560 Road (SW1/4 S12 T11N R4W); east on the 560 Road to the 540 Road (SE1/4 S12 T11N R4W); east and south on the 540 Road to the 500 Road (SE1/4 S18 T11N R3W); east on the PWT 500 Road to the Wildwood Road (N1/2 S20 T11N R3W); south on the Wildwood Road to the point of beginning, the PWT 600 Road junction (SE1/4 S29 T11N R3W).

Elk Area No. 5062 Trout Lake (Klickitat County): Those portions of GMU 578 (West Klickitat) beginning at the intersection of SR 141 and Sunnyside Road; north on Sunnyside Road to Mount Adams Recreational Area Road; (including agricultural land on the Trout Lake Valley floor north of Sunnyside Road within T06N R10E in Sections 13 and 14); south on Mount Adams Recreational Area Road to the intersection of SR 141 and south on SR 141 and Sunnyside Road to the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5063 Pumice Plain (Cowlitz and Skamania counties): That part of GMU 522 beginning at the confluence of the N. Fork Toutle River and Castle Creek; East along the N. Fork Toutle River to USFS trail 207; south along USFS trail 207 to USFS trail 216E; southwest along USFS trail 216E to USFS trail 216; west along USGS trail 216 to USGS 216G; northwest along USFS trail 216G to USGS trail 221; north along USFS 221 to Castle Creek; northwest along Castle Creek to N. Fork Toutle River and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5064 Upper Smith Creek (Skamania County): That part of GMU 522 beginning at the U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99 and U.S. Forest Service Trail 225 (Smith Creek Trail) junction; south on Trail 225 to Ape Canyon Creek; south and west up Ape Canyon Creek to U.S. Forest Service Trail 216 (Loowit Trail); north on Trail 216 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 216D (Abraham Trail); north on Trail 216D to U.S. Forest

Service Trail 207 (Truman Trail); north and east on Trail 207 to U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99; north and east on U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99 to the junction of U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99 and U.S. Forest Service Trail 225 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5065 Mount Whittier (Skamania County): That part of GMU 522 beginning at the U.S. Forest Service Trail 1 (Boundary Trail) and U.S. Forest Service Trail 214 (Whittier Ridge Trail) junction; west on the U.S. Forest Service Trail 1 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 230 (Coldwater Trail); north on U.S. Forest Service Trail 230 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 211 (Lakes Trail); east on Trail 211 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 214; south on U.S. Forest Service Trail 214 to the junction of U.S. Forest Service Trail 214 and U.S. Forest Service Trail 1 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5066 Norway Pass (Lewis and Skamania counties): That part of GMU ((~~524~~)) 522 524 beginning at the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Trail 211 (Lakes Trail) and USFS Trail 230 (Coldwater Trail) junction; NE to Minnie Peak; W to the USFS property boundary in the SE 1/4 of Section 20, T10N, R5E; N along the USFS property boundary to the Green River; E up the Green River to the USFS Rd 2612; E on the USFS Rd 2612 to USFS Rd 26; S on USFS Rd 26 to USFS Trail 1 (Boundary Trail); W on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Trail 214 (Whittier Trail); N on USFS Trail 214

to USFS Trail 211 (Lakes Trail); W on USFS Trail 211 to the USFS Trail 211, Trail 230 junction and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5090 JBH (Wahkiakum County): The mainland portion of the Julia Butler Hansen National Wildlife Refuge, as administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as described: Beginning at the junction of State Route 4 and Steamboat Island Slough Road, northwest on Steamboat Island Slough Road to Brooks Slough Road, east on Brooks Slough Road to State Route 4, south on State Route 4 to Steamboat Slough Road and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5099 Mudflow (Cowlitz County): That part of GMU 522 beginning on the North Fork Toutle River at the mouth of Hoffstadt Creek; SE up the North Fork Toutle River to Deer Creek; SE up Deer Creek to Rd 3020; NW along 3020 to Rd 3000; E along Rd 3000 to US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 216G; SE along USFS Trail 216G to USFS Trail 221 (Castle Lake Trail); N on USFS Trail 221 to Castle Creek; N along Castle Creek to the confluence with the North Fork Toutle River; W down the North Fork Toutle River to the North Fork Toutle River, Coldwater Creek confluence; North from the North Fork Toutle River, Coldwater Creek confluence on unnamed ridgeline, to Castle Lake viewpoint on SR 504; W on SR 504 to Hoffstadt Creek Bridge on

Hoffstadt Creek; S and W down Hoffstadt Creek to the North Fork Toutle River and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6010 Mallis (Pacific County): That part of GMUs 506, 672, and 673 within one and one-half mile either side of SR 6 between the east end of Elk Prairie Rd and the Mallis Landing Rd, and all lands within a half mile of Elk Creek Rd bounded on the south by Monohon Landing Rd.

Elk Area No. 6011 Centralia Mine (Lewis County): That portion of GMU 667 within Centralia Mine property boundary.

Elk Area No. 6013 (Pierce County): That part of GMU 652 beginning at the intersection of Highway 167 and Highway 410; north on Highway 167 to Highway 18; east on Highway 18 to Highway 164; southeasterly on Highway 164 to intersection with power transmission line in T20 R6 Section 18. West along power transmission line to intersection with 226th Ave E. South on 226th Ave East to intersection with 40th St E, east on 40th St E to 230th Ave E, South on 230th Ave E to Radke Road. Southwest on Radke to Barkubine Road, South on Barkubine Road to Connells Prairie; West on Connells Prairie Rd to 214th Ave E, South on 214th Ave E to Highway 410; westerly on Highway 410 to Highway 167 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6014 (Pierce County): Starting at Highway 164

intersection with power transmission line in T20 R6 Section 18; W along power transmission line to intersection with 226th Ave E; S on 226th Ave E to intersection with 40th St E; E on 40th St E to 230th Ave E; S on 230th Ave E to Radke Rd; SW on Radke to Barkubine Rd; S on Barkubine Rd to Connells Prairie; W on Connells Prairie Rd to 214th Ave E; S on 214th Ave E to South Prairie Rd; SE on South Prairie Rd to Highway 162; E on Hwy 162 to Hwy 165; S on Hwy 165 to the power transmission lines at T19 R6 Section 21, NE along the power transmission lines to the White River, N along the White River to the power transmission lines at T19 R7E; NE on power transmission lines to intersection with Hwy 410 West on SR 410 to Hwy 164; NW on Hwy 164 to starting point.

Elk Area No. 6030 Joyce (Clallam County): That portion of GMU 603

beginning at the intersection of Freshwater Bay Road and Highway 112;
N and NW along Freshwater Bay Road to the Freshwater Bay Boat Launch;
NE on the Freshwater Bay Boat Launch to the shoreline with Freshwater
Bay; NW and W along the shorelines of Freshwater Bay and the Strait of
Juan de Fuca to the mouth of the Lyre River; S along the Lyre River to
the intersection with Highway 112; E along Highway 112 to the
intersection with Waterline Road; S and SE along Waterline Road to the

intersection with the Olympic Discovery Trail Adventure Route (OAT); E along the Olympic Discovery Trail Adventure Route to the intersection with Eden Valley Road; N and NE along Eden Valley Road to the intersection with Highway 112; W along Highway 112 to the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6054 Puyallup River (Pierce County): That portion of GMU 654 beginning at the intersection of Mount Rainier National Park's western boundary and the Nisqually River; W down the Nisqually River to the mouth of the Mashel River; E and SE along the Mashel River to its headwaters; SE from the Mashel River headwaters to the Mashel River-Puyallup River watershed divide ridge; SE along the Mashel River-Puyallup River watershed divide ridge to a point due west of the headwaters of Big Creek; NE along Big Creek to its confluence with Deer Creek; N along Deer Creek to its confluence with the Puyallup River; SE up the Puyallup River to Mount Rainier National Park's western boundary; S on Mount Rainier National Park's western boundary to the Nisqually River and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6061 Twin Satsop Farms (Mason County): That portion of GMU 651 starting at the junction of the Deckerville Road and the Brady-Matlock Road; southwest to the junction with the West Boundary Road; north on West Boundary Road to the Deckerville Road; east on the

Deckerville Road to the junction of Brady-Matlock Road and point of beginning. In addition, the area within a circle with a radius of two miles centered on the junction of State Route 108 and the Eich Road.

Elk Area No. 6064 Quinault Valley (Grays Harbor and Jefferson

counties): That portion of GMU 638 (Quinault) within the Quinault River watershed east of Gatton Creek and Lake Quinault excluding US Forest Service (USFS) Colonel Bob Wilderness Area beginning at the mouth of the Quinault River; NE on the Olympic National Park boundary, which is along the Quinault River, to the intersection with USFS Colonel Bob Wilderness Area; then SW along the Colonel Bob Wilderness Area Western boundary to its intersection with Haas Creek; then downstream along Haas Creek to its intersection with USFS Olympic National Forest boundary; then SW along USFS boundary to the Lake Quinault shoreline; then N along the East shore of Lake Quinault to the mouth of Quinault River and the point of the beginning.

Elk Area No. 6069 Hanaford (Lewis and Thurston counties): That part of GMU 667 (Skookumchuck) beginning at the intersection of Salzer Valley Rd and S Pearl St (Centralia); N on S Pearl St to N Pearl St; N on N Pearl St to State Hwy 507; W and N on State Hwy 507 to Skookumchuck Rd; E on Skookumchuck Rd to the first bridge over the Skookumchuck River; E along the Skookumchuck River to the Skookumchuck Rd bridge; E

on Skookumchuck Rd to the steel tower power line; SW along the power line to Big Hanaford Rd; E and S along Big Hanaford Rd to the intersection with the main stem of Hanaford Creek; SE along Hanaford Creek to the range line between Range 1W and Range 1E of Township 14N; S on the range line between Range 1W and Range 1E of Township 14N to Mitchell Creek; SW on Mitchell Creek to the North Fork of the Newaukum River; SW on the North Fork of the Newaukum River to North Fork Rd; W on North Fork Rd to Centralia-Alpha Rd; W on Centralia-Alpha Rd to Salzer Valley Rd and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6071 Dungeness (Clallam County): Portions of GMUs 621 (Olympic) and 624 (Coyle) beginning at the mouth of the Dungeness River; east and south along the coast of the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the mouth of Dean Creek on Sequim Bay; south and west up Dean Creek to the power transmission line; west on the power transmission line to the Dungeness River; north down the Dungeness River to its mouth and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6612 Forks (Clallam County): That part of GMUs 607 and 612 excluding the city of Forks and Bogachiel state park; starting at the confluence of Calawah River and the Bogachiel River; upstream on the Bogachiel River to the Hwy 101 Bridge north along Hwy 101 to Sportsman Club Rd; E on Sportsman Club Rd to DNR FR-F-1000; E on DNR

FR-F-1000 to DNR FR-F-1200; N on DNR FR-F-1200 to its end; from the end of DNR FR-F-1200 N approximately 500' to Elk Creek; down Elk Creek to its confluence with the Calawah River; down the Calawah River to its confluence with the Bogachiel River.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-415-040, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-415-040, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 18-19-001 (Order 18-229), § 220-415-040, filed 9/5/18, effective 10/6/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-040, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-415-040, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800,

77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-337, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-059 (Order 15-98), § 232-28-337, filed 4/30/15, effective 5/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-337, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-337, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-337, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12; WSR 11-11-013 (Order 11-86), § 232-28-337, filed 5/6/11, effective 6/6/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.32.070, 77.32.530. WSR 10-10-061 (Order 10-94), § 232-28-337, filed 4/30/10, effective 5/31/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240. WSR 09-09-083 (Order 09-53), § 232-28-337, filed 4/15/09, effective 5/16/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210. WSR 08-09-090 (Order 08-78), § 232-28-337, filed 4/18/08, effective 5/19/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020. WSR 08-01-052 (Order 07-292), § 232-28-337, filed 12/13/07, effective 1/13/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 07-01-049 (Order 06-300), § 232-28-337, filed 12/14/06, effective 1/14/07; WSR 06-17-095 (Order

06-196), § 232-28-337, filed 8/15/06, effective 9/15/06; WSR 06-11-032 (Order 06-92), § 232-28-337, filed 5/8/06, effective 6/8/06; WSR 06-02-063 (Order 05-271), § 232-28-337, filed 1/3/06, effective 2/3/06; WSR 05-11-023 (Order 05-84), § 232-28-337, filed 5/10/05, effective 5/15/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047 and 77.12.020. WSR 04-11-036 (Order 04-98), § 232-28-337, filed 5/12/04, effective 6/12/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 03-13-047 (Order 03-129), § 232-28-337, filed 6/12/03, effective 7/13/03.]

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing. The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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- Change: Under Elk Area No. 5066 Norway Pass (Lewis and Skamania counties), change “That part of GMU 522...” to “That part of GMU 524...”.

Rationale: Following the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing, the Department received a considerable amount of feedback from the public in opposition of this proposal. The Department will continue outreach efforts with the public to identify an alternative solution to address hunter confusion and enforcement issues in Elk Area 5066.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

We received 187 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but one (an email) came through our online survey. Thirty-four of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,786 respondents to our online survey 64% (1,145) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Eight comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 14 comments indicated support for specific aspects of the proposal.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 12% (223) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 23% (418) indicated they were neutral. Eighteen comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 94 comments indicated opposition to specific aspects of the proposal. Most (79) were in opposition to moving Elk Area 5066 to GMU 522.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition during the online survey:

- Moving EA 5066 to GMU 522 would reduce opportunity for hunters that hunt game species, other than elk, in EA 5066
- Eliminating EA 1040 would result in too many hunters on the 4-O Wildlife Area
- Tribal hunters are harvesting too many elk

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

We received no comments during the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing that were specific to elk area descriptions. However, we received six written comments following the hearing and all six expressed opposition to shifting Elk Area 5066 to GMU 522.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: Moving EA 5066 to GMU 522 would reduce opportunity for hunters that hunt game species, other than elk, in EA 5066

Although Elk Area 5066 is currently open during general seasons for other game species, including black-tailed deer, black bear, cougar, and grouse, hunters are more than likely accessing the area to hunt black-tailed deer or black bears. From 2015-2019 the average number of hunters reporting that they hunted in GMU 524 was just 187 hunters for black-tailed deer and 45 hunters for black-bear. It is likely only a small portion of those hunters were hunting in Elk Area 5066. As such, the Department does not believe this proposed change would result in a substantial reduction in opportunity. However, following the Fish and Wildlife Commission hearing, the Department received a considerable

amount of feedback from the public in opposition of this proposal. As such, we have proposed a supplemental recommended adjustment to retain the current boundary descriptions and will continue outreach efforts with the public to identify an alternative solution to address hunter confusion and enforcement issues in Elk Area 5066.

Comment: Eliminating EA 1040 would result in too many hunters on the 4-O Wildlife Area

We agree that eliminating EA 1040 is likely to result in more hunters on the 4-O Wildlife Area, but the area is no longer being managed with the intent of providing a quality (e.g., low hunter densities, higher bull-to-cow ratios, etc.) hunting opportunity.

Comment: Tribal hunters are harvesting too many elk

WDFW does not regulate tribal hunting. The 24 tribes that have off-reservation hunting rights in Washington set their own hunting regulations for their tribal members. Those tribes can allow members to hunt on open and unclaimed land within their ceded area or within an area proven to have been traditionally used by the tribe.



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/9/2021

Agenda item:

Landowner Hunting Permits – Decision

Presenter(s):

Ciera Strickland, Private Lands Access Program Manager, Wildlife Program

Background summary: Department staff briefed the commission on WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits: Staff proposes slight wording changes to the standard operating procedure for the Landowner Hunting Permit (LHP) Program that will provide further clarification. The Landowner Hunting Permit WAC has been adjusted to reflect the new requirements for the LHP program as outlined in the standard operating procedure. The department completed its first application period for the 2021-2023 LHP seasons. Six applications were submitted, and the department is proposing five of those six be accepted into the program. There are several adjustments to hunt dates and permit allocations.

Staff recommendation:

Recommend adoptions of the rule as presented.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

The changes to the rule above were discussed in the March FWC meeting.

Changes to WAC language and adjustment of permit allocations and season dates.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The department conducted an extensive public involvement process to develop the 2021-2023 hunting season proposals. WDFW held seven virtual public meetings by topic in August and September of 2020, to discuss a variety of issues with constituents. Concurrently, the public was asked to provide input on hunting seasons via the department website for a six-week period. The department emailed over 199,000 hunters notifying them of the website survey and encouraging them to participate. Using that information, the department determined which recommendations would move forward.

Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the March 25-27, 2021 online Commission meeting.

Please see the associated public comment forms.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Recommended adoption of this rule as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to adopt the recommended rule changes as presented by staff.

Is there a “second”?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

Post decision communications plan:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Website

News Release

Hunting Regulation Pamphlet

Form revised 8-4-20

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits. (1) A landowner may enter into a contract with the department and establish boundaries and other requirements for hunter access consistent with commission policy.

(2) It is unlawful to participate in a landowner (~~hunter~~) hunting permit (LHP) hunt without a landowner LHP permit from the landowner **or** a public LHP permit from the department for the species covered under the landowner's contract and possess an unfilled tag for said species. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410.

(3) **Acceptance Guidelines**

(a) LHP contracts must provide one or both of the hunting opportunities listed below for the public via landowner permits and public permits:

- Hunting opportunity that otherwise would not exist.
- Hunting opportunity that helps resolve chronic crop damage problems that have been documented by WDFW.

(b) WDFW (~~will~~) may deny LHP applications that do not provide substantial public access benefit beyond the allotted WDFW public permit opportunity.

- For the purposes of this program, "substantial public benefit" will be defined as access for the general public to the property outside of the designated LHP permit season, for any of the following activities: General season or special permit hunting access for deer, elk, bear, cougar, sheep, goat, moose, upland game birds, turkey, waterfowl, dove or other nonhunting activities such as wildlife viewing or fishing. At a minimum, the LHP property (~~must~~) should attempt to allow access for at least two types of recreational opportunity outside of the designated LHP permit seasons for deer and elk. Each LHP agreement must demonstrate a substantial public benefit to the citizens of the state and the wildlife resources of the area. For further information regarding public benefit, please refer to the standard operating procedure.

(c) Lands in a single LHP must have a minimum huntable acreage of 1,000 acres.

- Lands that are contiguous can span GMU boundaries.
- Lands that are not contiguous have to reside within the same GMU.

(d) Only 2 LHP contracts will be active at the same time in each WDFW district (Appendix B). If an LHP crosses district boundaries, the LHP will be considered to be in the district containing the majority of the land and/or hunting opportunity.

(e) WDFW will prioritize LHP applications that score the highest using the scoring matrix (Criteria - Appendix D in the standard operating procedure). In addition to LHP hunts, "no-fee" general public access opportunity is (~~required~~) strongly encouraged (e.g., general deer, elk, turkey, upland hunting, or other opportunities as stated in (b) of this subsection). Special accommodations for hunters with disabilities, youth, seniors, and designated master hunters are also strongly encouraged, as well as "no-fee" access for special permit holders (e.g., elk, bear, moose and bighorn sheep).

(f) To ensure predictability for landowners, hunters, and WDFW, all landowners who enter into an LHP contract in April are required to abide by the conditions of the LHP contract for the term of the contract. Any changes in property ownership, total acreage or management practices on the land(s) enrolled in the LHP will require an amendment to the contract. WDFW reserves the right to alter conditions to the contract if an amendment is required. It is the responsibility of the landowner to inform the proper WDFW regional

staff of any changes. Not providing accurate information may result in the termination of the contract.

(g) Landowners may only be involved in one LHP statewide.

(4) **Program Guidelines**

(a) Policy C-6002 divides hunting on LHP cooperator lands into public and landowner permit opportunities. Public opportunity is defined as permits that are drawn through the WDFW permit drawing system or are drawn through a public raffle. Landowner opportunity is defined as those permits allocated to and distributed by the LHP cooperator(s).

(b) No LHP permits for elk will be issued in those GMUs where branch-antlered bull elk hunting is by quality or bull elk special permits only.

(c) No LHP permits for deer will be issued in those GMUs where antlered deer hunting is by quality or buck deer special permits only.

(d) Landowners may sell access associated with landowner LHP permits, but then (~~must~~) may be required to waive the right to claims for wildlife damage. Selling access may also affect landowner liability as described in RCW 4.24.200 and 4.24.210. It is the responsibility of the landowner to ensure they are protected against liability claims.

(e) WDFW will draw permits for public hunting opportunity through the licensing permit drawing system or through a public raffle. Public raffles must be conducted according to state laws and regulations including, but not limited to, WAC 220-412-050 and as outlined in the commission policy C-6002.

(f) Access to LHP property and associated hunting will be free of charge for individuals who draw a public LHP permit. Hunting opportunity (i.e., location, length of time, season of the hunt and hunting area) must be equivalent for public permit holders and landowner permit holders. Landowners not meeting this requirement will have their LHP contract voided. Landowners in an LHP may be required to provide evidence verifying equitability between both the public and landowner permits.

(g) Lands in an LHP contract will be identified on the WDFW website, along with other private and public hunting lands. The cooperators or WDFW may create additional detailed maps to better inform the public. Any additional maps or materials may also be posted on the WDFW website.

(h) LHP boundaries will be posted with WDFW approved signs in accordance with boundary posting requirements section of the standard operating procedure.

(i) LHP properties may not have fences that alter or prevent the natural movement of wildlife.

(j) All LHP permits are only valid within the identified LHP property boundaries. Any wildlife harvested outside the boundaries of the LHP using an LHP permit will be considered a "closed season" violation. LHP permits are not valid on private or public in-holdings that are not included in the LHP contract.

(k) Any cost to implement the program, other than costs typically covered by WDFW (e.g., WDFW staff time and LHP signage), will be the responsibility of the landowner.

(l) Damage prevention permits authorized under WAC 220-440-060 will be issued to LHP cooperators only if WDFW deems it necessary to control damage.

(m) All LHP contracts will be tied to the three-year season setting cycle.

(n) LHP permits will be allocated annually. WDFW regional staff will provide permit recommendations to the private lands section manager by (~~mid-November~~) November of each year.

(o) A cooperator who does not comply with their LHP contract may have their contract voided by the department. If their contract is voided, they will not be able to reapply until the next application

cycle and forfeit any remaining permits to WDFW. If a contract is voided, the LHP property may be enrolled in another WDFW access program without having to wait until the next LHP application cycle.

(p) WDFW at its discretion may deny any LHP application for biological or social reasons.

(q) LHPs shall not be authorized in areas where other access opportunities may be jeopardized.

(r) Due to the limited availability of habitat funding, LHP properties will not be prioritized for any funding available to the private lands access program for the purposes of habitat enhancement, restoration or other habitat related activities. This does not include federal programs, where WDFW staff provide technical assistance.

Annual reports (Appendix C) will be required for all LHP properties. The annual report form will be mailed to the landowners with their LHP permits each year. Reports are due back to the private lands section manager no later than May 1st of the following year. Failing to mail/send completed (~~harvest~~) annual reports may result in a delay in issuing permits the following hunting season. Chronic failure to submit reports will lead to voiding of the LHP contract.

(5)(a) **Buckrun**

(i) Buckrun is located in Grant County, near the town of Wilson Creek.

(ii) Hunting on Buckrun is managed for a quality experience by scheduling hunt dates and keeping the number of hunters in the field low. Hunters with limited flexibility for hunt dates may experience scheduling problems. Hunters can generally expect one-day hunts during the permit seasons with written authorization from the Buckrun manager. All hunters must check in and out with the landowner or their designee on hunt day. Hunts are scheduled on a first-come basis by calling 509-345-2577 in advance.

(b) Buckrun landowner hunting permits

(i) Buckrun's manager will distribute Buckrun's landowner hunting permits. Buckrun may charge an access fee for these permits, but not for winning raffle permits. Only hunters possessing a modern firearm deer tag are eligible for permits on Buckrun's properties. Contact the manager at 509-345-2577 for additional information.

(ii) Deer Seasons for the landowner portion of LHP permits:

Hunt Name	Quota	Access Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
Buckrun	10	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless Mule Deer or any White-tailed Deer	Buckrun
Buckrun	30	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Buckrun
Buckrun Raffle	10	Oct. 25 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Buckrun

(c) Buckrun public hunting permits

(i) Hunters must apply to the Washington department of fish and wildlife for Buckrun's special hunting permits. Only hunters possessing a modern firearm deer tag are eligible for these special permits. All hunters must check in and out with the landowner or their designee. Hunts must be scheduled in advance by calling 509-345-2577.

(ii) Deer Seasons for the public portion of the LHP permits:

Hunt Name	Permit Number	Permit Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
Buckrun	10	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Buckrun

(6)(a) Silver Dollar Association

The Silver Dollar Association is located in Yakima and Benton counties, on the western edge of the Hanford Reservation.

(b) Silver Dollar Association landowner hunting permits

(i) The Silver Dollar Association's manager will distribute the association's landowner hunting permits. The association may charge an access fee for these permits.

(ii) Elk Seasons for the landowner portion of the LHP permits:

Hunt Name	Quota	Access Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
Silver Dollar	24	Aug. 1 - March 31	Any Elk	Silver Dollar
Silver Dollar	8	Aug. 1 - March 31	Antlerless	Silver Dollar

(c) Silver Dollar Association public hunting permits

(i) Hunters must apply to the department for the Silver Dollar Association's special hunting permits.

(ii) **Elk Seasons for the public portion of the LHP permits:**

Hunt Name	Permit Number	Weapon/Tag	Permit Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
Silver Dollar	8	EF	Aug. 1 - March 31	Youth Only, Any Elk	Silver Dollar
Silver Dollar Antlerless Elk	6	EF	Aug. 1 - March 31	Youth Only, Antlerless Elk Only	Silver Dollar
Silver Dollar Antlerless Elk	2	EF	Aug. 1 - March 31	Persons of Disability Only, Antlerless Elk Only	Silver Dollar

(7)(a) **Blackrock Ranches**

Blackrock Ranches is located in Yakima County west of the Hanford Reservation.

(b) **Blackrock Ranches landowner hunting permits**

(i) Blackrock Ranches' manager will distribute the ranches' landowner hunting permits. Blackrock Ranches may charge an access fee for these permits.

(ii) **Elk Seasons for the landowner portion of the LHP permits:**

Hunt Name	Quota	Access Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
Blackrock Ranches	((6)) <u>8</u>	Aug. 1 - March 31	Any Elk	Blackrock Ranches
Blackrock Ranches	2	Aug. 1 - March 31	Antlerless	Blackrock Ranches

(c) **Blackrock Ranches public hunting permits**

(i) Hunters must apply to the department for Blackrock Ranches' special hunting permits. To apply, hunters must have an eastside elk tag.

(ii) **Elk Seasons for the public portion of the LHP permits:**

Hunt Name	Permit Number	Weapon/Tag	Permit Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
Blackrock Ranches	((4)) 2	EF	Aug. 1 - March 31	Any Elk	Blackrock Ranches
Blackrock Ranches	1	EF	Aug. 1 - March 31	Antlerless Only	Blackrock Ranches
Blackrock Ranches	1	EF	Aug. 1 - March 31	Youth Only, Any Elk	Blackrock Ranches
Blackrock Ranches	1	EF	Aug. 1 - March 31	Youth Only, Antlerless Only	Blackrock Ranches

~~(8)(a) ((Pine Mountain Ranch~~

~~The Pine Mountain Ranch is located in Yakima County 14 miles west of Yakima.~~

~~(b) Pine Mountain Ranch landowner hunting permits~~

~~(i) Pine Mountain Ranch's manager will distribute the ranch's landowner hunting permits. Pine Mountain Ranch may charge an access fee for these permits.~~

~~(ii) Deer Seasons for the landowner portion of the LHP permits:~~

Hunt Name	Quota	Access Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
Pine Mountain Ranch	3	Nov. 4 - Dec. 31	Any Buck	Pine Mountain Ranch

~~(iii) Elk Seasons for the landowner portion of the LHP permits:~~

Hunt Name	Quota	Access Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
Pine Mountain Ranch	1	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Any Bull	Pine Mountain Ranch
Pine Mountain Ranch	2	Aug. 1 - Dec. 1	Antlerless	Pine Mountain Ranch

~~(c) Pine Mountain Ranch public hunting permits~~

~~(i) Hunters must apply to the department for Pine Mountain Ranch's special hunting permits.~~

~~(ii) Deer Seasons for the public portion of the LHP permits:~~

Hunt Name	Quota	Access Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
Pine Mountain Ranch	3	Nov. 4 - Dec. 31	Youth Only, Any Buck	Pine Mountain Ranch

~~(iii) Elk Seasons for the public portion of the LHP permits:~~

Hunt Name	Quota	Access Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
Pine Mountain Ranch	1	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Youth Only, Any Bull	Pine Mountain Ranch
Pine Mountain Ranch	2	Aug. 1 - Dec. 1	Antlerless	Pine Mountain Ranch

~~(9)(a))~~ **Columbia Plateau Wildlife Management Association**

(i) The Columbia Plateau Wildlife Management Association (CPWMA) landowner hunting permit area is located in Spokane County (GMU 130) near Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge.

(ii) Landowner permit hunts are primarily small ranch hunts but are managed for a quality experience by keeping the number of hunters in the field low.

(b) Columbia Plateau Wildlife Management Association landowner hunting permits

(i) CPWMA's manager will distribute the association's landowner hunting permits. CPWMA will not charge an access fee for raffle permit winners. Only hunters possessing an elk tag are eligible for permits on CPWMA's properties. All successfully drawn permit applicants must have written authorization from CPWMA's manager and must check in and out with CPWMA's designee at the beginning and ending of the scheduled

hunting dates. Successful applicants will receive a packet of information with forms to complete and a map showing the hunt area. These applicants must complete the forms and return them before September 30. Applicants should see CPWMA's website at www.cpwma.org or contact the hunt manager at 509-263-4616. Holders of landowner permits selected through raffle, including 9 antlerless elk and 2 any elk permits, are eligible to purchase second elk tags that may only be used on lands included in the CPWMA LHP.

(ii) Elk Seasons for the landowner portion of the LHP permits:

Hunt Name	Quota	Access Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
CPWMA	1	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	Antlerless	CPWMA
CPWMA	1	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	Any Bull	CPWMA
CPWMA Raffle 1	3	Jan. 1-31	Antlerless	CPWMA
CPWMA Raffle 2	3	Feb. 1-28	Antlerless	CPWMA
CPWMA Raffle 3	3	Mar. 1-31	Antlerless	CPWMA
CPWMA Raffle 4	2	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	Any Bull	CPWMA

(c) Columbia Plateau Wildlife Management Association public

hunting permits

(i) Hunters must apply to the department for CPWMA's special hunting permits. All successfully drawn permit applicants must have written authorization from CPWMA's manager and must check in and out with CPWMA's designee at the beginning and ending of the scheduled hunting dates. Successful applicants will receive a packet of required

information with forms to complete and a map showing the hunt area.

These applicants must complete the forms and return them before

September 30. Applicants should see CPWMA's website at www.cpwma.org

or contact the hunt manager at 509-263-4616.

(ii) **Elk Seasons for the public portion of the LHP permits:**

Hunt Name	Quota	Access Season	Special Restrictions	Boundary Description
CPWMA 1	1	Jan. 1 - Mar. 31	Any Bull	CPWMA

(9)(a) HanafordCentralia Mine

(i) Hanaford-Centralia Mine landowner hunting permit area is

located in Lewis and Thurston counties (GMU 667) on the Centralia Mine near Centralia.

(ii) The Centralia Mine is owned by TransAlta and is a federally mandated, closed access area. Hunters must be escorted by TransAlta employees to access the property. Public hunters that are drawn for permits are escorted to huntable areas on the mine by employees with TransAlta that volunteer their time.

(b) Hanaford-Centralia Mine landowner hunting permits

(i) TransAlta staff will distribute the Hanaford-Centralia Mine landowner hunting permits including to TransAlta staff that volunteer as guides for state disabled, senior and youth permit elk hunts.

TransAlta volunteers using their permits will attempt to target limping cows to assist with Treponeme Associated Hoof Disease control.

(ii) Elk Seasons for the landowner portion of the LHP permits:

<u>Hunt Name</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Access Season</u>	<u>Special Restrictions</u>	<u>Boundary Description</u>
<u>HanafordCentralia Mine</u>	5	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Centralia Mine

(c) ~~Hanaford-Centralia Mine~~ public hunting permits

(i) Hunters must apply to the department for ~~Hanaford-Centralia Mine~~ special hunting permits. To apply, hunters must have the required license/transport tag who are 65 years and older at some point during the license year for the senior hunts or be registered with the department as a hunter with a disability for the disabled hunts or meet the qualifications for youth hunting for the youth hunt.

Successful applicants will be contacted by TransAlta to arrange their hunt date and will receive a packet of logistical information from TransAlta about the hunt.

(ii) Elk Seasons for the ~~public landowner~~ portion of the LHP

permits:

<u>Hunt Name</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>Access Season</u>	<u>Special Restrictions</u>	<u>Boundary Description</u>
<u>HanafordCentralia Mine</u>	5	Sept. 4-12*	Senior only, Antlerless	Centralia Mine
<u>HanafordCentralia Mine</u>	5	Sept. 18-26*	Disabled only, Antlerless	Centralia Mine
<u>HanafordCentralia Mine</u>	1	Oct. 2-10*	Youth only, Any Bull	Centralia Mine

*Individuals selected for these hunts will be granted a single weekend within the listed time frame. Coordination with the hunt manager is required when selecting specific weekend dates.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-412-100, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-412-100, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-412-100, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-412-100, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-296, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-031 (Order 15-94), § 232-28-296, filed 4/28/15,

effective 5/29/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-296, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-296, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-296, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12.]

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner Hunting Permits.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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- Change: Removed all references of “Hanaford” and changed to “CentraliaMine”

Rationale: There are already hunts in the ungulate special permits that use the name “Hanaford”. Changing the name to “Centralia Mine” allows for clarity and a more accurate description of the hunt area. Without this name change we would have multiple “Hanaford” hunts but with different hunt boundary descriptions that would undoubtedly cause public confusion.

- Change: Fixed spelling of “TransAlta”

Rationale: Clarity and Correctness

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- Change: Changed the heading of section 9(c)(ii) from “landowner” to “public” to match the rest of the WAC and delete the duplicate heading.

Rationale: Clarity and Correctness

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-412-100 Title: Landowner Hunting Permits

We received a total of 1,331 public responses through the online survey.

Written Supporting Comments:

Fifty-six percent (747) of the non-neutral online respondents indicated that they agreed with this rule change.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Thirteen percent (173) of the non-neutral online respondents indicated that they disagreed with the proposed rule. Thirty-one percent (411) indicated that they were neutral or did not provide an answer.

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

No comments were received at this hearing.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

Many comments received were not directly related to the LHP program, but rather the entire Private Lands Access Program. Only comments that were believed to directly address the LHP program are explained below.

Common themes:

Comment: Concern over the privatization of wildlife

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) Response: In many cases, the landowner portion of permits are auctioned or raffled off to members of the public or organizations that support local hunting opportunities. In the few instances where landowners choose to retain their portion, these tags help aid in wildlife conflict mitigation on these lands that otherwise would result in either damage claims to the department or hours of WDFW staff time.

Comment: Waste of points if drawn for LHP opportunity

WDFW Response: The LHP hunting opportunities operate the same way as any other special permit hunt. There is no guarantee or higher probability that any hunter will harvest an animal on these lands or any other public lands.

Comment: General disagreement with some of the language changes proposed

WDFW Response: The proposed language changes within the LHP WAC and therefore, the Standard Operating Procedure have been carefully considered. WDFW staff believe that these changes will still result in a more efficient and better overall program for the public and the enrolled landowners. The previously used language would have forced many landowners to alter their land use/agricultural practices and in some cases, their livelihoods. It also put both the landowners and the department at risk for allowing certain hunting opportunities during agricultural practices that could have posed safety risks for the public.

Comment: LHP program is abused and should be eliminated WDFW Response: From 2018-2019 the

Commission supported an extensive review of the LHP Program. During this time, WDFW met with landowners, the public and internal staff and a thorough review of the program was completed in late 2019. The first application under the revised LHP program took place in August 2020 and staff are now proposing those applicants for approval by the Commission. WDFW staff believe that with these new revisions and the new requirements under the program, the LHP program can prove to be a valuable and appreciated access opportunity to the public.

Comment: Landowners only allowing friends and family to hunt on their lands

WDFW Response: WDFW works with LHP landowners to ensure that adequate public access is being granted. If it is discovered that equal access (locations, times, duration etc.) is not being granted between the "landowner" and "public" portions of the permits, it is grounds for dismissal from the LHP program. The revisions made during the granted review process by the Commission from 2018-2019 allow WDFW more authority when assessing the level of access.

Comment: Payments to landowners

WDFW Response: WDFW does not pay landowners enrolled in the LHP Program. The incentive for the LHP Program is the landowner portion of the permits. The only other incentive is under the new revised program, WDFW pays for signage to post the property when under the previous program guidance, landowners were responsible for paying for LHP signage. WDFW does pay landowners in certain hunting programs for access and/or habitat incentives or enhancement opportunities. WDFW staff are also competing with many private hunt clubs that pay more than WDFW can. Payments to landowners are to help ensure that access remains open to the general public, aid in mitigating costs associated with allowing public access and help with habitat enhancement and/or maintenance.



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/9/2021

Agenda item:

Migratory Game Birds Seasons and Regulations – Decision

Presenter(s):

Kyle Spragens, Waterfowl Section Manager, Wildlife Program

Background summary: The department staff briefed the Commission on the proposed amendment of WAC 220-416-060 2021-2022 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations, including:

- Adjust season dates relative to 2021-2022 calendar dates.
- Maintain one-pintail per day bag-limit and associated possession limit per the USFWS Northern Pintail Harvest Strategy.
- Maintain two-scaup per day bag-limit and associated possession limits, while maintaining an 86-day season length per the optimal regulatory alternative described in AHM protocol.
- Adjust the boundaries of Goose Management Area 1 to include Skagit and Whatcom counties, and that portion of Snohomish county west of Interstate 5. All regions previously within GMA1 will be part of Goose Management Area 3.
- Increase white goose (snow, Ross', blue phased) in all Goose Management Areas to 10 white geese per day bag-limit and associated possession limits.
- Increase white goose (snow, Ross', blue phased) to 20 white geese per day bag-limit and associated possession limits during white goose-only season segments (GMA1 and GMA4).

Migratory waterfowl season frameworks are established through ongoing interagency management programs involving U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and flyway organizations, including input from Canada, Russia, and Mexico. Federal frameworks include maximum bag limits, season lengths, season timing, and other regulations. Pacific Flyway season frameworks follow harvest strategies and management plans that have been developed cooperatively by USFWS and the Pacific Flyway Council.

All states adopt waterfowl seasons within federal frameworks, and in many cases, they are more restrictive to address regional conservation needs. Management agencies utilize Adaptive Harvest Management (AHM) to establish duck season frameworks. AHM relies on annual survey information and population models to prescribe optimal regulation packages each year. The population of ducks in the western part of North America is managed separately from the eastern flyways, as part of the models developed for western mallard AHM. Western mallard AHM uses results from breeding surveys and other information from western areas rather than from the Canadian prairies, recognizing differences in Pacific Flyway breeding areas. The season packages proposed for western mallard AHM are the same as developed under mid-continent mallard AHM (liberal, moderate, and restrictive), although different models are used to prescribe annual packages.

No surveys of the breeding waterfowl were conducted due to COVID-19 and travel restrictions, however assessments of duck populations based on the most recent trends recommended status quo in season dates and bag-limit structure to those offered during the 2020-21 migratory gamebird seasons.

Northern pintail status remained below population objective, maintaining a daily bag limit of one pintail per the USFWS Northern Pintail Harvest Strategy. Additionally, based on the most recent scaup status, the optimal regulatory alternative described in AHM protocol, requires a restrictive regulatory alternative, maintaining the daily bag limit to two scaup per day, but maintains the 86-day season length.

Staff recommendation:

Recommend adoptions of the rule as presented.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

The changes to the rules above were discussed in the March FWC meeting.

Establishing waterfowl and other migratory gamebird hunting seasons within the frameworks established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, including continuation of a 107-day season for ducks, and are consistent with harvest strategies described and approved in Pacific Flyway Council management plans for goose populations.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The Department conducted an extensive public involvement process to develop the 2021-2023 hunting season proposals. WDFW held seven virtual public meetings by topic in August and September of 2020, to discuss a variety of issues with constituents. Concurrently, the public was asked to provide input on hunting seasons via the department website for a six-week period. The department emailed over 199,000 hunters notifying them of the website survey and encouraging them to participate. Using that information, the department determined which recommendations would move forward.

Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the March 25-27, 2021 Commission meeting online.

Please see the associated public comment forms.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Recommended adoption of these rules as presented.

Draft motion language:

Motion: I move to adopt the recommended rule changes as presented by staff.

Is there a "second"?

If so, then motion maker discusses basis for motion; other Commissioners discuss views on motion; amendments, if any, proposed and addressed.

Post decision communications plan:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Website
News Release
Hunting Regulation Pamphlet

WAC 220-416-060 ((2020-2021)) 2021-2022 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations. Hunters must comply with the bag, possession, and season limits described in this section. Failure to do so constitutes a violation of RCW 77.15.245, 77.15.400, or 77.15.430, depending on the species hunted and the circumstances of the violation.

DUCKS

Statewide: Oct. ((~~17-25, 2020, and Oct. 28, 2020~~ — Jan. 31, 2021)) 16-24, 2021, and Oct. 27, 2021 - Jan. 30, 2022; except scaup season closed Oct. ((~~17 - Nov. 6, 2020~~)) 16 - Nov. 5, 2021.

Special youth hunting days open only to hunters 15 years of age or under (must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old who is not hunting): Sept. ((~~26, 2020, and Feb. 6, 2021~~)) 25, 2021, and Feb. 5, 2022, in Western Washington (West Zone); Oct. ((~~3, 2020, and Feb. 6, 2021~~)) 2, 2021, and Feb. 5, 2022, in Eastern Washington (East Zone).

Special veterans and active military personnel hunting day open only to hunters as defined in Section 3 of 16 U.S. Code Sec. 704 as amended by the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. Active duty military includes members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training). Veterans must have served in the active military, naval, or air service, and discharged or released under Honorable conditions: Feb. ((~~6, 2021~~)) 5, 2022, in Western Washington (West Zone) and Eastern Washington (East Zone). Hunters must have one of the following, or a copy of, during the hunt: DD214, Veteran Benefit Card, Retired Active Military I.D., or Active Duty I.D. card.

Daily Bag Limit: 7 ducks, to include not more than 2 hen mallard, 1 pintail, 2 scaup, 2 canvasback, and 2 redhead statewide; and to include not more than 1 harlequin, 2 scoter, 2 long-tailed duck, and 2 goldeneye in Western Washington.

Possession Limit for Regular Season: 21 ducks, to include not more than 6 hen mallard, 3 pintail, 6 scaup, 6 canvasback, and 6 redhead statewide; and to include not more than 1 harlequin, 6 scoter, 6 long-tailed duck, and 6 goldeneye in Western Washington.

Possession Limit for Youth, Veterans and Active Military Personnel Hunting Days: Same as Daily Bag Limit.

Season Limit: 1 harlequin in Western Washington.

AUTHORIZATION AND HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED TO HUNT SEA DUCKS

Hunters must possess a special ((2020-2021)) 2021-2022 hunting authorization and harvest record card for sea ducks when hunting harlequin, scoter, long-tailed duck, and goldeneye in Western Washington. A hunter who has not previously possessed a sea duck harvest report card must submit an application form to Washington state department of fish and wildlife (WDFW). Immediately after taking a sea duck into possession, hunters must record in ink the information required on the harvest record card.

COOT (Mudhen)

Same areas and dates (including youth, veterans and active military personnel hunting days) as the duck season.

Daily Bag Limit: 25 coots.

Possession Limit: 75 coots.

Possession Limit for Youth, Veterans and Active Military Personnel
Hunting Days: Same as Daily Bag Limit.

SNIPE

Same areas and dates (except youth, veterans and active military personnel hunting days) as the duck season.

Daily Bag Limit: 8 snipe.

Possession Limit: 24 snipe.

GEESE (except Brant)

Special youth hunting days open only to hunters 15 years of age or under (must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old who is not hunting): Sept. (~~26, 2020, and Feb. 6, 2021~~) 25, 2021, and Feb. 5, 2022, in Western Washington (West Zone); Oct. (~~3, 2020, and Feb. 6, 2021~~) 2, 2021, and Feb. 5, 2022, in Eastern Washington (East Zone).

Special veterans and active military personnel hunting day open only to hunters as defined in Section 3 of 16 U.S. Code Sec. 704 as amended by the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. Active duty military includes members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training). Veterans must have served in the active military, naval, or air service, and discharged or released under Honorable conditions: Feb. (~~6, 2021~~) 5, 2022, in Western Washington (West Zone) and Eastern Washington (East Zone). Hunters must have one of the following, or a copy of, during the hunt: DD214, Veteran Benefit Card, Retired Active Military I.D., or Active Duty I.D. card.

Daily Bag Limit for September dates: 4 Canada geese and 10 white-fronted geese.

Daily Bag Limit for February date: 4 Canada geese (except dusky Canada geese which are closed to harvest), 10 white-fronted geese, and (~~6~~) 10 white geese (snow, Ross', blue).

Possession Limit for Youth, Veterans and Active Military Personnel
Hunting Days: Same as Daily Bag Limit.

Western Washington Goose Seasons

Goose Management Area 1: (~~Island, Skagit, and Snohomish counties.~~) Skagit and Whatcom counties, and that portion of Snohomish County west of Interstate 5.

September Canada Goose Season

Sept. (~~5-10, 2020~~) 4-9, 2021.

Daily Bag Limit: 5 Canada geese.

Possession Limit: 15 Canada geese.

Regular Season

Oct. (~~17 - Nov. 29, and Dec. 12, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2021~~) 16 - Nov. 28, and Dec. 11, 2021 - Jan. 30, 2022, for Canada and white-fronted geese (except brant).

Oct. (~~17 - Nov. 29, and Dec. 12, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2021, and Feb. 13-23, 2021~~) 16 - Nov. 28, and Dec. 11, 2021 - Jan. 30, 2022, and

Feb. 12-22, 2022, for snow, Ross', and blue geese (collectively referred to as white geese). During Feb. (~~13-23, 2021~~) 12-22, 2022, in Skagit, Whatcom and Snohomish counties, specified WDFW lands including Fir Island Farm Game Reserve, Island Unit, Johnson DeBay's Slough Swan Reserve and Hunt Unit, Leque Island Unit, Samish Unit, Samish River Unit, South Padilla Bay Unit, and Skagit Headquarters Unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area, and all units of the Whatcom Wildlife Area are closed to goose hunting in Goose Management Area 1. (~~During Feb. 13-23, 2021, in Snohomish County, that portion east of Interstate 5 is closed to goose hunting in Goose Management Area 1.~~)

Daily Bag Limit: 4 Canada geese, 10 white-fronted geese, and (~~6~~) 10 white geese (snow, Ross', blue). During Feb. 12-22, 2022: 20 white geese.

Possession Limit: 12 Canada geese, 30 white-fronted geese, and (~~18~~) 30 white geese (snow, Ross', blue). During Feb. 12-22, 2022: 60 white geese.

AUTHORIZATION AND HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED TO HUNT SNOW GEESE

Hunters must possess a special (~~2020-2021~~) 2021-2022 migratory bird hunting authorization and harvest record card for snow geese when hunting snow, Ross', and blue geese in Goose Management Area 1. A hunter who has not previously possessed a snow goose harvest report card must submit an application form to Washington state department of fish and wildlife (WDFW). Immediately after taking a snow, Ross', or blue goose into possession, hunters must record in ink the information required on the harvest record card.

SKAGIT COUNTY AND WHATCOM COUNTY SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm for the purpose of hunting waterfowl within 100 feet of any paved public road on Fir Island in Skagit County or to discharge a firearm for the purpose of hunting snow geese within 100 feet of any paved public road in other areas of Skagit County or Whatcom County.

While hunting snow geese, if a hunter is convicted of (a) trespass; (b) shooting from, across, or along the maintained part of any public highway; (c) discharging a firearm for the purpose of hunting waterfowl within 100 feet of any paved public road on Fir Island in Skagit County or discharging a firearm within 100 feet of any paved public road for the purpose of hunting snow geese in other areas of Skagit County or Whatcom County; or (d) exceeding the daily bag limit for geese, authorization will be invalidated for the remainder of the current snow goose season and an authorization will not be issued for the subsequent snow goose season.

Goose Management Area 2 - Coast: Pacific County and the portion of Grays Harbor County west of highway 101.

September Canada Goose Season

Sept. (~~5-13, 2020~~) 4-12, 2021.

Daily Bag Limit: 5 Canada geese, except 15 Canada geese in Pacific County.

Possession Limit: 15 Canada geese, except 45 Canada geese in Pacific County.

Regular Season

Open in all areas from 30 minutes after the start of official hunting hours to 30 minutes before the end of official hunting hours, 7 days per week during Oct. (~~(17—Nov. 1, 2020)~~) 16-31, 2021; Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays only, Nov. (~~(4—Dec. 6, 2020, and Dec. 23, 2020—Jan. 24, 2021, and Feb. 13-24, 2021)~~) 3 - Dec. 5, 2021, and Dec. 22, 2021 - Jan. 23, 2022, and Feb. 12-23, 2022. During Feb. (~~(13-24, 2021)~~) 12-23, 2022, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) and WDFW Wildlife Areas are closed to goose hunting in Goose Management Area 2 - Coast.

Bag Limits for Goose Management Area 2 - Coast:

Daily Bag Limit: 4 Canada geese (except dusky Canada geese which are closed to harvest), 10 white-fronted geese, and (~~(6)~~) 10 white geese (snow, Ross', blue).

Possession Limit: 12 Canada geese (except dusky Canada geese which are closed to harvest), 30 white-fronted geese, and (~~(18)~~) 30 white geese (snow, Ross', blue).

Dusky Canada geese: SEASON CLOSED.

Goose Management Area 2 - Inland: Clark, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum counties and the portion of Grays Harbor County east of highway 101.

September Canada Goose Season

Sept. (~~(5-13, 2020)~~) 4-12, 2021.

Daily Bag Limit: 5 Canada geese.

Possession Limit: 15 Canada geese.

Regular Season

Open in all areas except Ridgefield NWR from 30 minutes after the start of official hunting hours to 30 minutes before the end of official hunting hours, 7 days per week during Oct. (~~(17—Nov. 1, 2020)~~) 16-31, 2021; Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays only, Nov. (~~(25, 2020—Jan. 17, 2021, and Feb. 13—Mar. 10, 2021)~~) 24, 2021 - Jan. 16, 2022, and Feb. 12 - Mar. 9, 2022. During Feb. (~~(13—Mar. 10, 2021)~~) 12 - Mar. 9, 2022, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuges (NWRs) and WDFW Wildlife Areas are closed to goose hunting in Goose Management Area 2 - Inland. Ridgefield NWR open from 30 minutes after the start of official hunting hours to 30 minutes before the end of official hunting hours, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays only, Oct. (~~(17—Nov. 1, 2020, and Nov. 25, 2020—Jan. 16, 2021)~~) 16-31, 2021, and Nov. 24, 2021 - Jan. 15, 2022.

Bag Limits for Goose Management Area 2 - Inland:

Daily Bag Limit: 4 Canada geese (except dusky Canada geese which are closed to harvest), 10 white-fronted geese, and (~~(6)~~) 10 white geese (snow, Ross', blue).

Possession Limit: 12 Canada geese (except dusky Canada geese which are closed to harvest), 30 white-fronted geese, and (~~(18)~~) 30 white geese (snow, Ross', blue).

Dusky Canada geese: SEASON CLOSED.

Special Provisions for Goose Management Area 2 Coast and Inland Regular Season only:

A dusky Canada goose is defined as a dark-breasted (as shown in the Munsell color chart 10 YR, 5 or less) Canada goose with a culmen (bill) length of 40-50 mm.

Hunters must possess a valid special (~~(2020-2021)~~) 2021-2022 migratory bird hunting authorization and harvest record card for geese when hunting all goose species in Goose Management Area 2 Coast and Inland. New hunters and those who did not maintain a valid 2019-2020 authorization must review goose identification training materials and score a minimum of 80% on a goose identification test to receive authorization. Hunters who fail a test must wait 28 days before retesting, and will not be issued a reciprocal authorization until that time. Immediately after taking a goose into possession, hunters must record in ink the information required on the harvest record card.

It is unlawful for hunters in Goose Management Area 2 Coast and Inland to fail to comply with the directions of authorized department personnel related to the collection of goose subspecies information pursuant to RCW 77.12.071. A person who prevents department personnel from collecting samples of tissue or other bodily parts is subject to prosecution under RCW 77.15.360 Unlawful interfering in department operations—Penalty. If a hunter takes a dusky Canada goose or does not comply with requirements listed above regarding WDFW collection of subspecies information, authorization will be invalidated by the department and the hunter will not be able to hunt geese in Goose Management Area 2 Coast and Inland for the remainder of the season. It is unlawful to fail to comply with all provisions listed above for Goose Management Area 2 Coast and Inland. Taking one dusky Canada goose is punishable as an infraction under RCW 77.15.160 (5)(b). Other violations of Area 2 goose hunting rules are punishable as an infraction under RCW 77.15.160 (2)(e) or as a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor under RCW 77.15.400 unlawful hunting of wild birds, depending on the circumstances of the violation.

Goose Management Area 3

Includes all parts of Western Washington not included in Goose Management Areas 1 and 2.

September Canada Goose Season

Sept. (~~(5-10, 2020)~~) 4-9, 2021.

Daily Bag Limit: 5 Canada geese.

Possession Limit: 15 Canada geese.

Regular Season

Oct. (~~(17-29, and Nov. 7, 2020 - Jan. 31, 2021)~~) 16-28, 2021, and Nov. 6, 2021 - Jan. 30, 2022.

Daily Bag Limit: 4 Canada geese (except dusky Canada geese which are closed to harvest), 10 white-fronted geese, and (~~(6)~~) 10 white geese (snow, Ross', blue).

Possession Limit: 12 Canada geese (except dusky Canada geese which are closed to harvest), 30 white-fronted geese, and (~~(18)~~) 30 white geese (snow, Ross', blue).

Eastern Washington Goose Seasons

September Canada Goose Season (Eastern Washington)

Sept. (~~(5-6, 2020)~~) 4-5, 2021.

Daily Bag Limit: 5 Canada geese.

Possession Limit: 10 Canada geese.

Goose Management Area 4

Adams, Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Franklin, Grant, Kittitas, Lincoln, Okanogan, Spokane, and Walla Walla counties.

Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays only during Oct. (~~(17, 2020 — Jan. 24, 2021)~~) 16, 2021 - Jan. 23, 2022; additionally, to accommodate opportunity during recognized holiday periods, the 2020-2021 season will include: Nov. (~~(26 and 27, 2020; Dec. 24, 25, 28, 29, and 31, 2020, and Jan. 1 and 18, 2021; and every day Jan. 25-31, 2021)~~) 11, 25, and 26, 2021; Dec. 24, 27, 28, 30, and 31, 2021, and Jan. 17, 2022; and every day Jan. 24-30, 2022, for Canada geese and white-fronted geese.

Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays only during Nov. (~~(7, 2020 — Jan. 24, 2021)~~) 6, 2021 - Jan. 23, 2022; additionally, to accommodate opportunity during recognized holiday periods, the 2019-2020 season will include: Nov. (~~(26 and 27, 2020; Dec. 24, 25, 28, 29, and 31, 2020, and Jan. 1 and 18, 2021; every day Jan. 25-31, 2021, and Feb. 13 — Mar. 3, 2021)~~) 11, 25, and 26, 2021; Dec. 24, 27, 28, 30, and 31, 2021, and Jan. 17, 2022; and every day Jan. 24-30, 2022, and Feb. 12 — Mar. 2, 2022, for snow, Ross', and blue phase geese (collectively referred to as white geese).

Goose Management Area 5

Includes all parts of Eastern Washington not included in Goose Management Area 4.

Oct. (~~(17 — Nov. 2, 2020, and every day from Nov. 7, 2020 — Jan. 31, 2021)~~) 16 - Nov. 1, 2021, and every day from Nov. 6, 2021 - Jan. 30, 2022.

Bag Limits for all Eastern Washington Goose Management Areas during regular seasons:

Daily Bag Limit: 4 Canada geese, 10 white-fronted geese, and (~~(6)~~) 10 white geese (snow, Ross', blue). During Feb. 12 - Mar. 2, 2022, in GMA4: 20 white geese.

Possession Limit: 12 Canada geese, 30 white-fronted geese, and (~~(18)~~) 30 white geese (snow, Ross', blue). During Feb. 12 - Mar. 2, 2022, in GMA4: 60 white geese.

BRANT

Open in Skagit County only on the following dates:

Jan. (~~(16 and 23, 2021)~~) 15 and 22, 2022, with additional days provided.

If the 2020-2021 brant population in Skagit County is greater than 6,000 (as determined by aerial survey), the brant season in Skagit County will be open on the following dates: Jan. (~~(16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 27, 30, and 31, 2021)~~) 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26, 29, and 30, 2022.

If the 2020-2021 brant population in Skagit County is 3,000-6,000 (as determined by aerial survey), the brant season in Skagit County will be open only on selected dates.

If the 2020-2021 brant population in Skagit County is below 3,000 (as determined by aerial survey), the brant season in Skagit County will be closed.

Open in Clallam and Whatcom counties only on the following dates: Jan. (~~16, 20, and 23, 2021~~) 15, 19, and 22, 2022.

Open in Pacific County only on the following dates: Jan. (~~9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 30, and 31, 2021~~) 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29, and 30, 2022, but may be adjusted pending the most recent 3-year running average results of the Pacific flyway winter brant survey.

Special youth, open to hunters 15 years of age or under (must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years old who is not hunting), veterans and active military personnel hunting day, open to hunters as defined in Section 3 of 16 U.S. Code Sec. 704 as amended by the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act. Active duty military includes members of the National Guard and Reserves on active duty (other than for training). Veterans must have served in the active military, naval, or air service, and discharged or released under Honorable conditions: Feb. (~~6, 2021~~) 5, 2022. Hunters must have one of the following, or a copy of, during the hunt: DD214, Veteran Benefit Card, Retired Active Military I.D., or Active Duty I.D. card.

AUTHORIZATION AND HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED TO HUNT BRANT

Hunters must possess a special (~~2020-2021~~) 2021-2022 migratory bird hunting authorization and harvest record card for brant when hunting brant. A hunter who has not previously possessed a brant harvest report card must submit an application form to Washington state department of fish and wildlife (WDFW). Immediately after taking a brant into possession, hunters must record in ink the information required on the harvest record card.

Bag Limits for Clallam, Skagit, Pacific and Whatcom counties:

Daily Bag Limit: 2 brant.

Possession Limit: 6 brant.

Special youth, veterans and active military personnel hunting day.

Daily Bag and Possession Limit: 2 brant.

SWANS

Season closed statewide.

MOURNING DOVE

Sept. 1 - Oct. 30, (~~2020~~) 2021, statewide.

Daily Bag Limit: 15 mourning doves.

Possession Limit: 45 mourning doves.

BAND-TAILED PIGEON

Sept. 15-23, (~~2020~~) 2021, statewide.

Daily Bag Limit: 2 band-tailed pigeons.

Possession Limit: 6 band-tailed pigeons.

AUTHORIZATION AND HARVEST RECORD CARD REQUIRED TO HUNT BAND-TAILED PIGEONS

Hunters must possess a special ((2020-2021)) 2021-2022 migratory bird hunting authorization and harvest record card for band-tailed pigeons when hunting band-tailed pigeons. A hunter who has not previously possessed a band-tailed pigeon harvest report card must submit an application form to Washington state department of fish and wildlife (WDFW). Immediately after taking a band-tailed pigeon into possession, hunters must record in ink the information required on the harvest record card.

FALCONRY SEASONS

DUCKS, COOTS, SNIPE, GEESE, AND MOURNING DOVES (EXCEPT BRANT) (Falconry)

Same season dates for each species in each area as listed above.

Daily Bag Limit: 3, straight or mixed bag, including ducks, coots, snipe, geese, and mourning doves during established seasons.

Possession Limit: 3 times the daily bag limit.

DUCKS, COOTS, CANADA GEESE, WHITE-FRONTED GEESE, WHITE GEESE AND BRANT

(Extended Falconry)

Sept. ((~~26, 2020~~ and ~~Feb. 6, 2021~~)) 25, 2021, and Feb. 5, 2022, in Western Washington (West Zone).

Oct. ((~~3, 2020~~ and ~~Feb. 6, 2021~~)) 2, 2021, and Feb. 5, 2022, in Eastern Washington (East Zone).

Daily Bag Limit: 3, straight or mixed bag, including allowable species specified under youth, veterans and active military personnel dates.

Possession Limit: Same as the Daily Bag Limit.

MOURNING DOVE (Extended Falconry)

Oct. 31 - Dec. 16, ((~~2020~~)) 2021.

Daily Bag Limit: 3, straight or mixed bag, including ducks, coots, snipe, and geese during established seasons.

Possession Limit: 3 times the daily bag limit.

HIP REQUIREMENTS:

All hunters of migratory game birds (duck, goose, coot, snipe, mourning dove, and band-tailed pigeon) age 16 and over are required to complete a harvest information program (HIP) survey at a license dealer and possess a Washington migratory bird permit as evidence of compliance with this requirement when hunting migratory game birds. Youth hunters are required to complete a HIP survey and possess a Washington migratory bird permit (free for youth) as evidence of compliance with this requirement when hunting migratory game birds.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-416-060 Migratory Gamebird Seasons and Regulations.

We received 1,281 total responses on this proposed rule change through our online survey

Written Supporting Comments:

Ninety-two percent (741) of the non-neutral online respondents indicated that they agreed with this rule change.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Eight percent (62) of the non-neutral online respondents disagreed with the proposed rule. Thirty-seven percent of all survey respondents were neutral or did not provide an answer.

Thirty-four written comments were received from respondents, with common themes of a desire to raise the daily bag limit on Northern Pintail and scaup, which are both informed by National Harvest Strategies resulting in prescriptive harvest strategies provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Nine comments related to Goose Management Areas, including misunderstandings about the purpose, structure, and limitations that exist under federal frameworks, and the considerations around public land closures during season segments in February and March in relationship to agricultural depredation concerns.

Three comments detailed concerns related to sea duck harvest and perceived increases in hunter participation, efficiency, and concern over already limited- opportunity species like Harlequin Duck being negatively impacted over the long-term. Finally, one comment expressing the desire to not overlap youth waterfowl and pheasant hunting in September in western Washington.

Fish and Wildlife Commission Hearing, Public Comments:

No comments were received during this meeting.

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

Migratory waterfowl season frameworks are established through ongoing interagency management programs involving U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and flyway organizations, including input from Canada, Russia, and Mexico. Federal frameworks include maximum bag limits, season lengths, season timing, and other regulations.

Pacific Flyway season frameworks follow harvest strategies and management plans that have been developed cooperatively by USFWS and the Pacific Flyway Council. All states adopt waterfowl seasons within federal frameworks, and in many cases, they are more restrictive to address regional conservation needs. Management agencies utilize Adaptive Harvest Management (AHM) to establish duck season frameworks. AHM relies on annual survey information and population models to prescribe optimal regulation packages each year. The population of ducks in the western part of North America is managed separately from the eastern flyways, as part of the models developed for western mallard AHM. Western mallard AHM uses results from breeding surveys and other information from western areas rather than from the Canadian prairies, recognizing differences in Pacific Flyway breeding areas. The season packages proposed for western mallard AHM are the same as developed under mid-continent mallard AHM (liberal, moderate, and restrictive), although different models are used to prescribe annual packages.

No surveys of the breeding waterfowl were conducted due to COVID-19 and travel restrictions, however assessments of duck populations based on the most recent trends recommended status quo in season dates and bag-limit structure to those offered during the 2020-21 migratory gamebird seasons. Northern pintail status remained below population objective, maintaining a daily bag limit of one pintail per the USFWS Northern Pintail Harvest Strategy. Additionally, based on the most recent scaup status, the optimal regulatory alternative described in AHM protocol, requires a restrictive regulatory alternative, maintaining the daily bag limit to two scaup per day, but maintains the 86-day season length.

Goose Management Areas are created to allow flexibility in application of harvest management to account for specific issues and topics, like in Goose Management Area 1 related to snow geese and Goose Management Area 2 to consider the closure of Dusky Canada goose. Public lands are closed during the latest season segments (February-March) to allow “push” from agricultural lands onto public lands to provide relief from agricultural depredations issues.

Concerns over recent increasing trends in sea duck hunter authorizations are being monitored and evaluated to ensure we maintain long-term harvest opportunity, as long as it does not detrimentally impact this unique waterfowl resource. WDFW is in the early stages of evaluating the next Game Management Plan and of top priority is revisiting the harvest strategies around sea duck species.

PROPOSED RULE MAKING



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Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 20-23-122 on November 18, 2020 ; or

Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or

Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or

Proposal is exempt under RCW _____.

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject)

- WAC 220-400-020 Classification of wild animals.
- WAC 220-410-010 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region one.
- WAC 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region four.
- WAC 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region five.
- WAC 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region six.
- WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve (Whatcom County).
- WAC 220-411-210 Game Stratford Game Reserve.
- WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.
- WAC 220-412-080 Special hunting season permits.
- WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.
- WAC 220-413-060 Hunting restrictions.
- WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife – Evidence of sex – Definitions.
- WAC 220-414-010 Hunting equipment restrictions.
- WAC 220-414-020 Unlawful methods for hunting – Firearms.
- WAC 220-414-040 Nontoxic shot requirements.
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- WAC 220-414-060 Muzzleloading firearms.
- WAC 220-414-070 Archery requirements.
- WAC 220-414-090 Use of decoys and calls.
- WAC 220-414-100 Crossbow requirements.
- WAC 220-415-010 Deer area descriptions.
- WAC 220-415-020 2021-2023 Deer general seasons and definitions.
- WAC 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.
- WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.
- WAC 220-415-050 2021-2023 Elk general seasons and definitions.
- WAC 220-415-060 2021 Elk special permits.
- WAC 220-415-070 2021 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.
- WAC 220-415-090 2019-2020 Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations.
- WAC 220-415-120 2020 Bighorn sheep seasons permit quotas.
- WAC 220-415-130 2021 Mountain goat seasons permit quotas, and areas.
- WAC 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.
- WAC 220-416-060 2020-2021 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.
- WAC 220-416-070 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures.
- WAC 220-416-080 Lynch Cove and Union River hunting area restriction (Mason County).
- WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations.
- WAC 220-417-030 Wild animal trapping.

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
March 25-27, 2021	8:00 a.m.	Webinar and/or conference call.	This meeting will take place by webinar. The public may participate in the meeting. Visit our website at http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/commission/meetings or contact the Commission office at (360) 902-2267 or

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Date of intended adoption: April 9, 2021 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Submit written comments to:

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By (date) March 18, 2021

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: | |

WAC 220-400-020 Classification of wild animals.

The purpose of this proposal is to add eastern cottontail, Nuttall's cottontail, and snowshoe hare to the identified furbearer game species list. This change will offer new and expanded recreational hunting and trapping opportunities.

WAC 220-410-010 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region one.

This proposal is a minor administrative change to clarify that the boundary for GMUs 175 (Lick Creek) and 178 (Peola) follows the elk drift fence to where it meets the section line, rather than where the fence ends. There are no anticipated effects associated with this proposal other than making it clearer to hunters.

WAC 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region four.

Specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. Establishing Henry Island (GMU 423) and Stuart Island (GMU 424) in the Puget Sound as standalone GMUs, rather than including them as part of GMU 410 (Islands). Anticipated effects of this proposal would be reductions in hunter confusion and improvements in harvest estimates. 2. Making a minor adjustment to the boundary description for GMUs 407 (North Sound) and 454 (Issaquah) to establish a more easily identified boundary. Anticipated effects of this amendment would be reductions in hunter confusion and resulting enforcement issues.

WAC 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region five.

Specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. Making a minor adjustment to the boundary description for GMUs 568 (Washougal) and 572 (Siouxon) to establish a more easily identified boundary. Anticipated effects associated with this amendment include reductions in hunter confusion. 2. Adding that portion of GMU 554 (Yale) that is north of State Route 503 to GMU 556 (Toutle). Anticipated effects associated with this amendment include reducing hunter confusion and resulting in less enforcement issues. 3. Formally adopting a change to the boundary description for GMUs 506 (Willapa Hills) and 673 (Williams Creek) that was implemented as an emergency rule on September 1, 2020. There are no anticipated effects associated with this amendment.

WAC 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region six.

Formally adopting a change to the boundary description for GMUs 506 (Willapa Hills) and 673 (Williams Creek) that was implemented as an emergency rule on September 1, 2020. There would be no anticipated effects associated with this amendment.

WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve (Whatcom County).

Rule changes are needed to this rule for technical adjustment under area description to align intent with legal description. This does not change how users have understood this Game Reserve.

WAC 220-411-210 Stratford Game Reserve.

The proposed rule changes for WAC 220-411-210 is for the same reason as the rule change to 220-411-140. The changes are needed to this rule for technical adjustment under area description to align intent with legal description. This does not change how users have understood this Game Reserve.

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to change the bag limit for auction and raffle moose permits from one moose of either sex to one bull moose, as well as, to expand the hunt area for moose raffle permits to include any open moose unit, instead of being limited to GMUs 101-121 and 204. Nearly all auction and raffle permit holders harvest bulls, so there are no anticipated effects beyond reducing the potential for antlerless harvest in the future. The only anticipated effect associated with amending the hunt area for raffle permits is that harvest may occur in different GMUs.

WAC 220-412-080 Special hunting season permits.

Specific amendments associated with this proposal include:

1. Allowing successful applicants for all big game special permits to return their permit to the Department for any reason two weeks prior to the opening day of the season and to have their points restored. Whether this proposal will result in more

permits being returned is difficult to predict. It will, however, simplify the process of returning permits and reduce situations where hunters could not participate in a hunt, but lose their preference points within that specific hunt category.

Providing an exception to the once-in-a-lifetime restriction for hunters that participate in mountain goat conflict reduction hunts. The anticipated effects would be allowing hunters who have previously harvested a mountain goat, to participate in efforts to remove mountain goats from the Olympic Peninsula.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

The purpose of the proposal is to present the new properties for enrollment into the Landowner Hunt Permits Program (LHP) and their corresponding permit allocations and season dates. In addition, staff proposes slight wording changes to the WAC 220-412-100 that will provide further clarification within the standard operating procedure.

WAC 220-413-060 Hunting restrictions.

The specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. A minor administrative change to rule language that clarifies it is unlawful to hunt any wildlife at night and that it is unlawful to hunt wild animals, except rabbits and hares, with hounds during established modern firearm general deer and elk seasons during the months of October and November. There are no anticipated effects associated with this amendment other than reducing confusion that potentially exists. 2. Allowing hunters to use one dog controlled by leash during lawful hunting hours and within 72 hours of shooting a big game animal, except bear and cougar, to assist with recovering wounded big game. Anticipated effects of this proposal would be a reduction in the number of big game animals that are mortally wounded, but not recovered.

WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife – Evidence of sex – Definitions.

The purpose of this proposal is to clarify language regarding turkey identification - evidence of sex until processed and/or stored for consumption and clarify requirements for falconry efforts. Its anticipated effect is to provide clarity for hunters.

WAC 220-414-020 Unlawful methods for hunting – Firearms.

The purpose of this proposed rule is to add legal methods for hunting dusky grouse, sooty grouse, spruce grouse, ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, and turkey and to maintain humane methods of harvest. We anticipate expanded and new recreational hunting opportunities will assist with the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

WAC 220-414-010 Hunting equipment restrictions.

This proposal clarifies that it is unlawful to hunt all big game, not just deer and elk, with the aid of infrared night vision equipment or with laser sights. There are no anticipated effects associated with this proposal other than eliminating any confusion that potentially exists.

WAC 220-414-040 Nontoxic shot requirements.

The changes proposed to rule 220-414-040 are: Adjust Wildlife Area and Unit naming conventions under subsection two to reflect current relationships.

All adjustments are related to Wildlife Area Units with significant wetlands occurring within boundaries.

WAC 220-414-050 Shotgun shell restriction areas.

The proposed changes to rule 220-414-050 are: Technical adjustment under subsection 1d-Johnson/DeBay's Slough Hunt Unit area description fixing GPS-coordinates to align intent with legal description; Technical adjustment under subsection 1e-Dungeness Unit in Clallam County due to a change in a previous contract agreement; Addition of subsection 1f – Samish River Unit of Skagit Wildlife Area in Skagit County, as a technical adjustment required from differentiating from the Samish Unit.

Addition of subsection 1g – South Padilla Bay Unit of Skagit Wildlife Area in Skagit County, to align with current management of waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting on this Unit.

WAC 220-414-060 Muzzleloading firearms.

Specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. Allowing the use of 1x or red dot scopes on muzzleloading firearms. Anticipated effects associated with this amendment would be increased hunter participation, increased hunter retention, and ensuring a clean and ethical kill. 2. Allowing video-cameras to be mounted to muzzleloading firearms. There are no anticipated effects associated with this proposal other than hunters who wish to video their hunt being allowed to do so. Clarifies that the term "load" refers to the powder charge and projectile and that both must be loaded from the muzzle. Anticipated effects associated with this amendment would be hunters having a clearer understanding of the muzzleloading firearms that are legal to use during established muzzleloader seasons.

WAC 220-414-070 Archery equipment.

Currently, it is unlawful for hunters to have any electrical equipment or electric device(s) attached to archery equipment. The purpose of this proposal is to allow the use of specific electronic equipment. Specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. Allowing the use of range-finding bow sights. 2. Allowing the use of breadcrumb nocks. 3. Allowing the use of verifiers for peep sights. 4. Allowing video-cameras to be mounted to archery equipment.

Anticipated effects associated with amendments 1-3 would be increased hunter participation, increased hunter retention, and ensuring a clean and ethical kill. There are no anticipated effects associated with allowing video-cameras to be mounted to archery equipment other than hunters who wish to video their hunt being allowed to do so.

WAC 220-414-090 Use of decoys and calls.

The proposed change to WAC 220-414-090 is:

Under subsection 2, provide an exception allowing the use of electronic calls during a white goose-only (snow, Ross', and blue phase geese) season segment; this aligns state regulations with federal allowances.

WAC 220-414-100 Crossbow requirements.

The purpose of this proposal is to allow the use of crossbows during established muzzleloader seasons. The only anticipated effect associated with this proposal would be increased participation during established muzzleloader seasons, but that effect is expected to be minor.

WAC 220-415-010 Deer area descriptions.

The purpose of this proposal is to eliminate Deer Areas 1040 (4-O Ranch Wildlife Area) and 1021-Clarkston (Asotin Co.). Anticipated effects associated with this proposal include increasing hunter opportunities to harvest deer on the 4-O Wildlife Area and reducing opportunities for hunters to harvest antlerless mule deer in areas adjacent to the city of Clarkston, WA.

WAC 220-415-020 2021-2023 Deer general seasons and definitions.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain general season deer hunting opportunities for 2021-2023. It also provides opportunities in accordance with the status of deer populations and attempts to balance hunting opportunity among user groups. More specifically, amendments include: 1. Changing season dates for the late white-tailed deer season in GMUs 105-121 to a nine-day season with season dates of November 11-19. 2. Reducing general season opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer in GMUs 127-142 to promote population increases. 3. Reducing general season opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer in GMUs 127-142 to promote population increases. 4. Reducing general season opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer in GMU 124 (Mount Spokane). 5. Increasing opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer during general muzzleloader seasons in GMUs 247 (Entiat), 254 (Saint Andrews), 262 (Withrow), 266 (Badger), and 269 (Moses Coulee).

Eliminating opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer during the early general archery season in GMUs 382 (East Klickitat) and 388 (Grayback).

WAC 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit deer hunting opportunities for 2021. It also provides opportunities in accordance with the status of deer populations and attempts to balance hunting opportunity among user groups. Specific amendments include: 1. Adding a special permit opportunity for modern firearm hunters in GMU 136 (Harrington) in the Quality permit category. 2. Establishing special permit opportunities for antlerless deer in GMUs 127-142 to offset some of the opportunity lost by reducing general season opportunities. 3. Increasing the number of special permits for antlerless black-tailed deer on Puget Sound islands and standardizing season dates of August 1-December 31 for Any Weapon to assist with reducing deer numbers.

Adding a special permit opportunity in the Youth category for black-tailed deer in GMU 485 (Green River).

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

Specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. Eliminating Elk Area 1040 and opening the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area Unit during general elk seasons. Anticipated effects associated with this proposal include increasing hunter opportunities to harvest elk on the 4-O Wildlife Area. 2. Making a minor adjustment to the boundary description for Elk Area 2032 (Malaga) to establish a more easily identified boundary. There are no anticipated effects other than making it easier for hunters to identify the boundary. 3. Adding Elk Area 5066 (Norway Pass) to GMU 522 (Loo-Wit). Anticipated effects include reductions in hunter confusion and resulting enforcement issues. Other anticipated effects include the elimination of opportunities to hunt other game species in Elk Area 5066. However, these effects are anticipated to be minor because very few hunters report hunting activity for other game species in Elk Area 5066.

Establishing a new Elk Area in GMU 603 (Pysht) near the town of Joyce to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints. Anticipated effects are increased opportunities for elk hunters and reductions in elk damage complaints.

WAC 220-415-050 2021-2023 Elk general seasons and definitions.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain general season elk hunting opportunities for 2021-2023. It also provides opportunities in accordance with the status of elk populations and attempts to balance hunting opportunity among user groups. More specifically, amendments include: 1. Increasing opportunity in Game Management Units (GMUs) 249 (Alpine) and 251 (Mission) during general archery and muzzleloader elk seasons. Anticipated effects associated with these amendments include increases in hunter opportunity and harvest of bull elk, but not at levels that would represent a resource concern. 2. Increasing opportunity in GMUs 272 (Beezley), 278 (Wahluke), 284 (Ritzville), 382 (East Klickitat) and 379 (Ringold) during general archery and muzzleloader elk seasons. Anticipated effects associated with these amendments include increases in hunter opportunity and elk harvest, but those increases would be minimal given that elk already occur at very low densities. 3. Limiting the Master Hunter season in GMU 371 (Alkali) to the month of August and increasing opportunity in GMU 371 during general archery elk seasons. Anticipated effects associated with these amendments include a reduction in opportunity for Master Hunters and an increase in opportunity for general elk hunters. Harvest rates for elk are anticipated to be similar. 4. Removing the "True Spike Bull" restriction during general archery seasons in GMUs 328 (Naneum), 329 (Quilomene), 334 (Ellensburg), and 335 (Teanaway). Anticipated effects associated with these amendments include increases in hunter opportunity, with minimal changes to the harvest rate of yearling bull elk. 5. Changing the legal elk in GMU 448 (Stillaquamish) during general elk seasons from Any Elk to 3-pt. minimum. Anticipated effects associated with this amendment include a reduction in antlerless harvest, which may lead to increases in the elk population within this GMU. 6. Modifying season dates for late general archery and muzzleloader seasons in GMU 407 (North Sound). Anticipated effects associated with this amendment include simplifying the hunting regulations, decreasing the potential for hunter safety concerns, and potentially increasing the quality of the hunt experience.

Eliminating the late general muzzleloader elk season in GMU 578 (West Klickitat). The anticipated effects associated with this proposal would be a reduction in opportunity and subsequent harvest of antlerless elk, which will minimize the likelihood of harvesting antlerless elk at a rate that is not sustainable.

WAC 220-415-060 2021 Elk special permits.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit elk hunting opportunities for 2021. It also provides opportunities in accordance with the status of elk populations and attempts to balance hunting opportunity among user groups. Specific amendments include: 1. Establishing special permit opportunities for Master Hunters in 500 and 600 series GMUs to harvest elk displaying clinical signs of elk hoof disease such as limping, lameness, or hoof abnormalities.

Anticipated effects include increased harvest of antlerless elk that have elk hoof disease, but not at levels that would result in a population decline. 2. Establishing special permit opportunities in Elk Area 2033 (Peshastin) for antlerless and antlered elk to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints. Anticipated effects include increased harvest of antlered and antlerless elk and subsequent reductions in elk numbers and elk damage complaints within the Elk Area. 3. Modifying the hunt area for special permits in Elk Area 4941 (Skagit River) to include all of GMU 437 (Sauk). Anticipated effects are minimal. Harvest levels are expected to remain the same but distributed more broadly within the GMU. 4. Establishing special permit opportunities for muzzleloader hunters in GMU 578 (West Klickitat) to offset some of the opportunity lost with the elimination of the late general season. Anticipated effects are associated with ensuring harvest rates for antlerless elk are sustainable. 5. Shifting special permits for bulls in GMU 371 (Alkali) from the Bull special permit category to the Quality category. This amendment would increase the application fee for hunters from \$7.10 to \$13.70, which could potentially increase revenue by ~\$23,000. 6. Establishing special permit opportunities for antlerless elk in the Yakima elk herd area for archery hunters in the Youth and 65 and Older special permit categories. Anticipated effects are limited to balancing opportunity among user groups. Changes in antlerless harvest are expected to be minor.

Establishing special permit opportunities for archery hunters to harvest antlerless elk in the Colockum and Yakima elk herd areas and removing opportunities in the Colockum herd area within the Youth, Hunters 65 Years or Older, and Hunters with Disabilities categories.

WAC 220-415-070 2021 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit hunting opportunities for moose that are in accordance with the status of moose populations. Specific amendments include: 1. Increasing bull moose permits in GMU 108. 2. Reducing bull moose permits in GMUs 117 and 121. 3. Eliminating the Hunter Education Instructor incentive permit for one antlerless moose. - Administrative changes to remove hunt notes that were not needed.

WAC 220-415-090 2019-2020 Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations.

The purpose of this proposal is to replace the season date table with a single sentence which identifies a standard time-period each year for black bear hunting across all game units. Also clearly identify the three game management units that are closed for fall black bear hunting. These units contain either watersheds or monument areas which are closed to public access, closed to hunting, or only allow limited hunting opportunity by permit for species other than bear. The anticipated effect will reduce redundancy within the WAC and minimize need for editorial changes during each three-year cycle; continue sustainable species management and hunting and trapping seasons; and assist with the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

WAC 220-415-120 2021 Bighorn sheep seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit hunting opportunities for bighorn sheep that are in accordance with the status of bighorn sheep populations. Specific amendments include: 1. Reducing the number of bighorn ram permits in the Yakima Canyon and Cleman Mountain herds. 2. Establishing new hunts for bighorn rams in the Wenaha and Mountain View sub-herd areas in the Blue Mountains. 3. Clarifying the criteria used to define a juvenile ram.

Administrative changes to clarify permits within the Youth and Hunters with Disabilities categories and to remove hunt notes that were not needed.

WAC 220-415-130 2021 Mountain goat seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit hunting opportunities for mountain goats that are in accordance with the status of mountain goat populations. Specific amendments include: 1. Reinstating the mountain goat conflict reduction special permits in the Olympic Mountains and establishing a bag limit of two mountain goats of any sex or age to assist with efforts to remove mountain goats from this range. 2. Reducing the number of permits in the Naches Pass, Bumping River, and Goat Rocks West hunt areas. 3. Establishing an opening season date of September 1 for all weapon types. - Administrative changes to hunt area descriptions to make them consistent.

WAC 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

The purpose of this proposal is to amend the season dates, restrictions, and regulations for small game and other species hunted. In addition, the proposal is to display information in table format to provide a user-friendly presentation.

WAC 220-416-060 2020-2021 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.

This proposal amends WAC 220-416-060 2020-2021 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations are: Adjust season dates relative to 2021-2022 calendar dates; Maintain one-pintail per day bag-limit and associated possession limit per the USFWS Northern Pintail Harvest Strategy; Maintain two-scaup per day bag-limit and associated possession limits, while maintaining an 86-day season length per the optimal regulatory alternative described in AHM protocol; Adjust the boundaries of Goose Management Area 1 to include Skagit and Whatcom counties, and that portion of Snohomish County west of Interstate 5. All regions previously within GMA 1 will be part of Goose Management Area 3; Increase white goose (snow, Ross', blue phased) in all Goose Management Areas to ten white geese per day bag-limit and associated possession limits.

Increase white goose (snow, Ross', blue phased) to 20 white geese per day bag-limit and associated possession limits during white goose-only season segments (GMA 1 and GMA 4), when electronic callers would be allowed.

WAC 220-416-070 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures.

The proposed rule will update closures to reflect current management considerations. The Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures: Under subsection 4, removes reference to the "Wooden Tower" which has been removed from the landscape. Eliminates subsection 7; Would now allow waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting during approved season dates.

WAC 220-416-080 Lynch Cove and Union River hunting area restriction (Mason County).

Proposed changes to WAC 220-416-080 Lynch Cove and Union River hunting area restrictions (Mason County) [Regulated Access Area restrictions for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting] will: Adjusts the title of this WAC to include several Wildlife

Area Units where restrictions exist to regulate access for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting; Provides specification of current management restrictions for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting access consistent with purposes articulated in WAC 220-500-040 Regulating public access.

There are several cases, highlighted in the proposed WAC 220-416-080 Regulated access area restriction for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting, where department managed lands are left to relay and enforce these restrictions through posted notice (signs), but specifying these restrictions would provide greater clarity to users and reinvigorate the rationale behind those management considerations on particular units.

WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations.

The purpose of this proposal is to change the season dates for marten trapping, add season dates for eastern cottontail, Nuttall's cottontail, and snowshoe hare, and include trapping restrictions for each of these species. Further, clarify license requirements by adding language stating a trapping license is required. The anticipated effect to this rule is to continue sustainable species management and hunting and trapping seasons.

WAC 220-417-030 Wild animal trapping.

The purpose of this rule is to clarify language regarding authorized take and use of furbearer animals. The change will allow eastern cottontail, Nuttall's cottontail, and snowshoe hare to be used for consumption.

Reasons supporting proposal:

WAC 220-400-020 Classification of wild animals.

This proposal will provide greater understanding of the identified species. Expand recreational harvest opportunity as well as continue sustainable species management and allow for sustainable hunting and trapping seasons. Also, the proposal will assist with the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

WAC 220-410-010 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region one.

This is a minor change in the current boundary description that does not result in an actual change to the GMU boundary.

WAC 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region four.

Currently, Stuart Island and Henry Island are included with GMU 410 which includes all islands in San Juan and Skagit counties except Orcas, San Juan, Lopez, Shaw, Blakely, Decatur, and Cypress islands. Often hunters are confused about which islands are included under the description of GMU 410 and report their harvest incorrectly. Stuart and Henry islands represent two of the larger islands in the Puget Sound that are not currently standalone GMUs. This proposal would lessen hunter confusion and improve harvest estimates. When presented to the public for initial comment, 62% of the ~1,100 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

The current boundary description for GMU 407 is defined by traveling south from the town of Monroe on State Route (SR) 203 to NE Woodinville-Duvall Road at the town of Duvall; West on NE Woodinville-Duvall Road to the Snohomish River and then north down the Snohomish River. The current boundary description results in a very narrow portion of GMU 407 that is bordered to the east by GMU 460 (Snoqualmie) and to the west by GMU 454. This small area of GMU 407 causes confusion and frequent enforcement issues. When presented to the public for initial comment, 81% of the ~1,100 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region five.

1. The current boundary language is unclear because there is confusion about road names at the point where NE Healy Road crosses Canyon Creek. This proposal represents a minor adjustment to the current boundary language. Instead of the boundary following NE Healy Road to National Forest (NF) Road 54 from the point where NE Healy Road crosses Canyon Creek the boundary would continue approximately 1.4 miles upstream until NF Road 54 crosses Canyon Creek. This would result in approximately 75 acres being removed from GMU 572 and added to GMU 568. When presented to the public for initial comment, 77% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. Currently GMU 554 is a firearm restriction area (FRA), even though the area north of State Route 503, which represents approximately 6,400 acres, is almost entirely forested. A large proportion of this area is also public land owned by the Department of Natural Resources. Because of these facts many hunters unintentionally hunt in the area not realizing they are in an FRA, which has resulted in a long-standing enforcement issue. This amendment would alleviate this confusion and appropriately remove a large tract of mostly forested public land from an FRA. When presented to the public for initial comment, 79% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 3. Amendments to the boundary descriptions for GMUs 506 and 673 that were presented to and adopted by the Commission in 2020 were done so in error. As such, the Department implemented an emergency rule on September 1, 2020 that nullified those amendments and reverted the boundary description back to its original language. This proposal formalizes that emergency rule.

WAC 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region six.

Amendments to the boundary descriptions for GMUs 506 and 673 that were presented to and adopted by the Commission in 2020 were done so in error. As such, the Department implemented an emergency rule on September 1, 2020 that nullified those amendments and reverted the boundary description back to its original language. This proposal formalizes that emergency rule.

WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve (Whatcom County).

Game Reserves are defined as a closed area where hunting for all wild animals and wild birds is prohibited, per RCW 77.08.010 subsection 32, Chapter 220-411 provide descriptions of all Game Reserves in Washington. In reviewing spatial boundaries of these areas closed to all hunting for consistency with user maps, it was identified that in WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve and WAC 220-411-210 Stratford Game Reserve, the legal description did not portray the approved intent. This will give greater clarity to waterfowl hunters and other users of department lands.

WAC 220-411-210 Stratford Game Reserve.

Game Reserves are defined as a closed area where hunting for all wild animals and wild birds is prohibited, per RCW 77.08.010 subsection 32, Chapter 220-411 provide descriptions of all Game Reserves in Washington. In reviewing spatial boundaries of these areas closed to all hunting for consistency with user maps, it was identified that in WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve and WAC 220-411-210 Stratford Game Reserve, the legal description did not portray the approved intent. This will give greater clarity to waterfowl hunters and other users of department lands.

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

Moose populations in some GMUs have declined in recent years. In response to those declines, the Department substantially reduced opportunities to harvest antlerless moose in 2018. Reducing opportunities for auction and raffle permit holders is consistent with previous reductions and only reduces the potential for future antlerless harvest as nearly all auction and raffle permit holders harvest bulls. Amendments to adjust the hunt areas associated with the raffle permits are supported because there is no clear justification for why raffle permit holders should be limited to GMUs 101-121 and 204.

WAC 220-412-080 Special hunting season permits.

1. Every year the Department receives multiple requests from hunters who have drawn a special permit, or multiple special permits, and are unable to go on their hunt for reasons that are beyond their control. We currently only offer point restoration to hunters under certain circumstances (e.g., medical, death, moved, etc.) and do not attempt to reissue the permit. Losing their points reduces their chances of drawing in the future. This proposal will allow people to return their permits and have their points restored regardless of the reason, if they do so two weeks before the season opens. This proposal would simplify the process for returning permits and reduce situations where hunters are unable to participate in a hunt but lose their preference points within that specific hunt category. When presented to the public for initial comment, 87% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

2. Following an increase in conflicts between humans and mountain goats in the Olympic Mountains, the Department created special permit opportunities that were designed to reduce goat numbers in areas where those conflicts occurred. These permit opportunities were not available in 2018 and 2019 to avoid conflicts with efforts to capture and translocate goats from the Olympic Mountains to the North Cascade Mountains. The Department is proposing to reinstate these permits to assist with efforts to lethally remove goats that remain on the Olympic Peninsula following the final translocation effort in 2020 (see proposal for WAC 220-415-130). Biologists believe less than 100 mountain goats remain within the associated hunt area. Success rates are expected to be low, with the ultimate objective of completely removing mountain goats from this area, rather than provide recreational opportunity. Thus, there is not a strong justification for excluding hunters who have previously harvested a mountain goat.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

The Department completed its first application period since the program revision for the 2021-2023 LHP seasons. Six applications were submitted, and the Department is proposing five of those six be accepted into the program. The Landowner Hunting Permit WAC has been adjusted to reflect the new proposed applicants, the corresponding permit allocations and season dates, as well as some adjustments to wording that will aid in providing clarification to the standard operating procedure.

WAC 220-413-060 Hunting restrictions.

1. This amendment is a minor administrative change that only provides clarification and does not change the intent of the rule. 2. The Department frequently receives requests from hunters to allow the use of dogs for tracking wounded big game, as is allowed in many other states. Those requests are usually associated with deer and elk hunting, but it is likely to be beneficial for recovering other big game species as well. Additionally, the Department does not believe this would result in an increase in hunters that use dogs to hunt big game unlawfully. When presented to the public for initial comment, 71% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife – Evidence of sex – Definitions.

The proposed changes to the rule minimize potential confusion and align with current Department activities, needs, and goals for managing these species for conservation and recreation interests. This proposal will provide greater understanding of evidence of sex for the identified game species. Both users and non-users will benefit from these amendments.

WAC 220-414-020 Unlawful methods for hunting – Firearms.

The proposed changes expand the legal methods of take for turkey and clarify methods of take for several grouse and rabbit species. The proposed changes establish the use of handguns and rimfire rifles as a legal method for harvesting turkeys with exceptions noted.

WAC 220-414-010 Hunting equipment restrictions.

This amendment is a minor administrative change that does not change the intent of the rule. Additionally, it provides language consistent with RCW 77.15.450 (Hunting with artificial lights).

WAC 220-414-040 Nontoxic shot requirements.

The 2021-2022 migratory waterfowl, coot and snipe season will mark the 30th year since prohibiting the use of lead for waterfowl hunting nationwide. These changes provide consistency in naming conventions of our Wildlife Area Units, and address Wildlife Area Units with significant wetlands presenting a high probability for contact with spent shot pellets.

WAC 220-414-050 Shotgun shell restriction areas.

The proposed changes are consistent with current management on these units to improve the presence of waterfowl over the course of the 107-day season, balancing resource and user objectives consistent with Objective 104e in WDFW's Game Management Plan.

WAC 220-414-060 Muzzleloading firearms.

1. Under current rule, sights on muzzleloading firearms must be open, peep, or of other open sight design. Optic sights are allowed, but telescopic sights or sights containing glass are not. The Department routinely receives requests from hunters to

allow the use of 1x scopes on muzzleloading firearms. Common arguments in support of allowing them to be used are related to increased hunter participation, hunter retention, and ensuring a clean and ethical kill. One-power scopes do not magnify the target, but rather provide a clearer sight window, in much the same way eyeglasses correct someone's vision (i.e., they make the target clearer, but don't make it bigger). Common arguments against their use are typically related to the use of scopes not adhering to the spirit of primitive weapons. The Department is not opposed to allowing the use of 1x scopes on muzzleloading firearms because we do not anticipate it would result in more animals being harvested. When presented to the public for initial comment, 65% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. Currently, it is unlawful for hunters to have any electrical equipment or electric device(s) attached to muzzleloading firearms. By rule, this precludes a hunter from mounting a video camera to their weapon for the purpose of filming their hunt. Filming hunts has become a common practice with hunters, but it is difficult for hunters that prefer to hunt without other hunting companions. Allowing video-cameras to be mounted to muzzleloading firearms would make it easier for them to film their hunts and does not present a resource concern. When presented to the public for initial comment, 71% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 3. Recent technological advancements in muzzleloading equipment have resulted in the development of muzzleloading firearms that use an encapsulated propellant charge that loads from the breech and is completely impervious to moisture. The bullet is still loaded from the muzzle. Hunters have begun to inquire as to whether this type of muzzleloading firearm is legal to use in Washington. It is not because the current rule requires that the load be loaded from the muzzle. By amending language to clearly state that the term load includes both the powder charge and bullet, the proposed amendment simply adds language to clarify these new muzzleloading firearms are not lawful during established muzzleloader seasons.

WAC 220-414-070 Archery equipment.

1. The main argument for allowing the use of range-finding bow sights is related to improving the likelihood of a clean and ethical kill. Because the sights do not magnify the target, they also would not qualify as a scope. The sights simply produce a digital reading of the estimated distance that is visible to the shooter while they are looking at the sight pins. The Department is not opposed to the use of range-finding bow sights because we do not feel it will result in more animals being harvested. When presented to the public for initial comment, 57% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. Breadcrumb nocks use Bluetooth technology via a cell-phone app to assist with the recovery of arrows that miss an intended target. Although some may advocate this technology would also assist with recovering wounded game, that is unlikely because the range limit on a breadcrumbnock is 50 yards. The Department is not opposed to the use of breadcrumb nocks because we do not feel it will result in more animals being harvested. When presented to the public for initial comment, 68% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 3. Verifiers are small glass inserts for peep sights that are designed to allow shooters who are farsighted (i.e., unable to see things clearly that are close) to see their sight pins more clearly. They are manufactured with several different magnification powers, to fit the needs of the user. Although they are made of glass and clarify the sight pins, they do not magnify the target. The main argument for allowing the use of verifiers is related to increasing the likelihood that hunters make clean and ethical kills. The current rules defining archery requirements do not specifically address the use of verifiers but do make it unlawful for hunters to hunt wildlife with any bow equipped with a scope, which some would interpret to mean verifiers are also illegal. This proposal seeks to clarify the rule by allowing the use of verifiers because they do not magnify a target in the same way a scope does. The Department is not opposed to the use of verifiers for peep sights because we do not feel it will result in more animals being harvested. When presented to the public for initial comment, 79% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 4. Currently, it is unlawful for hunters to have any electrical equipment or electric device(s) attached to archery equipment, which precludes a hunter from mounting a video camera to their weapon for the purpose of filming their hunt. Filming hunts has become a common practice with hunters, but it is difficult for hunters that prefer to hunt without other hunting companions. Allowing video-cameras to be mounted to archery equipment would make it easier for them to film their hunts and does not present a resource concern. When presented to the public for initial comment, 71% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-414-090 Use of decoys and calls.

Currently WDFW regulations are more restrictive than Federal regulations. Significant increases in the number of wintering white geese have been documented in northwest Washington and portions of the Columbia Basin in eastern Washington. Harvest strategies developed in the Pacific Flyway Council's management for this population of snow geese and the WDFW Game Management Plan provide guidance to increase harvest rates and/or total harvest on snow geese at the winter count estimates now being observed. In recent years, WDFW has allowed separate goose-type bag limits, and shifted days specifically for snow geese into February, while being consistent with the 107-day maximum allowed under federal frameworks and law. Further increases in bag-limit for snow geese are not likely to effectively increase harvest without the assistance of electronic calls, a highly effective tool at attracting this highly gregarious species. Electronic calls can only be allowed under federal law during a white goose only (snow, Ross', blue phase geese) season segments; currently only allowed in Goose Management Area 1 (11 days) and Goose Management Area 4 (19 days). Therefore, all other waterfowl and migratory gamebird species are closed during these dates. Additionally, this is consistent with Objective 103b to utilize recreational harvest as the primary method to address agricultural depredation concerns with this goose population.

WAC 220-414-100 Crossbow requirements.

Currently, hunters can only use muzzleloading firearms as defined under WAC 220-414-060, or bow and arrow, as defined under WAC 220-414-070 during established muzzleloader seasons for deer and elk. This proposal aims to also allow the use of crossbows during established general and special permit muzzleloader seasons for deer and elk because it is considered a "lesser" weapon than a muzzleloading firearm and it does not represent a resource concern. When presented to the public for initial comment, 56% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-415-010 Deer area descriptions.

Deer Area 1040 is the area in Game Management Unit 172 (Mountain View) that is associated with lands managed by the Department as the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area Unit. Since 2014, the Department has provided limited special permit opportunities within the Deer Area and excluded general season opportunities with the intent of providing a quality hunting experience. However, because Deer Area 1040 is within the ceded area of the Nez Perce Tribe, tribal hunters also pursue deer in this area. To ensure opportunities to access this area and hunt deer are similar for state and tribal hunters, the Department is proposing to eliminate Deer Area 1040, expand the hunt area for the special permits to include all of GMU 172, and open the area during general deer seasons. When presented to the public for initial comment, 84% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

Deer Area 1021 was created to assist with mitigating damage complaints caused by resident mule deer near the city of Clarkston. The number of complaints has declined to levels that no longer require a need for this Deer Area. Moreover, preliminary findings from the Department's efforts to radio-collar mule deer in the foothills of the Blue Mountains indicate some of the mule deer within Deer Area 1021 move into this area during winter but migrate back to summer range. As such, the late antlerless opportunities associated with Deer Area 1021 were likely targeting migratory mule deer more so than residents, which was not the intent. When presented to the public for initial comment, 76% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-415-020 2021-2023 Deer general seasons and definitions.

1. Some white-tailed deer hunters have strongly advocated for reinstating a 4-pt minimum antler-point restriction (APR) for white-tailed deer, with the intent of managing for more mature bucks in northeast Washington after that rule was abolished in 2015. The Department committed to considering APRs while developing proposals for the 2021-2023 seasons. We initiated this consideration by partnering with Washington State University to summarize the opinions of deer hunters on the management of white-tailed deer. We specifically targeted white-tailed deer hunters for that survey.

It was clear from this initial survey that a substantial portion of the ~13,000 white-tailed deer hunters that responded to the survey were unsatisfied with their opportunities that related to seeing and harvesting mature white-tailed deer bucks, but they were strongly opposed to any restrictions that would need to be implemented to increase the number of mature bucks in the population. Based on those findings, the Department's proposal that went out for public comment this summer included the following options:

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| 1. No change (retain current Any Buck seasons) | 36% |
| 2. 2-pt. APR with exemption for youth, senior, disabled | 17% |
| 3. 3-pt. APR with exemption for youth, senior, disabled | 29% |
| 4. 4-pt. APR with exemption for youth, senior, disabled | 20% |

Although we provided these four options, we also clearly stated that our recommendation to the Commission would be Option 1 (No change) since there was such strong opposition in the WSU survey. We also retained the APR options in this survey to uphold our commitment that we would consider them in concert with the 2021-2023 season setting process. The percentages provided next to the bulleted options above represent the proportion of respondents that indicated support. 2. Although 'No change' was the preferred option, 64% of the ~1,400 respondents were supportive of at least some level of APR, which indicates most respondents were interested in managing for more mature white-tailed deer bucks. We considered several options and believe the shortened nine-day season with hard calendar dates of November 11-19 is the most amenable because it is the smallest change from status quo. 3. We are presenting this proposal fully acknowledging it will result in only minor changes to buck harvest. One of the primary reasons for making that decision is because the Department does not feel we have requested explicit input from hunters regarding all available options. The only option we specifically asked about in the WSU survey, beyond asking hunters if they supported a general management approach, was APRs (e.g., should it be implemented district-wide or in select GMUs, which GMUs, should there be alternative seasons for youth, etc.). We need to gather more input from hunters before we consider other options that represent a substantial change from status quo.

4. As indicated by trends in general season harvest, white-tailed deer numbers in the Palouse White-tailed Deer Management Zone have substantially declined in recent years and fell more than 25% below the ten-year average harvest in 2019. This trend is driven predominately by declines in the white-tailed deer population in GMUs 127 – 142. If harvest levels are similar in 2020, harvest will have declined more than 25% below the ten-year average in two consecutive years, which would meet the criteria of an "At-Risk" ungulate population. The observed decline began with the 2015 Blue Tongue outbreak and has been further exasperated by several smaller hemorrhagic disease events and multiple hard winters. A more rapid recovery will not be achieved through a reduction in antlerless permits alone because over 70% of the antlerless harvest in these GMUs occurs during the general season. Substantial reductions in general season antlerless harvest in GMUs 127-142 are needed for this population to recover more quickly. Muzzleloader and archery hunters are responsible for ~35% of the general season antlerless harvest, with Youth coming in a close second at ~31%. Senior (≥65yrs old) and Disabled hunters take ~19% and ~16% respectively. When presented to the public for initial comment, 82% of the ~1,400 respondents indicated support for reductions in opportunities to harvest antlerless deer. 5. GMUs 127-142 represent the eastern third of the Columbia Plateau Mule Deer Management Zone where harvest data indicates mule deer numbers across the zone have begun to recover following declines that occurred 2015-2017. However, trends in harvest for GMUs 127-142 indicate mule deer populations have not fully recovered in the eastern portion of the zone. A substantial reduction in damage complaints associated with mule deer also indicates populations remain below historical levels. A reduction in opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer is needed to ensure the Department continues to promote the growth of mule deer populations throughout the Columbia Plateau Mule Deer Management Zone. When presented to the public for initial comment, 73% of the ~1,400 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 6. As indicated by trends in general season harvest, white-tailed deer numbers in GMU 124 (Mount Spokane) have substantially declined in recent years and fell more than 25% below the ten-year average harvest in 2019. If harvest levels are similar in 2020, harvest will have declined more than 25% below the ten-

year average in two consecutive years, which would meet the criteria of an “At-Risk” ungulate population. The observed decline began with the 2015 Blue Tongue outbreak and has been further exasperated by several smaller hemorrhagic disease events and multiple hard winters. A more rapid recovery cannot be accomplished through a reduction in antlerless permits alone because ~75% of the antlerless harvest in GMU 124 occurs during the general season. Substantial reductions in general season antlerless harvest opportunities are needed for this population to recover more quickly. Archery and muzzleloader hunters are responsible for ~34% of the general season antlerless harvest, with Youth coming in a close second at ~30%. Senior (≥65yrs old) and Disabled hunters take ~18% and ~17% respectively. When presented to the public for initial comment, 77% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for reductions in opportunities to harvest antlerless deer.7. Currently, GMUs 247 (Entiat), 254 (Saint Andrews), 262 (Withrow), 266 (Badger), and 269 (Moses Coulee) are not open during early general muzzleloader seasons for any buck white-tailed deer, but there is no biological justification for them not being open. Opening these GMUs would increase opportunity and make opportunity among weapon types more consistent in GMUs with similar white-tailed deer populations. When presented to the public for initial comment, 66% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.8. As indicated by trends in harvest, mule deer numbers in the East Columbia Gorge Mule Deer Management Zone (GMUs 382 and 388) have substantially declined over the past decade and currently meet the criteria of an “At-Risk” ungulate population because harvest has dropped more than 25% below the ten-year average for at least two consecutive years. The Department has removed all other opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer in GMUs Units 382 (East Klickitat) and 388 (Grayback), so this amendment would be consistent with past recommendations. When presented to the public for initial comment, 77% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.

1. Most recent estimates of buck to doe ratios in GMU 136 indicate this limited special permit opportunity is sustainable. In addition, it increases hunter opportunity. 2. See above under WAC 220-415-020 for reasons supporting a reduction in general season opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer. The Department is supportive of offering limited special permit opportunities to harvest antlerless deer to offset some of the opportunity lost during general seasons because we anticipate proposed amendments would result in at least a 70% reduction in antlerless harvest. The elimination of all opportunities to harvest antlerless deer is not needed to promote population increases. 3. Black-tailed deer populations in GMUs 411 (Orcas Island), 412 (Shaw Island), 413 (San Juan Island), 414 (Lopez Island), 415 (Blakely Island), and 420 (Whidbey Island) are at levels that warrant a reduction. Controlling deer numbers on Puget Sound islands has been a long-standing management challenge for the Department because they are dominated by privately owned lands, which makes facilitating hunter access extremely difficult. This amendment is modeled after the approach the Department has implemented in GMU 422 (Vashon Island), which increases opportunity through a longer season and allows more flexibility to hunters relative to the weapon type they can use. When presented to the public for initial comment, 83% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 4. Special permit opportunities for youth hunters and hunters with disabilities for black-tailed deer in GMU 485 alternate each year. In 2020, the special permit opportunity was offered in the Hunter with Disabilities category, so it will be offered in the youth category in 2021.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

1. Elk Area 1040 is the area in Game Management Unit 172 (Mountain View) that is associated with lands managed by the Department as the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area Unit. Since 2014, the Department has provided limited special permit opportunities within the Elk Area and excluded general season opportunities with the intent of providing a quality hunting experience. However, because Elk Area 1040 is within the ceded area of the Nez Perce Tribe, tribal hunters also pursue elk in this area. This amendment ensures opportunities to access this area and hunt elk are similar for state and tribal hunters. When presented to the public for initial comment, 83% of the ~1,000 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. The current boundary description for Elk Area 2032 follows Moses Carr Road beyond a point where this road has been closed and no longer exists, and therefore is no longer a relevant reference point. To improve clarity of the boundary and address enforcement concerns, the Department is proposing to realign the boundary along section lines. This realignment would increase Elk Area 2032 by approximately 130 acres. 3. Currently, Elk Area 5066 represents the eastern portion of GMU 524 (Margaret) and opportunities to hunt elk in this Elk Area are limited to special permit opportunities. Currently, hunters can hunt in GMU 524 during general elk seasons, but not within Elk Area 5066. This causes confusion for some hunters as Enforcement Officers routinely make contacts with elk hunters in Elk Area 5066 that do not have an elk special permit and did not realize that portion of GMU 524 was not open to general season elk hunters. This proposal would assist with clarifying the rule for hunters and enforcement of elk hunting regulations in Elk Area 5066. When presented to the public for initial comment, 58% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 4. Conflicts with elk in the Joyce area have been increasing over the past five years. Currently there are no established seasons in GMU 603 that allow antlerless harvest. The creation of a new Elk Area and offering limited opportunities to harvest antlerless elk within that area would assist the Department with addressing conflicts, while also allowing us to maintain our current management objective of promoting population growth in other parts of the GMU. When presented to the public for initial comment, 83% of the ~1,100 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-415-050 2021-2023 Elk general seasons and definitions.

1. The Colockum elk herd area consists of GMUs 249, 251, 328, 329, 330, 334, and 335. Currently, the only general archery season available in GMUs 249 and 251 is in GMU 249 during the early general archery season for any elk. The only early general muzzleloader season available is associated with Elk Area 2051 (Tronsen) for a “True Spike” bull. Elk Area 2051 (Page 45 in 2020 Hunting Pamphlet) includes most of GMU 251 and a portion of GMU 249. It was originally created to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints, but that need no longer exists. The proposed amendments would provide more opportunity, standardize opportunity within the Colockum elk herd area, and do not present a resource concern. When

presented to the public for initial comment, 63% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. Elk numbers in GMUs 272, 278, 284, 290, 379, and 382 are extremely low because the Department maintains liberal harvest opportunities for elk with the intent of keeping elk populations suppressed because of the potential conflict with agriculture. The proposed amendments would establish general season opportunities that would be consistent with other general elk season opportunities in GMUs where the Department's intent is to maintain low densities of elk. When presented to the public for initial comment, 60-70% of the ~1,100 respondents indicated support for these proposals. 3. Nearly all of GMU 371 is comprised of public lands associated with the Yakima Training Center. The Department has historically offered liberal general season opportunities for Master Hunters to harvest antlerless elk to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints on neighboring private lands. As recently as 2019 the season dates associated with this hunt were Aug. 1–Jan. 20 but were shortened to Aug. 1–Oct. 15 for the 2020 season. The need to mitigate elk conflict issues still exists but given this GMU is mostly public land the Department feels we can use general elk hunters to mitigate elk conflicts just as effectively as we did with Master Hunters. Moreover, because of the status of the Yakima and Colockum elk herds (both below management objective), the Department had to substantially reduce general elk hunter opportunities, and this amendment has the potential to replace some of that lost opportunity. 4. To increase the survival of yearling bulls, harvest of bulls during general modern firearm, archery, and muzzleloader seasons has been limited to "True Spike" bulls in the core Colockum elk herd area (GMUs 328, 329, 334, and 335) since 2009. Since that time, yearling bull survival has increased and consistently meets the Department's management objective. The Department anticipates removing this restriction during general archery seasons would result in only modest effects on yearling bull survival. Moreover, archery hunters no longer have opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during general archery seasons in GMUs 328 and 329. Although the Department replaced some of that lost opportunity with special permit opportunities beginning during the 2020 season, concerns related to equity remain. When presented to the public for initial comment, 71% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 5. A legal elk during general modern firearm, archery, and muzzleloader seasons in GMU 448 has been Any Elk for many years because the Department's intent was to keep elk numbers low to minimize the potential for conflict with private landowners. However, a substantial portion of this GMU is forested public land and elk numbers could potentially increase in those areas without increasing conflict. Providing opportunities to harvest antlerless elk would still be considered to mitigate conflicts when appropriate but would be limited to the areas where conflicts occur. When presented to the public for initial comment, 52% of the ~1,000 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 6. The late general archery (November 25–January 20; 57 days) and general muzzleloader seasons (November 25–December 15; 21 days) in GMU 407 for Any Elk currently overlap and occur for an extended period to assist with elk damage complaints. Elk damage complaints have declined so there is no longer a need for such lengthy seasons. The Department has also received feedback from hunters expressing concerns they have about hunter crowding and overlapping seasons. The proposed amendments simplify the hunting regulations because season dates would be the same as those established for other western Washington GMUs, decreases the potential for hunter safety issues that potentially exist with the current overlap of hunting methods, and potentially increases the quality of the hunt experience for users of each hunting method by reducing the number of hunters in the field during each period. When presented to the public for initial comment, 62% of the ~900 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 7. The general season opportunity for hunters to harvest antlerless elk during the late general muzzleloader season in GMU 578 was first established during the 2018 season. Prior to that, opportunities were limited to the Department's special permit system. This change was made in 2018 to assist with the Department's efforts to mitigate damage complaints. However, this general season opportunity resulted in much more antlerless harvest than was anticipated and at levels that are not sustainable. Antlerless harvest averaged 41 elk 2015-2017 but increased to 95 in 2018 and 69 in 2019. When presented to the public for initial comment, 70% of the ~1,100 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-415-060 2021 Elk special permits.

With no treatments or vaccines available, efforts to reduce the prevalence and distribution of elk hoof disease are limited to lethally removing diseased elk. The proposed amendment is related to the Department's effort to develop a program that can be used to evaluate the potential for using hunters as a tool to assist with managing this disease. Importantly, the goal of this program is to increase the proportion of diseased elk within total harvest, but total harvest is not expected to increase. This program will be evaluated on an annual basis, and if warranted, discontinued before the 2023 hunting season. The two main components of this program include: Incentivizing Elk Hunters to Harvest Diseased Elk: The Department will create a special incentive permit drawing for hunters that harvest an elk with hoof disease. This drawing would be similar to permits offered to incentivize hunters to submit their harvest report early. The specific opportunities (season date, number of permits, hunt area, etc.) will be determined by September 1, 2021, but the Department plans to offer multiple permits to create a legitimate incentive. Any hunter (*except Hoof Disease special permit*) can participate by submitting hooves from their elk harvest at a Department collection location. Hunters that submit a hoof set with at least one hoof indicating a deformity enter the drawing. Hoof Disease Special Permits: The proposed amendment will create special permits within the Master Hunter special permit category that provide an opportunity to harvest diseased elk that are not identified as a legal elk during most general seasons (e.g., antlerless elk) or may otherwise not be targeted. If a Master Hunter successfully harvests a diseased elk under this special permit as their first elk, they will be issued an additional permit that would allow them to harvest a second elk during the established permit season. The Department will require permitted Master Hunters to submit all four hooves from their harvest to evaluate the effectiveness of this permit opportunity. 1. Elk Area 2033 is in GMU 251 (Mission) southeast of Leavenworth, WA. It was originally created to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints. The Department has not offered harvest opportunities in this Elk Area for several years, but conflicts with elk have increased to levels that warrant a reduction in the number of elk using this area, to include antlered elk. When presented to the public for initial comment, 71% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. Elk Area 4941 is in the Skagit River Valley and represents the most northerly portions of GMU 437. It was originally created to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints, which currently

includes special permit opportunities for both antlered and antlerless elk. With exception to Elk Area 4941, GMU 437 has been closed during both general and special permit elk seasons for more than two decades. Most of the elk in GMU 437 occur within Elk Area 4941, but they do occur in other parts of the GMU and at levels that could sustain limited special permit opportunities. The Department would continue to mitigate elk damage complaints using antlerless harvest opportunities when deemed appropriate, but those opportunities would be facilitated through the issuance of landowner or Master Hunter permits. When presented to the public for initial comment, 80% of the ~900 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 3. Offering limited special permit opportunities for muzzleloader hunters in GMU 578 would offset some of the opportunity lost by eliminating the general muzzleloader season, while also providing opportunity that is sustainable. 4. When special permit opportunities were first established for GMU 371, there were only small numbers of elk within the GMU. Elk numbers have substantially increased in recent years resulting in a much higher quality experience for hunters. As such, these permits now meet the criteria for the Quality special permit category. 5. When the Department removed all general season opportunities for archery hunters to harvest antlerless elk in 2020, we replaced some of that lost opportunity with special permits. However, we inadvertently failed to establish opportunities for archery hunters in the Youth and 65 Years or Older special permit categories. This proposed amendment establishes those opportunities. 6. These amendments were presented to and adopted by the Commission in April 2020. The permits were issued during the 2020 hunting season and the hunts occurred. However, due to a clerical error, these amendments were not filed with the CR-103 in 2020. As such, they represent an administrative change to correct this error.

WAC 220-415-070 2021 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

1. Aerial survey results in 2019 indicated a high bull to cow ratio and the average antler spread of bulls harvested in GMU 108 indicates most bulls being harvested are mature bulls. As such, the population can likely sustain more bull harvest. 2. Recent studies of moose in GMU 117 indicated populations were declining with very low calf recruitment rates and that cows were experiencing nutritional limitations. It is believed similar trends may be occurring in GMU 121 as well. Even though populations were declining, the Department retained antlerless permit numbers at similar levels in hopes of lowering the population and increasing forage availability, which would result in subsequent improvement in cow body condition and calf recruitment. Hunters are expressing difficulty in finding moose, which may indicate we have reached the equilibrium we were targeting. The Department believes it prudent to reduce antlerless harvest until surveys can be conducted to assess current status of the population. 3. Moose populations in some GMUs have declined in recent years. In response to those declines, the Department substantially reduced opportunities to harvest antlerless moose in 2018. Eliminating the Hunter Education Instructor incentive permit is consistent with previous reductions. 4. These are simple administrative changes that do not change opportunity or hunt area boundaries.

WAC 220-415-090 2019-2020 Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations.

The proposed changes to the fall black bear hunting season rule are intended to adjust the dates and simplify the rule and clearly identify closed areas. This proposal will provide greater understanding of the fall season dates, methods of harvest, and restrictions.

WAC 220-415-120 2021 Bighorn sheep seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

1. The Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd has declined to ~120 bighorn sheep. Most recently, those declines have been associated with the Department's efforts to reduce the herd, but those declines are also associated with the establishment of *M.ovi* within the herd and chronically depressed lamb survival because of *M.ovi*. With a very small number of yearling rams being recruited, permits for adult rams must be reduced accordingly. 2. An *M.ovi* outbreak occurred in the Cleman Mountain herd during fall 2020. As has occurred with other outbreaks, the Department anticipated a potential reduction in this herd, although it's difficult to predict how large the die-off event will be. In response to the outbreak, the Department implemented an emergency rule to allow the harvest of five additional rams in fall 2020. Reductions in ram permits are warranted until the Department is better able to assess how large the die-off was. 3. Bighorn sheep herds in the Blue Mountains have started to recover after *M.ovi* was cleared from those populations. Numbers within the Wenaha and Mountain View sub-herds have increased to levels that can sustain limited ram harvest. 4. Some rams harvested under juvenile ram permits are adults. When this occurs, hunters cite a misunderstanding of the criteria used in the field to determine if a ram is a juvenile. This amendment is an administrative change with the intent of reducing hunter confusion or misunderstanding. This amendment is a simple administrative change that clarifies the opportunities that are available for youth hunters and hunters with disabilities.

WAC 220-415-130 2021 Mountain goat seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

1. Following an increase in conflicts between humans and mountain goats in the Olympic Mountains, the Department created special permit opportunities that were designed to reduce goat numbers in areas where those conflicts occurred. This amendment reinstates these permits to assist with efforts to lethally remove mountain goats that remain following efforts to translocate goats from the Olympic Peninsula to the North Cascades. When presented to hunters for initial review, 81% of the ~1,400 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. aerial surveys of mountain goats in the Naches Pass, Bumping River, and Goat Rocks West hunt areas in 2020 indicated a decline in the number of goats observed and resulting abundance estimates. This amendment reduces special permits accordingly. 3. Having a clause that allowed permit holders that used archery equipment to start hunting September 1 caused confusion in some instances. The Department originally proposed to establish a standard opening date of September 15. However, when presented to hunters for initial comment, only 51% of the ~1,500 respondents were in support of the proposal. A common theme of the comments received expressed opposition to shortening the season for archery hunters. We adjusted our proposal in response to that feedback and believe a standard opening date of September 1 achieves the same goal of reducing confusion without reducing opportunity. 4. These are simple administrative changes that do not change the hunt area boundaries.

WAC 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

The proposed changes to the furbearer, small game and upland game bird rules are mainly intended to provide clarity for users and to align the regulations with current department activities, needs, and goals for managing these species for conservation and recreation interests. This proposal will provide greater understanding of the identified game species, methods of harvest, and seasons associated with each.

WAC 220-416-060 2020-2021 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.

Migratory game bird seasons and regulations are developed base on cooperative management programs among states of the Pacific Flyway and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, considering population status and other biological parameters. The rule establishes migratory game bird seasons and regulations to provide recreational opportunity, control waterfowl damage, and conserve the migratory game bird resources of Washington.

Goose Management Area 1 currently includes Skagit, Snohomish and Island counties. This Goose Management Area is designated to assist in management responsibilities for the Wrangell Island population of Lesser Snow Geese that winter in the Skagit-Fraser region. Shifting of season dates into February in Goose Management Area 1 have highlighted differences that exist between Goose Management Area 1 and Goose Management Area 3. This proposal would change the boundary of Goose Management Area 1 (with February white goose-only season dates) and by extension modify the adjacent Goose Management Area 3 (without February goose season dates).

WAC 220-416-070 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures.

The rule change will update closures to reflect current management and resource considerations. Opening of this 4-miles stretch of the Yakima River will provide increased opportunity to waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunters in the region. Additionally, two Game Reserves exist to the west and east of this river segment, providing safe refuge areas for waterfowl, coot and snipe, allowing birds to shift in distribution and not disperse from the Yakima Valley.

WAC 220-416-080 Lynch Cove and Union River hunting area restriction (Mason County).

The ten Regulated Access Areas are consistent with current management and considerations at these sites. Greater clarity to waterfowl hunters and other users of department lands management and providing enforceable restrictions to achieve increased wildlife use in order to improve hunter success, while managing other uses and safety on particular units of our Wildlife Areas. This is consistent with Objectives 104e and 104f of the WDFW Game Management Plan.

WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations.

The proposed changes to the furbearer and small game trapping seasons and regulations are intended to provide clarity and to align the seasons and regulations with current Department activities, needs, and goals for managing these species for conservation and recreation interests. The changes proposed for marten trapping in coastal counties are intended to minimize potential take of Pacific marten; which was once thought to be extirpated but recently re-discovered on the Olympic Peninsula. The proposed rule changes will provide users with greater understanding of the identified game species, methods of harvest, and season dates for each species.

WAC 220-417-030 Wild animal trapping.

The proposed changes to the wild animal trapping provide clarity to the use of the newly added furbearing species and to align the rule with current Department activities, needs, and goals for managing these species for conservation and recreation interests. Both users and non-users will benefit from these amendments.

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