

Elk– Decision

WAC 220-415-040, 220-415-050, and 220-415-060

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Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

April 8, 2022

Agenda item:

Elk General Seasons and Special Permits – Decision

Presenter(s):

Kyle Garrison, Acting Ungulate Section Manager, Wildlife Program

Background summary:

Department staff briefed the Commission on:

- WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

Specific amendments include:

A proposed boundary change to elk area 3911, if adopted, would allow for continued wildlife-conflict mitigation while addressing concerns from neighboring landowners. A proposed elk area 1054 to help address elk agricultural damage by concentrating harvest pressure where damage is most common, while avoiding harvest of antlerless elk in areas where population growth is desired.

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

Specific amendments include:

A proposal to modify eastern Washington archery early and late seasons in GMU 382 to exclude Deer Area 5382. This change would eliminate overlap between elk general season hunters and deer special permit holders.

- WAC 220-415-060 2021 Elk special permits.

Specific amendments include:

Changes to elk special permit availability (i.e., permit dates, permit levels) are proposed to balance hunting opportunity among user groups with elk population status (i.e., increased hunting opportunities when populations can sustain additional harvest or reduced opportunities when surveys or trends indicate population decline), and to retain consistency in season timing.

Notable amendments include:

1. Reductions in permit levels in the Blue Mountains elk herd area (Blue Creek, Tucannon, Wenaha East, Mountain View, Peola) in the Quality and Antlerless categories are in response to reduced population abundance (population estimate was ~35% below objective in 2021).
2. Elimination of the Mt. Adams, Carlton, and West Goat Rocks ‘quality’ elk special permit hunt in response to a decline in elk abundance and hunt quality and negative feedback regarding hunt satisfaction.
3. Reduction of permit levels for Antlerless elk permits in the Mount St Helens elk herd area (Winston, Coweeman, Lewis River, Washougal, Siouxon, Wind River, and West Klickitat) are proposed because of a documented population decline in the last decade and conservative antlerless harvest is warranted until population surveys indicate increased abundance.
4. Elimination of the Forks 65+ Senior antlerless elk special permit proposed to mitigate hunter crowding and associated landowner complaints.
5. New “incentive” special permits are proposed in association with the Department’s pilot program to incentivize the harvest of elk that display signs of treponeme-associated hoof disease. This program is designed to reduce the prevalence of elk hoof disease in western Washington.

Staff recommendation:

Recommend adoption of the rules as presented by Department staff.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

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

- Increased ability for WDFW to address wildlife agricultural damage or meet population objectives through elk area modification
- Manage for sustainable/viable elk populations and sustainable hunting seasons for big game by balancing hunting opportunity (i.e., permit availability) with population characteristics (e.g., abundance, age/sex ratios)
- Maximize recreation hunting opportunities

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

None.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

On February 1, 2022, WDFW filed a CR-102, initiating public comment. The public was asked to provide input on the 2022 hunting season proposed changes via the department's website. Public comment period remained open through the Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting on March 18, 2022, closing on March 19, 2022. The department emailed over 40,000 subscribers notifying them of the website survey and encouraged them to participate. Also, the department issued a news release and postings on social media.

Notification was made to individuals and organizations informing them of the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed regulation amendments. At the March 18, 2022, commission meeting online, the Commission and Department staff held public comments.

Please see the associated public comment form.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Recommend adoption of the rule as presented by Department staff.

Draft motion language:

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

Is there a “second”?

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

Post decision communications plan:

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Website

New Release

Hunting Regulation Pamphlet

Form revised 1-20-21

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response: (Note: one WAC per page)

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions

The Department received public comment through online survey (51), email (1) and public comment submissions for the Commission briefing. The comments represented both those in favor and those that oppose to the proposed rule change.

Common themes:

- General support for proposed changes
- General disagreement with proposed changes
- Request to engage non-profit or other groups to assist with elk area fencing
- Request to allow landowners to receive tags and address conflict near elk areas
- Request to prevent private landowner tags
- Desire to allowing public access on private lands to address damage
- Concern over private landowners dictating ungulate management

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response: (Note: one WAC per page)

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

The Department received public comment through online survey (75), email (1) and public comment submissions for the Commission briefing. The comments represented both those in favor and those that oppose to the proposed rule change.

Common themes:

- General agreement with proposed changes
- General disagreement with proposed changes
- Dislike of spike/true spike (antler point restriction) regulations
- Desire to have elk hunting by draw only
- Concern over impact of predators
- Concern regarding tribal hunting
- Requests to expand archery season
- Requests to allow crossbow in archery
- Request for more muzzleloader seasons
- Desire for more late seasons
- Concern over land access
- Request to improve hunt quality

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response: (Note: one WAC per page)

WAC 220-415-060 2021 Elk special permits

The Department received public comment through online survey (27), email (1) and public comment submissions for the Commission briefing. The comments represented both those in favor and those that oppose to the proposed rule change.

Common themes:

- General support for proposed changes
- General disagreement with proposed changes
- Mention of antler point restrictions (e.g., spike only regulation)
- Dislike of permit reductions
- Concern over tribal hunting
- Concern over predation impacts to ungulate populations
- Request for date or season changes on specific hunts
- Request for antlerless hunting by special permit only
- Request for increased antlerless opportunities
- Concern for lost opportunity
- Preference for adjusting permit dates rather than eliminate permits
- Desire to go to special permit (draw only) seasons
- Support for disease management

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-14-022, filed 6/28/21, effective 7/29/21)

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. 1054 (Walla Walla County): GMU-154 Blue Creek, starting at the Mill Creek Rd and Oregon state line, north and west along Mill Creek Rd to E. Isaacs Ave. North on Interchange Rd to Hwy 12, West on Hwy 12 to Hwy 125. South on Hwy 125 to the Oregon state line, east on the WA-OR stateline to the starting point.

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 Couese, 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 Park Creek; south along Park Creek to the North Branch Canal; east and south along North Branch Canal 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 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.

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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.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-14-022, filed 6/28/21, effective 7/29/21)

WAC 220-415-050 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)) four inches above where the antler attaches to the skull.

True Spike Bull Antler Restrictions: Neither antler of bull elk taken can have branching originating more than ((4)) four 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.

3-point Antler Restrictions: Legal bull elk must have at least ((3)) three 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.

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

GMUs Closed to Elk Hunting: 490.

Elk Tag Areas

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

EA - Eastern Washington Archery Tag

EF - Eastern Washington Modern Firearm Tag

EM - Eastern Washington Muzzleloader Tag

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

WA - Western Washington Archery Tag

WF - Western Washington Modern Firearm 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)	2021 Dates	2022 Dates	2023 Dates	Legal Elk
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Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2021 Dates	2022 Dates	2023 Dates	Legal Elk
Eastern Washington	EF	101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, 121, 204	Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Oct. 28 - Nov. 5	Any bull
		145 through 154, 162 through 186, 249, 336 through 368	Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Oct. 28 - Nov. 5	Spike bull
		251, 328, 329, 334, 335	Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Oct. 28 - Nov. 5	True spike bull
		Elk Area 3722	Sept. 11-26	Sept. 10-25	Sept. 9-24	Antlerless only
		124 through 142, 372, 382, 388	Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Oct. 28 - Nov. 5	Any elk
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381	Oct. 30 - Nov. 15	Oct. 29 - 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, 2022	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2023	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2024	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 371. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	Aug. 1-31	Aug. 1-31	Aug. 1-31	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
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. 6-17	Nov. 5-16	Nov. 4-15	3 pt. min.
		501, 504, 663, Elk Areas 4601 and 6014	Nov. 6-17	Nov. 5-16	Nov. 4-15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		407, 564, 666	Nov. 6-17	Nov. 5-16	Nov. 4-15	Any elk
		454	Nov. 6-17	Nov. 5-16	Nov. 4-15	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)	2021 Dates	2022 Dates	2023 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Archery General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EA	101 through 142, 204, 243, 247, 249, 250, 272, 278, 284, 290, 373, 379, 381, 382 (except CLOSED in Deer Area 5382), 388	Sept. 11-23	Sept. 10-22	Sept. 9-21	Any elk
		162, 166, 169, 172, 175, 186, 251, 328, 329, 336, 340, 352, 356, 364	Sept. 11-23	Sept. 10-22	Sept. 9-21	Spike bull
		145, 149, 154, 163, 178, 181, 334, 335, 371	Sept. 11-23	Sept. 10-22	Sept. 9-21	Spike bull or antlerless
		Master Hunters Only: 371. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	Aug. 1-31	Aug. 1-31	Aug. 1-31	Antlerless only
Western Washington	WA	407, 454, 564, 666, 684, Elk Area 6014	Sept. 11-23	Sept. 10-22	Sept. 9-21	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. 11-23	Sept. 10-22	Sept. 9-21	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		448, 460, 466, 506, 510, 513, 516, 524 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066), 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. 11-23	Sept. 10-22	Sept. 9-21	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, 382 (except CLOSED in Deer Area 5382), 388	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
		163	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2022	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2023	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2024	Antlerless only
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 379, 381. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	Oct. 30 - Nov. 15	Oct. 29 - 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, 2022	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2023	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2024	Antlerless only

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2021 Dates	2022 Dates	2023 Dates	Legal Elk
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
		334, 335	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Nov. 23 - Dec. 8	Nov. 22 - Dec. 8	Spike bull or antlerless
		249, 251, 336, 342, 346, 352, 364, Elk Area 3681	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Nov. 23 - Dec. 8	Nov. 22 - Dec. 8	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. 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. 22 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		407	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any elk
		454, 564, 666, Elk Area 6014	Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. 22 - Dec. 15	Any elk
		448, 603, 612, 615, 638 (except for Elk Area 6064), 648	Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. 22 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.

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)	2021 Dates	2022 Dates	2023 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	101 through 121, 204, 247	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	Oct. 7-13	Any bull
		124 through 142, 245, 250, 272, 278, 284, 290, 379	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	Oct. 7-13	Any elk
		145, 149, 154, 162, 163, 166, 172, 175, 178, 181,	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	Oct. 7-13	Spike bull

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2021 Dates	2022 Dates	2023 Dates	Legal Elk
		336 through 342, 352 through 368				
		249, 251, 328, 329, 334, 335, Elk Area 2051	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	Oct. 7-13	True spike bull
		Master Hunters Only: 371. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	Aug. 1-31	Aug. 1-31	Aug. 1-31	Antlerless only
Western Washington	WM	407, 454, 564, 666, 684	Oct. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	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. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	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. 2-8	Oct. 1-7	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. 30 - Nov. 15	Oct. 29 - 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, 2022	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2023	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2024	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
Western Washington	WM	407	Dec. 16-31	Dec. 16-31	Dec. 16-31	Any elk
		Elk Area 4601, 501, 503, 504, 505, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless), 667	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Nov. 23 - Dec. 8	Nov. 22 - Dec. 8	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		454, 564, 666, 684, Elk Area 6014	Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. 22 - Dec. 15	Any elk
		568, 574, 578	Nov. 24-30	Nov. 23-30	Nov. 22-30	3 pt. min.
		448, 601, 618, 651, 658	Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. 22 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 21-14-022 (Order 21-61), § 220-415-050, filed 6/28/21, effective 7/29/21; WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-415-050, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012,

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.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-14-022, filed 6/28/21, effective 7/29/21)

WAC 220-415-060 ((2021)) 2022 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. 2-11 and Nov. 13-Dec. 2)) Oct. 1-10 and Nov. 12 - Dec. 1	Any bull	Elk Area 1015	1
Prescott	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMU 149	23
Blue Creek	EF	Any	((Sept. 27 - Oct. 4)) Sept. 26-30	Any bull	GMU 154	1
Blue Creek	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMU 154	((9)) 67
Watershed	EA, EF, EM	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	3 pt. min.	GMU 157	25
Dayton	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMU 162, 163	23
Tucannon	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMU 166	((5)) 4
Wenaha West	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	5
Wenaha East	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	((4)) 5
Mountain View	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMU 172	((9)) 7
Lick Creek	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMU 175	42
Peola	EF	Any	((Sept. 27 - Oct. 4))	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	1

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Sept. 26-30</u>			
Peola	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 24 - Nov. 6</u>	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	((<u>2</u>)) 1
Couse	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 24 - Nov. 6</u>	Any bull	GMU 181	57
Mission	EF	Any	((Sept. 27 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 26-30</u>	Any bull	GMU 251	((<u>4</u>)) 2
Colockum	EF	Any	((Sept. 27 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 26-30</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	1
Colockum	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 24 - Nov. 6</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	22 11
Teanaway	EF	Any	((Sept. 27 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 26-30</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	2
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	((Sept. 27 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 26-30</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	2
Observatory	EF	Any	((Sept. 27 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 26-30</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	2
Little Naches	EF	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 346	3
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	((Sept. 27 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 26-30</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	2
Bethel	EF	Any	((Sept. 27 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 26-30</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	2
Rimrock	EF	Any	((Sept. 27 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 26-30</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	2
Cowiche	EF	Any	((Sept. 27 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 26-30</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	2
Alkali	EF	Any	((Oct. 16 - Nov. 5)) <u>Oct. 15 - Nov. 4</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 371	25 33
Nooksack	WF	Any	((Oct. 2-28 and Dec. 13-28)) <u>Oct. 1-27 and Dec. 12-27</u>	Any bull	GMU 418	13
Green River	WF, WA, WM	Any	Nov. 13-19 <u>Oct. 15-21</u>	Any bull	GMU 485	10
Wahkiakum	WF	Any	Sept. ((20-24)) <u>19-23</u>	Any bull	GMUs 506, 530	1

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
South Rainier	WF	Any	Sept. ((20-24)) <u>19-23</u>	Any bull	GMUs 510, 513	((4)) <u>3</u>
Packwood	WF	Any	Sept. ((20-24)) <u>19-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 516	((4)) <u>3</u>
Winston	WF	Any	Sept. ((20-24)) <u>19-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 520	1
Coweeman	WF	Any	Sept. ((20-24)) <u>19-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 550	1
Toutle	WF	Any	((Sept. 20-24 and Nov. 6-17)) <u>Sept. 19-23 and Nov. 5-16</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	2
Toutle	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	3+32
Lewis River	WF	Any	Sept. ((20-24)) <u>19-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 560	2
Siouxon	WF	Any	Sept. ((20-24)) <u>19-23</u>	Any bull	GMU 572	2
((Carlton))	WF	Any	Sept. 20-24	Any bull	Elk Area 5057	5
West Goat Rocks	WF	Any	Sept. 20-24	Any bull	Elk Area 5058	5))
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Sept. ((20-24)) <u>19-23</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	1
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Sept. ((20-24)) <u>19-23</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WF	Any	Sept. ((20-24)) <u>19-23</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
((Mt. Adams))	WF	Any	Sept. 20-24	Any bull	Elk Area 5059	5))
Mudflow	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WF	Any	Sept. ((25-29)) <u>23-26</u>	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 603, 607, 612, 615	4
Matheny	WF	Any	Sept. ((25-29)) <u>26-30</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 618	((3)) <u>1</u>
Quinault	WF	Any	Sept. ((25-29)) <u>26-30</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 638	((4)) <u>3</u>
Wynoochee	WF	Any	Sept. ((25-29)) <u>26-30</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 648	1
White River	WF	Any	Sept. ((25-29)) <u>24-28</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	2
Prescott	EA	Any	Sept. ((6-23)) <u>5-22</u>	Any bull	GMU 149	1
Blue Creek	EA	Any	Sept. ((6-23)) <u>5-22</u>	Any bull	GMU 154	((4)) <u>3</u>
Dayton	EA	Any	Sept. ((6-23)) <u>5-22</u>	Any bull	GMUs 162, 163	1
Tucannon	EA	Any	Sept. ((6-23)) <u>5-22</u>	Any bull	GMU 166	2
Wenaha West	EA	Any	Sept. ((6-23)) <u>5-22</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	2

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Wenaha East	EA	Any	Sept. (6-23) <u>5-22</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	2
Mountain View	EA	Any	Sept. (6-23) <u>5-22</u>	Any bull	GMU 172	(7) <u>65</u>
Lick Creek	EA	Any	Sept. (6-23) <u>5-22</u>	Any bull	GMU 175	(2) <u>42</u>
Peola	EA	Any	Sept. (6-23) <u>5-22</u>	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	(3) <u>1</u>
Couse	EA	Any	Sept. (6-23) <u>5-22</u>	Any bull	GMU 181	2
Colockum	EA	Any	Sept. (11-23) <u>10-22</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	156
Teanaway	EA	Any	Sept. (11-23) <u>10-22</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	2
Peaches Ridge	EA	Any	Sept. (11-23) <u>10-22</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	<u>98</u>
Observatory	EA	Any	Sept. (11-23) <u>10-22</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	1813
Goose Prairie	EA	Any	Sept. (11-23) <u>10-22</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	5
Bethel	EA	Any	Sept. (11-23) <u>10-22</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	<u>89</u>
Rimrock	EA	Any	Sept. (11-23) <u>10-22</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	1812
Cowiche	EA	Any	Sept. (11-23) <u>10-22</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	4
Alkali	EA	Any	Sept. (1-24) <u>1-23</u>	Any elk	GMUs 334, 371	4925
Nooksack	WA	Any	((Aug. 23 - Sept. 11 and Jan. 1-19, 2022)) <u>Aug. 25 - Sept. 15 and Jan. 1-19, 2023</u>	Any bull	GMU 418	8
Toutle	WA	Any	Sept. (11-23) <u>10-22</u> and Dec. 1-15	Any bull	GMU 556	2417
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Sept. 12-18	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	1
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Sept. (4-10) <u>3-9</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
Mudflow	WA	Any	((Sept. 11-18 and Nov. 18-22)) <u>Sept. 10-17 and Nov. 17-20</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WA	Any	Sept. (1-23) <u>1-22</u>	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 603, 607, 612, 615	2
White River	WA	Any	((Sept. 11-23 and Nov. 27 - Dec. 12)) <u>Sept. 10-22 and Nov. 26 - Dec. 11</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	1918
Prescott	EM	Any	Oct. (2-10) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 149	1
Blue Creek	EM	Any	Oct. (2-10) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 154	2

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Dayton	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 162, 163	1
Tucannon	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 166	1
Wenaha West	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	1
Wenaha East	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	1
Mountain View	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 172	((4)) 34
Lick Creek	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 175	1
Peola	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	1
Couse	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 181	42
Mission	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 251	((4)) <u>2</u>
Colockum	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	74
Teanaway	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	1
Peaches Ridge	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	43
Observatory	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	5
Goose Prairie	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	21
Bethel	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	2
Rimrock	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	5
Cowiche	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	42
Alkali	EM	Any	((Sept. 25 – Oct. 15)) <u>Sept. 24 - Oct. 14</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 371	109
Nooksack	WM	Any	((Sept. 18-29 and Nov. 13-22, and Nov. 28-Dec. 5)) <u>Sept. 17-28 and Nov. 13-30</u>	Any bull	GMU 418	8
Toutle	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	11
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Sept. 12-18	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WM	Any	Sept. 12-18	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
Mudflow	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-12)) <u>1-11</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WM	Any	((Sept. 25 – Oct. 1)) <u>Sept. 27-30</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. ((7-12)) <u>6-11</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
Grande Ronde	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 – Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 24 - Nov. 6</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Mission	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 – Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 24 - Nov. 6</u>	Any bull	GMU 251	((4)) <u>2</u>

Bulls						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Peshastin	EF	Any	Feb. 8-17, 2022	Any bull	Elk Area 2033	4
Teanaway	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMU 335	4
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	45 17
Observatory	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	45 16
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	7 9
Bethel	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMU 360	7 10
Rimrock	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMU 364	33 36
Cowiche	EF	Any	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMU 368	4 5
Sauk	WF	Any	((Oct. 2 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 1 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 437	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. ((1-17)) <u>1-16</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	8
Skokomish	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-17)) <u>1-16</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	((4)) <u>5</u>
White River	WF	Any	Oct. ((16)) <u>15</u> - Nov. 10	Any bull	GMU 653	45 44
Turnbull	EA	Any	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
Grande Ronde	EA	Any	Sept. ((6-23)) <u>5-22</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Sauk	WA	Any	((Aug. 23 - Sept. 11 and Jan. 1-7, 2022)) <u>Aug. 25 - Sept. 15 and Jan. 1-7, 2023</u>	Any bull	GMU 437	9
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
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. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	3 pt. min.	GMU 560	5
Siouxon	WA	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	3 pt. min.	GMU 572	5

Bulls						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Olympic	WA	Any	Sept. ((1-23)) <u>1-22</u> and Dec. 1-15	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT Elk Area 6071	4
Skokomish	WA	Any	Sept. ((1-23)) <u>1-22</u> and Dec. 1-15	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	34
Turnbull	EM	Any	((Nov. 27 - Dec. 2)) <u>Nov. 26 - Dec. 1</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
Grande Ronde	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Sauk	WM	Any	((Sept. 18-29 and Nov. 29 - Dec. 8 and Jan. 8-19, 2022)) <u>Sept. 17-28 and Nov. 28 - Dec. 7 and Jan. 8-19, 2023</u>	Any bull	GMU 437	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. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.	GMU 554	5
Olympic	WM	Any	((Sept. 25 - Oct. 8)) <u>Sept. 24 - Oct. 7</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	3
Skokomish	WM	Any	((Sept. 25 - Oct. 8)) <u>Sept. 24 - Oct. 7</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	((1)) <u>21</u>
White River	WM	Any	((Sept. 25 - Oct. 8)) <u>Sept. 24 - Oct. 7</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	9

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
North Half	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Douglas	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 108	5
Aladdin	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	10
Selkirk	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	10
49 Degrees North	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	10
Huckleberry	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 121	10

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	EF	Any	Nov. ((13-18)) <u>12-17</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Turnbull	EF	Any	Dec. ((7-12)) <u>6-11</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	Oct. ((16-24)) <u>15-23</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	10
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	10
Prescott	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	20
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((16-24)) <u>15-23</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	5
Blue Creek	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	5
Marengo	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 163	10
Mountain View	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	5
Couse	EF	Any	Oct. ((16-24)) <u>15-23</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	10
Couse	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	25
Malaga	EF	Any	Sept. 6-17	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	20
Malaga	EF	Any	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	55
Peshastin	EF	Any	Dec. 15, 2021 - Feb. 8, 2022 <u>Dec. 15, 2022 - Feb. 8, 2023</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2033	20
Colockum	EF	Any	Nov. ((3-7)) <u>2-6</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	50
West Bar	EF	Any	Nov. ((3-7)) <u>2-6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
Teanaway	EF	Any	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 335	25
Taneum	EF	Any	Nov. ((3-7)) <u>2-6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 336	20 <u>180</u>
Manastash	EF	Any	Nov. ((3-7)) <u>2-6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 340	20 <u>130</u>
Umtanum	EF	Any	Nov. ((3-7)) <u>2-6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 342, <u>346</u>	20 <u>125</u>
Little Naches	EF	Any	Nov. ((3-7)) <u>2-6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 346	20 <u>125</u>
Nile	EF	Any	Nov. ((3-7)) <u>2-6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 352	10
Bumping	EF	Any	Nov. ((3-7)) <u>2-6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 356	15
Bethel	EF	Any	Nov. ((3-7)) <u>2-6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 360	10
Rimrock	EF	Any	Nov. ((3-7)) <u>2-6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 364	15 <u>145</u>

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Cowiche	EF	Any	Nov. ((3-7)) <u>2-6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 368	4580
Alkali A	EF	Any	((Oct. 16 - Nov. 5)) <u>Oct. 15 - Nov. 4</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	45
Alkali B	EF	Any	Nov. ((6-24)) <u>5-23</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	45
Green River	WF, WA, WM	Any	Nov. 13-19 <u>Oct. 15-21</u>	Antlerless	GMU 485	4210
Mossyrock	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	20
Willapa Hills	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 506	20
Winston	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	((40)) <u>5</u>
Margaret	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 524 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066)	5
Ryderwood	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	15
Coweeman	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	((40)) <u>5</u>
Toutle	WF	Any	Nov. ((20-30)) <u>21-30</u>	Antlerless	GMU 556	5
Lewis River	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	((15)) <u>10</u>
Washougal	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	((40)) <u>5</u>
Siouxon	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 572	((40)) <u>5</u>
Wind River	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	((15)) <u>5</u>
West Klickitat	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 578	((30)) <u>5</u>
Norway Pass	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	3
Mudflow	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	3
Mallis	WF	Any	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Mallis	WF	Any	Jan. 1-20, ((2022)) <u>2023</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	20
Puyallup	WF	Any	Jan. 1-20, ((2022)) <u>2023</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Puyallup	WF	Any	Jan. 21 - Feb. 10, ((2022)) <u>2023</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Puyallup	WF	Any	Feb. 11-28, ((2022)) <u>2023</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Joyce	WF	Any	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6030	5
Hanaford	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Williams Creek	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 673	50

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Long Beach	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 684	4
Turnbull	EA	Any	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	12
Malaga	EA	Any	Aug. 29 - Sept. 4	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	20
Colockum	EA	Any	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	75
Colockum	EA	Any	Nov. ((25)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 328	20
Taneum <u>Early</u>	EA	Any	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Antlerless	GMU 336	60 <u>100</u>
<u>Taneum Late</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Nov. 23 – Dec. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 336</u>	<u>100</u>
Manastash	EA	Any	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Antlerless	GMU 340	60 <u>140</u>
Umtanum	EA	Any	Nov. ((25)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 342	60 <u>175</u>
Nile <u>Early</u>	EA	Any	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Antlerless	GMU 352	50 <u>30</u>
<u>Nile Late</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Nov. 23 – Dec. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 352</u>	<u>30</u>
Bumping	EA	Any	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Antlerless	GMU 356	50
Rimrock	EA	Any	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Antlerless	GMU 364	60 <u>100</u>
Cowiche	EA	Any	Nov. ((25)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	Elk Area 3681	50 <u>100</u>
Margaret	WA	Any	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u> and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 524 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066)	5
Toutle	WA	Any	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u> and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 556	10
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	3
Mudflow	WA	Any	((Sept. 4-10 and Nov. 18-22)) Sept. 3-9 and Nov. 17-20	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	5
Lewis River	WA	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Siouxon	WA	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 572	3
Wynoochee	WA	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 648	((95)) <u>90</u>
North Half	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Douglas	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 108	5
Aladdin	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	10
Selkirk	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	10
49 Degrees North	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	20

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Huckleberry	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) 1-7 and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 121	10
Turnbull	EM	Any	((Nov. 27 - Dec. 2)) <u>Nov. 26 - Dec. 1</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	8
Turnbull	EM	Any	Dec. ((14-19)) <u>13-18</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	8
Blue Creek	EM	Any	((Dec. 9, 2021 - Jan. 20, 2022)) <u>Dec. 9, 2022 - Jan. 20, 2023</u>	Antlerless	((GMU 154)) <u>Elk Area 1054</u>	15
Mountain View	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	5
Mayview-Peola	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) 1-7	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	10
Couse	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	10
Couse	EM	Any	((Dec. 1, 2021 - Jan. 20, 2022)) <u>Dec. 1, 2022 - Jan. 20, 2023</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081 and Elk Area 1075	((35)) <u>30</u>
Malaga	EM	Any	Oct. 2-8	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	45
Colockum	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	35
Teanaway	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 335	20
Taneum	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 336	20 <u>100</u>
Manastash	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 340	20 <u>100</u>
Umtanum	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 342	20 <u>85</u>
Nile	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 352	10
Bumping	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 356	10
Bethel	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 360	10
Cowiche	EM	Any	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 368	40 <u>60</u>
Alkali	EM	Any	((Sept. 25 - Oct. 15)) <u>Sept. 24 - Oct. 14</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	45
Willapa Hills	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) 1-7	Antlerless	GMU 506	15
Mudflow	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-12)) <u>1-11</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	4
Winston	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) 1-7	Antlerless	GMU 520	5
Margaret	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) 1-7	Antlerless	GMU 524 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066)	5
Ryderwood	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) 1-7	Antlerless	GMU 530	10
Coweeman	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) 1-7	Antlerless	GMU 550	((40)) <u>5</u>
Yale	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) 1-7	Antlerless	GMU 554	5
Yale	WM	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 554	5
Toutle	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) 1-7	Antlerless	GMU 556	((40))

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
						<u>5</u>
Lewis River	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Washougal	WM	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 568	((40)) <u>5</u>
Siouxon	WM	Any	Oct. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</u>	Antlerless	GMU 572	5
Wind River	WM	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 574	((20)) <u>5</u>
West Klickitat	WM	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 578	((75)) <u>25</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. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Mashel	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, ((2022)) <u>2023</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6054	20
North River	WM	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 658	((20)) <u>25</u>
Forks	WF, WM, WA	Any	Jan. 1-31, ((2022)) <u>2023</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. ((20-25)) <u>19-24</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Turnbull	EF	Youth	Nov. ((20-25)) <u>19-24</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
Aladdin	EF	Youth	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	5
Selkirk	EF	Youth	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	5
49 Degrees North	EF	Youth	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	5
Mayview-Peola	EF	Youth	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	5
Blue Creek	EF	Youth	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	3
Couse	EF	Youth	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	((40)) <u>5</u>
Malaga	EF	Youth	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
Yakima North	EF	Youth	Nov. ((3-11)) <u>2-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	4035
Yakima Central	EF	Youth	Nov. ((3-11)) <u>2-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Yakima South	EF	Youth	Nov. ((3-11)) <u>2-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	525
Alkali	EF	Youth	((Dec. 18, 2021- Jan. 3, 2022)) Dec. 17, 2021- Jan. 2, 2022 Dec. 17, 2022 - Jan. 2, 2023	Antlerless	GMU 371	20
Yakima Early	EA	Youth	Sept. ((1-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 352, 356, 364	2055
Yakima Late	EA	Youth	Nov. ((25)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMUs 336 , 342, 368	2040
Yakima North	EM	Youth	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	4025
Yakima Central	EM	Youth	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	10
Yakima South	EM	Youth	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	4015
Alkali	EM	Youth	Nov. 25 - Dec. 17	Antlerless	GMU 371	10
Sauk	WF, WM, WA	Youth	((Nov. 6-28 and Dec. 13-28)) Nov. 5-27 and Dec. 12-27	Antlerless	GMU 437	5
<u>Green River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 15-21</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 485</u>	<u>2</u>
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Youth	Nov. ((23-30)) <u>22-30</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Youth	Oct. ((23-31)) <u>22-30</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	5
Coweeman	WF	Youth	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	10
Toutle	WF	Youth	Nov. ((20-30)) <u>21-30</u>	Antlerless	GMU 556	10
Lewis River	WF	Youth	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Wind River	WF	Youth	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	5
West Klickitat	WF	Youth	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 578	10
Region 5	WF, WM	Youth with mentor	((Aug. 1, 2021- Mar. 31, 2022)) <u>Aug. 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	((40)) <u>5^{HC}</u>
Peninsula	WF	Youth	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	4
Clearwater	WF	Youth	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 615	5
Matheny	WF	Youth	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 618	5
Wynoochee	WF	Youth	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 648	10
North River	WF	Youth	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	((5)) <u>6</u>

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Williams Creek	WF	Youth	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 673	10
Mallis	WF	Youth	((Dec. 16, 2021- Jan. 20, 2022)) <u>Dec. 16, 2022 - Jan. 20, 2023</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Peninsula	WA	Youth	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	2
Peninsula	WM	Youth	Oct. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	2
Forks	WF, WM, WA	Youth	((Dec. 16-31)) <u>Dec. 16 - Jan. 31</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6612	10*
Region 6	WF	Youth with mentor	((Aug. 1, 2021- Mar. 31, 2022)) <u>Aug. 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	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. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMUs 113, 117	10
Prescott	EF	65+	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	3
Blue Creek	EF	65+	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	1
Marengo	EF	65+	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 163	1
Peola-Mayview	EF	65+	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) <u>Oct. 29 - Nov. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMU 178, <u>145</u>	2
Malaga	EF	65+	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
Yakima North	EF	65+	Nov. ((3-11)) <u>2-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10
Yakima Central	EF	65+	Nov. ((3-11)) <u>2-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF	65+	Nov. ((3-11)) <u>2-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
Alkali	EF	65+	((Oct. 16 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 15 - Nov. 4</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	10
Yakima Early	EA	65+	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 352, 356, 364	40 <u>15</u>
Yakima Late	EA	65+	Nov. ((25)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMUs 336 , 342, 368	10
Yakima North	EM	65+	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	5
Yakima Central	EM	65+	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Ryderwood	WF	65+	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	5

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Willapa Hills	WF	65+	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 506	5
Sauk	WF, WM, WA	65+	((Nov. 6-28 and Dec. 13-28)) Nov. 5-27 and Dec. 12-27	Antlerless	GMU 437	5
Peninsula	WF	65+	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	3
Hanaford	WF, WM, WA	65+	Jan. 1-15, ((2022)) <u>2023</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Hanaford	WF, WM, WA	65+	Jan. 16-31, ((2022)) <u>2023</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Peninsula	WA	65+	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1
Peninsula	WM	65+	Oct. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</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. 30 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 29 - Nov. 6 and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMUs 113, 117	4
Turnbull	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((6-14)) <u>5-10</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Prescott	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Antlerless	GMU 149	3
Blue Creek	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Antlerless	GMU 154	1
Marengo	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Antlerless	GMU 163	1
Peola-Mayview	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 30 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Antlerless	GMU 178, <u>145</u>	((2)) <u>1</u>
Observatory	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 7)) Oct. 24 - Nov. 6	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	((2)) <u>1</u>
Little Naches	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((2-10)) <u>1-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 346	2
Malaga	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. 6-17	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
Yakima North	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. ((3-11)) <u>2-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10 <u>15</u>
Yakima Central	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. ((3-11)) <u>2-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. ((3-11)) <u>2-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
Alkali	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 16 - Nov. 5)) Oct. 15 - Nov. 4	Any elk	GMUs 334, 371	5

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Corral Canyon	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Sept. 25 - Oct. 3)) <u>Sept. 24 - Oct. 2</u>	Any elk	Elk Area 3721	2
Sauk	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Nov. 6-28 and Dec. 13-28)) <u>Nov. 5-27 and Dec. 12-27</u>	Antlerless	GMU 437	5
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((14-20)) <u>13-19</u>	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. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	5
Region 5	WF, WM	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022)) <u>Aug. 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	5 ^{HC}
Peninsula	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. ((6-17)) <u>5-16</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	3
Peninsula	WM	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((2-8)) <u>1-7</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1
Peninsula	WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. ((11-23)) <u>10-22</u>	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. ((21-31)) <u>20-31</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Region 1	EF, EA, EM/ 2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022)) <u>Aug. 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	Antlerless	Region 1	20 ^{HC}
Region 2	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022 <u>Aug. 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 2	10 ^{HC}
Region 3	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022)) <u>Aug. 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	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, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022)) <u>Aug. 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	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, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022)) <u>July 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	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, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022)) <u>July 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in King and Snohomish counties	10 ^{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
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
Region 5	Any western elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2021– Mar. 31, 2022)) <u>Aug. 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	20 ^{HC}
Long Beach	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((July 1, 2021– Mar. 31, 2022)) <u>July 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	Antlerless	GMU 684	5
Region 6	WF, WA, WM/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((July 1, 2021– Mar. 31, 2022)) <u>July 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	30 ^{HC}
Region 5 Northwest—Hoof Disease	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((Dec. 1, 2021– Feb. 28, 2022)) <u>Dec. 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 501, 503, 504, 505, 506 ((except CLOSED in Elk Area 6010)) , 520, 524 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066) , 530, 550	15**
Region 5 Southeast—Hoof Disease	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((Dec. 1, 2021– Feb. 28, 2022)) <u>Dec. 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 554, 560, 564, 568, 572, 574, 578 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5062) , 388, 382	10**
Region 6 Willapa Hills—Hoof Disease	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((Dec. 1, 2021– Feb. 28, 2022)) <u>Dec. 1, 2022 - Feb. 28, 2023</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 658, 660, 663, 672 ((except CLOSED in Elk Area 6010)) , 673 ((except CLOSED in Elk Area 6010)) , 681	15**

* 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

Elk Hoof Disease Incentive Permits

- = Special elk permits will be allocated through a random drawing of hunters 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.
- = Qualified hunters may only receive one incentive permit each year.

Area	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
<u>Mount St. Helens</u>	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31	<u>Any Bull</u>	<u>GMUs 505, 520, 550, 554, 556, 560, 564, 568, 572, 574, 578, 382, 388</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>South Rainier</u>		<u>Any Bull</u>	<u>GMUs 503, 510, 513, 516</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Willapa Hills</u>		<u>Any Bull</u>	<u>GMUs 501, 504, 506, 530, 658, 660, 663, 672, 673, 681, 684</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>North Rainier</u>		<u>Any Bull</u>	<u>GMUs 652, 653, 654</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Olympic</u>		<u>Any Bull</u>	<u>GMUs 601, 602, 603, 607, 612, 615, 618, 624, 633, 638, 642, 648, 651, excludes Elk Area 6064</u>	<u>5</u>

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 21-14-022 (Order 21-61), § 220-415-060, filed 6/28/21, effective 7/29/21; 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.]

WAC 220-415-060 Elk Special Permits.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments have occurred since the notebook material deadline.

- Change: permit adjustments in the Green River elk hunts

Category	Hunt name	Weapon/Tag	Dates	2021 Permits	2022 Proposed Permits	GMUs	Restriction
Quality	Green River	WF, WA, WM	Nov. 13-19; Oct. 15-21	10	10	GMU 485	Any bull
Antlerless	Green River	WF, WA, WM	Nov. 13-19; Oct. 15-21	12	10	GMU 485	Antlerless
Youth	Green River	WF, WA, WM	Oct. 15-21	NA	2	GMU 485	Antlerless

Rationale: adjustments are a result of negotiations with tribal co-managers which occur after filing of the CR-102. The reduction of two permits in the Antlerless category is compensated by the creation of a Youth category hunt with two permits, thereby providing opportunity across multiple user groups.

- Change: Hunt date adjustments as follows -

Category	Hunt name	Weapon/Tag	Recommended Change	Species/Restriction
Antlerless	Peshastin	E. Firearm	Dec. 15, 2021 – Feb. 8, 2022; Dec. 15, 2022 - Feb. 8 2023	Antlerless
Youth	Alkali	E. Firearm	Dec. 17, 2021 – Jan 2, 2022; Dec. 17, 2022 - Jan 2, 2023	Antlerless
Master Hunter	Region 2 MH	Any	Aug. 1, 2021 – Mar. 31, 2022; Aug. 1, 2022 - Mar. 31, 2023	Antlerless

Rationale: The dates for this hunt were not updated in draft rulemaking proposals.

- Change: permit adjustments for hunts in the Yakima elk herd area as follows –

Category	Hunt name	Weapon/Tag	2021 Permits	2022 Proposed Permits	Change	Restriction
Antlerless	Taneum	E. Firearm	20	180	160	Antlerless
Antlerless	Manastash	E. Firearm	20	130	110	Antlerless
Antlerless	Umtanum	E. Firearm	20	125	105	Antlerless
Antlerless	Little Naches	E. Firearm	20	125	105	Antlerless
Antlerless	Rimrock	E. Firearm	15	145	130	Antlerless
Antlerless	Cowiche	E. Firearm	15	80	65	Antlerless
Antlerless	Taneum Early	E. Archery	60	100	40	Antlerless
Antlerless	Taneum Late	E. Archery	NA	100	New Hunt	Antlerless
Antlerless	Manastash	E. Archery	60	140	80	Antlerless
Antlerless	Umtanum	E. Archery	60	175	115	Antlerless
Antlerless	Nile Early	E. Archery	50	30	-20	Antlerless
Antlerless	Nile Late	E. Archery	NA	30	New Hunt	Antlerless
Antlerless	Rimrock	E. Archery	60	100	40	Antlerless
Antlerless	Cowiche	E. Archery	50	100	50	Antlerless
Antlerless	Taneum	E. Muzzleloader	20	100	80	Antlerless
Antlerless	Manastash	E. Muzzleloader	20	100	80	Antlerless
Antlerless	Umtanum	E. Muzzleloader	20	85	65	Antlerless
Antlerless	Cowiche	E. Muzzleloader	10	60	50	Antlerless
Youth	Yakima North	E. Firearm	10	35	25	Antlerless
Youth	Yakima South	E. Firearm	5	25	20	Antlerless
Youth	Yakima Early	E. Archery	20	55	35	Antlerless
Youth	Yakima Late	E. Archery	20	40	20	Antlerless
Youth	Yakima North	E. Muzzleloader	10	25	15	Antlerless
Youth	Yakima South	E. Muzzleloader	10	15	5	Antlerless
65+ Senior Hunters with Disabilities	Yakima Early	E. Archery	10	15	5	Antlerless
	Yakima North	Any	10	15	5	Antlerless

Rationale: The Yakima population is above objective levels, as estimated by surveys conducted after filing of the CR-102 (late February 2022). Consequently, antlerless harvest can be increased in this population to provide additional opportunity and manage this population toward its objective range.

- Change: adjust permit levels as follows –

Category	Hunt name	Weapon/Tag	2022		Change	Restriction	Herd
			2021 Permits	Proposed Permits			
Quality	Blue Creek	E. Modern	9	7	-2	Any Bull	Blue Mtns
Quality	Couse	E. Modern	5	7	2	Any Bull	Blue Mtns
Quality	Couse	E. Muzzleloader	1	2	1	Any Bull	Blue Mtns
Quality	Dayton	E. Modern	2	3	1	Any Bull	Blue Mtns
Quality	Lick Creek	E. Modern	1	2	1	Any Bull	Blue Mtns
Quality	Lick Creek	E. Archery	2	2	na	Any Bull	Blue Mtns
Quality	Mountain View	E. Archery	7	5	-2	Any Bull	Blue Mtns
Quality	Mountain View	E. Muzzleloader	4	4	na	Any Bull	Blue Mtns
Quality	Prescott	E. Modern	2	3	1	Any Bull	Blue Mtns
Quality	Colockum	E. Modern	22	11	-11	Any Bull	Colockum
Quality	Colockum	E. Archery	15	6	-9	Any Bull	Colockum
Quality	Colockum	E. Muzzleloader	7	4	-3	Any Bull	Colockum
Quality	Toutle	W. Modern	31	32	1	Any Bull	Mount St Helens
Quality	Toutle	W. Archery	21	17	-4	Any Bull	Mount St Helens
Bull	White River	W. Modern	45	44	-1	Any Bull	N. Rainier
Quality	White River	W. Archery	19	18	-1	Any Bull	N. Rainier
Bull	Skokomish	W. Archery	3	4	1	Any Bull	Olympic
Bull	Skokomish	W. Muzzleloader	1	1	na	Any Bull	Olympic
Bull	Peaches Ridge	E. Modern	15	17	2	Any Bull	Yakima
Quality	Peaches Ridge	E. Archery	9	8	-1	Any Bull	Yakima
Quality	Peaches Ridge	E. Muzzleloader	4	3	-1	Any Bull	Yakima
Quality	Goose Prairie	E. Muzzleloader	2	1	-1	Any Bull	Yakima
Bull	Goose Prairie	E. Firearm	7	9	2	Any Bull	Yakima
Bull	Observatory	E. Modern	15	16	1	Any Bull	Yakima
Quality	Observatory	E. Archery	18	13	-5	Any Bull	Yakima
Bull	Bethel	E. Modern	7	10	3	Any Bull	Yakima
Quality	Bethel	E. Archery	8	9	1	Any Bull	Yakima
Bull	Rimrock	E. Modern	33	36	3	Any Bull	Yakima
Quality	Rimrock	E. Archery	18	12	-6	Any Bull	Yakima
Bull	Cowiche	E. Modern	4	5	1	Any Bull	Yakima
Quality	Cowiche	E. Muzzleloader	1	2	1	Any Bull	Yakima
Quality	Alkali	E. Modern	25	33	8	Any Bull	Yakima
Quality	Alkali	E. Archery	40	25	-15	Any Bull	Yakima
Quality	Alkali	E. Muzzleloader	10	9	-1	Any Bull	Yakima

*“na” under the “change” column are a result of proposed permit changes in the initial CR102 filing (February 2022) that were subsequently adjusted after the March 2022 briefing to the same levels as the 2021 license year. Adjustments occurring after the March briefing are a function of the special permit allocation formula, outlined below.

Rationale: the permit levels for these hunts are set using a special permit allocation formula. The special permit allocation formula takes into account harvest statistics of the preceding five years—specifically the number of hunters and the number of harvests (i.e., success) – and license sales of the immediately preceding license year to allocate the number of permits by weapon type. The goal is to set permits by weapon type at levels that meet a harvest target, which is set by the district biologist based on population characteristics.

For example, a hypothetical hunt has a 2022 harvest target of 3 bull elk. Over the last 5 years, a total of 7 modern firearm hunters participated in this hunt and a total of 4 elk were harvested during that period using modern firearm equipment. In the 2021 license year, 63% of elk licenses/tags sold were for modern firearm. To determine the allocation for modern firearm permits in this scenario, the formula is as follows:

2022 modern firearm permit number = harvest target (3 elk) × proportion of 2021 elk licenses that were modern firearm (0.63) ÷ 5-year success rate (4/7 = 0.57)

$$= (3 * 0.63) \div 0.57$$

$$= 3.32$$

= 3 (rounded to nearest whole number); that is, 3 permits are allocated for modern firearm hunters

The same process is followed for archery and muzzleloader permit allocation.



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

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 220-415-120 2021 Bighorn sheep seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

WAC 220-415-130 2021 Mountain goat seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

WAC 220-416-060 2021-2022 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
March 18, 2022	8:00 a.m.	Webinar	This meeting will take place by webinar. The public may participate in the meeting. Registration is required to testify at the public hearing. Registration deadlines and registration forms are available at http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/commission/meetings or contact the Commission office at (360) 902-2267.

Date of intended adoption: April 8, 2022 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

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By (date) March 19, 2022

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to recommend for adoption slight changes to permit allocations and season dates for properties enrolled in the Landowner Hunting Permit Program. In addition, staff proposes wording changes to the WAC that addresses identified discrepancies between the WAC language and Commission Policy C-6002. Proposed changes will align and re-establish the language in the Commission Policy if adopted.

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

The Department sets deer general seasons in accordance with the Department's mandate to provide recreational hunting opportunity and preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage wildlife populations, RCW 77.04.012. Proposals for major changes to general seasons are considered at a three-year cycle (most recently completed in 2021). Minor proposed changes are considered on an annual basis or due to emerging needs. Proposed changes for 2022 include:

1. A change to black-tailed deer early archery 2022 general season dates is proposed to fix an error in the 2021-2023 season setting process that inadvertently lengthened the early archery season and created overlap with elk muzzleloader special permits in the same hunt areas. The change avoids season overlap and potential conflict among different weapon-type hunters in the same hunt area, minimal other effects are anticipated.
2. A change in the list of GMUs for western Washington black-tailed deer early muzzleloader season is proposed to fix a minor error (GMUs listed out of order). This change clarifies open GMUs and no effects are anticipated.
3. A change in the 2022 and 2023 late archery mule deer general season for GMUs 209, 215, 233, 243, 250 is proposed to fix an error in the 2021-2023 3-year season setting process which had inadvertently shortened the season without public input. This change is anticipated to restore season length and hunting opportunity to previous levels.

WAC 220-415-030 2022 Deer special permits.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain deer special permit opportunity in 2022 in accordance with the Department's mandate to provide recreational hunting opportunity and preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage wildlife populations, RCW 77.04.012. Changes to deer special permit availability (i.e., permit dates, permit levels) are proposed to balance hunting opportunity among user groups with deer population status (i.e., increased hunting opportunities when populations allow, reduced opportunities when declining numbers warrant reduction), and to retain consistency in season timing (e.g., open/close day of week). Notable proposed changes include:

1. Reductions in permits in the antlerless, youth, 2nd deer, and hunter with disability categories are proposed to assist population recovery of white-tailed deer and mule deer. These changes are proposed in response to hemorrhagic disease outbreaks in eastern Washington during late summer of 2021, which reduced local population abundance. Reductions in Region 2 are also warranted due to concern over poor population productivity. Anticipated effects are a reduction in white-tailed deer and mule deer special permit hunting opportunity, in units/hunts where outbreaks occurred, to facilitate population rebound.
2. Reductions in permits in the quality and buck categories are proposed to balance hunter opportunity with population status (i.e., the number of bucks on the landscape) for white-tailed deer and mule deer. These changes are proposed in response to hemorrhagic disease outbreaks in eastern Washington during late summer of 2021, which reduced local population abundance. Anticipated effects are a reduction in white-tailed deer and mule deer special permit hunting opportunity in units/hunts where outbreaks occurred.
3. Moving Skokomish Quality deer permit opportunity to the Buck category; reductions in permit numbers in Buck, Antlerless, Senior, and Hunter with Disability categories in GMU 636 in response to harvest trends that indicate population decline in the unit. Anticipated effects are a reduced permit draw opportunity in GMU 636.
4. Reductions in Antlerless deer permits in North River (GMU 658), Minot Peak (GMU 660), Capitol Peak (GMU 663), and Williams Creek (GMU 673) and reductions in Youth, 65+ Senior, and Hunters with Disabilities permit levels for North River (GMU 658) and Capitol Peak (GMU 663) in response to harvest trends (i.e., total harvest, success, ratio of bucks to antlerless animals harvested) that indicate potential population decline, motivating conservative target harvest levels.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

1. An elk area (3911) boundary change is proposed to exclude an area of non-agricultural land. Under the current boundary, elk in the unincorporated WDFW property are frequently pressured onto neighboring private property by hunting activity, occasionally creating conflict with landowners. Neighboring landowners have requested the change as they believe elk are being pressured onto private crop fields. A new boundary fence may be constructed in the near future in cooperation with the irrigation district. Anticipated effects are the reduction in neighboring private landowner conflict with elk, other effects are anticipated to be minimal.
2. An elk area (1054) is proposed in GMU 154. WDFW anticipates a better ability to mitigate elk damage in GMU 154 by concentrating hunting activity where damage is most prevalent, while preventing additional harvest of antlerless elk in other areas of GMU 154 where population growth is a priority.

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

The Department sets elk general seasons in accordance with the Department's mandate to provide recreational hunting opportunity and preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage wildlife populations, RCW 77.04.012. Proposals for major

changes to general seasons are considered at a three-year cycle (most recently completed in 2021). Minor proposed changes are considered on an annual basis or due to emerging needs. Proposed changes for 2022 include:

1. A change to the eastern Washington archery and muzzleloader general season open GMUs is proposed to exclude deer area 5382. This change is anticipated to eliminate overlap between elk general season hunters and deer special permit holders in deer area 5382, thereby maintaining hunt quality for deer special permit holders and minimizing potential conflict between elk general season hunters and deer special permit hunters. A minor reduction in open hunt area for general season elk hunters is anticipated (i.e., Deer Area 5382).

WAC 220-415-060 2022 Elk special permits.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain elk special permit opportunity in 2022 in accordance with the Department's mandate to provide recreational hunting opportunity and preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage wildlife populations, RCW 77.04.012. Specific changes to elk special permit availability (i.e., permit dates, permit levels) are proposed to balance hunting opportunity among user groups against elk population status (i.e., increased hunting opportunities when populations allow, reduced opportunities when declining numbers warrant reduction), to retain consistency in season timing (e.g., open/close day of week), or to avoid overlap among big game special permits and general seasons (e.g., overlap of seasons with different legal weapon types). Notable proposed changes include:

1. Reduction in permit levels for Quality Elk permits in some of the Blue Mountains elk herd area (Blue Creek, Tucannon, Wenaha East, Mountain View, Peola) in response to reduced elk abundance in this population. Anticipated effects are a reduction in draw opportunity for the above hunts.
2. Elimination of the Mt. Adams 'quality' elk special permit hunt is proposed. This permit opportunity has declined in quality (i.e., hunter success, satisfaction) and has caused conflict among hunters of different weapon types due to overlapping deer general seasons. Anticipated effects are a reduction in quality draw opportunity (5 permits).
3. Elimination of the Carlton and West Goat Rocks special permit hunts is proposed. This permit opportunity has declined in quality (i.e., hunter success, satisfaction) and is sensitive to land closures (e.g., because of wildfire) because of the restricted hunt areas. The Department is proposing to offset the loss of Quality Elk opportunity in this area by increasing permit opportunity in the South Rainier and Packwood hunts, which offer more flexibility to an individual hunter in hunt area. Anticipated effects are a decreased Quality Bull permit opportunity (reduction in 10 permits), albeit offset by an increase in permit opportunity within the same area (i.e., South Rainier and Packwood hunts).
4. Increased permit levels for Skokomish Bull elk permits. Anticipated effects are an increase in Bull Elk permit opportunity.
5. Reduction of permit levels for Antlerless elk permits in the Mount St Helens elk herd area (Winston, Coweeman, Lewis River, Washougal, Siouxon, Wind River, West Klickitat) in response to population declines. Anticipated effects are a reduction in Antlerless elk permit opportunity.
6. Elimination of the Forks 65+ Senior antlerless elk special permit is proposed. The hunt is designed to address conflict elk, but the number of hunters has created crowding and associated landowner complaints. Anticipated effects are a reduction (by 10 permits) of 65+ Senior Antlerless elk special permit draw opportunity.
7. New "incentive" special permits are proposed that are associated with the Department's pilot program to incentivize the harvest of elk that display signs of treponeme-associated hoof disease. Anticipated effects are an additional permit opportunity (19 permits) for hunters that participated in the Department's Elk Hoof Disease Incentive program (<https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/diseases/elk-hoof/incentive-permits>).

WAC 220-415-070 2022 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

1. A change is proposed to exclude Parker Lake from hunt area 49 Degrees North. The excluded area is undergoing a large-scale timber harvest that will negatively impact hunt quality. The excluded area will likely be restored in the future. No substantial impact to harvest opportunity is anticipated.
2. A change to the hunt area of the Hangman and Cheney B hunts that expands the hunt area to include GMU 139 is proposed. Anticipated effects are expanded hunting opportunity while assisting the Department in addressing moose that occasionally cause conflict.

WAC 220-415-120 2022 Bighorn sheep seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

1. Changes to bighorn sheep permit availability (i.e., permit levels) are proposed to balance hunting opportunity with population status. Elimination of Selah Butte and Umtanum (Yakima bighorn herd) adult ewe, juvenile ram, and youth permits are proposed due to a recent outbreak of bighorn sheep pneumonia. Anticipated effects are a reduction in special permit hunting opportunity for bighorn sheep in the two hunt areas.
2. An adjustment of hunt dates is proposed that increase or maintain the number of open days for some hunts. The anticipated effect of this proposal is a maintenance or increase in hunt opportunity as measured by hunting days.
3. Modification of the hunt area for the Mountain View – Black Butte hunt is proposed to increase the hunt area to include GMUs 186 and portions of GMU 181. Anticipated effects are expanded hunting area for this permit, otherwise no effects are anticipated.

WAC 220-415-130 2022 Mountain goat seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

1. A one-permit reduction in mountain goat permit availability of the Goat Rocks East hunt is proposed to balance hunting opportunity with population status. The anticipated effect of this proposal is a minor reduction in mountain goat special permit opportunity.
2. Suspension of "conflict reduction special permits" are proposed. These permits are in association with a depopulation effort on the Olympic Peninsula. In summer 2022, aerial removal efforts will continue in the current hunt areas. As a result, few, if any, mountain goats are anticipated to remain in the hunt area and hunting opportunity will be poor quality. This change is anticipated to avoid poor hunt quality, at the expense of reduced mountain goat draw opportunity. Future permit opportunity may be reinstated after the aerial removal has concluded if mountain goats remain in accessible locations in the hunt area.

WAC 220-416-060 2021-2022 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.

Migratory game bird seasons and regulations are developed based 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.

The proposed changes, if adopted, will:

1. Adjust season dates relative to 2022-2023 calendar dates;
2. Maintain the "liberal regulatory alternative" as prescribed by the Western Mallard Adaptive Harvest Management Protocol for season length and bag-limit for ducks (107 days, up to 7 duck bag-limit, including no more than 2 female mallards);
3. Maintain one-pintail per day bag-limit and associated possession limit per the USFWS Northern Pintail Harvest Strategy;
4. 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;
5. Evaluate sea duck harvest estimates in relation to the most recent PSAMP aerial survey results for consistency with the WDFW sea duck management strategies of less than 5% of the winter index.
6. Decrease the Canada goose (including cackling geese) daily bag-limit in Goose Management Area 2-Coast and Goose Management Area 2-Inland to three Canada geese per day bag-limit and associated possession limits during the regular season;
7. The brant season in Skagit County will start closed as the most recent 3-year winter index has fallen below 3,000 brant;
8. Adjusts the nine-day band-tailed pigeon season dates to start and end on a weekend, and;
9. Clarifies that mandatory harvest reporting information must be recorded within the designated spaces provided on the harvest record card.

Reasons supporting proposal:

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

The proposal, if adopted, would adjust the Landowner Hunting Permit WAC to reflect the new proposed permit allocations and season dates for the enrolled properties in the Landowner Hunting Permit Program. Date changes and permit allocations are proposed to allow opportunities where populations can handle increased recreational hunting. In addition, proposed adjustments to wording would align language between the WAC and Commission Policy C-6002. In reviewing the WAC and Policy language, staff realized that there were some discrepancies that could prompt confusion. The Landowner Hunting Permit Program is currently outlined in Commission Policy C-6002. Portions of the language in the current version of the WAC deviates from the language within the Commission Policy and may create confusion among the public and enrolled landowners. Aligning and re-establishing the language to be consistent with the Commission Policy should provide the necessary clarity and minimize the potential for confusion among the public and enrolled landowners.

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

This proposal, if adopted, would provide clarity in the WAC to further the Department's mandate to provide sustainable recreational hunting opportunities. Date changes are proposed to avoid overlap of hunters of different species/weapon types, avoiding potential hunter dissatisfaction and conflict; or to restore season length to previous levels (i.e., levels set during the preceding 3-year cycle). Proposed changes to the GMU list for western Washington black-tailed deer early muzzleloader season is proposed to clarify open units, but no change in open units are proposed.

WAC 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.

This proposal, if adopted, would provide special permit deer hunting opportunities at levels that avoid overharvest to maintain sustainable general deer hunting season opportunities in 2022 and in the future. The proposal would help address deer agricultural damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed. Reductions in permit levels in Region 1 and Region 2 in the antlerless, youth, 2nd deer, and hunter with disability categories are proposed to assist population recovery of white-tailed deer and mule deer. These changes are proposed in response to hemorrhagic disease outbreaks in eastern Washington during late summer of 2021, which reduced local population abundance. Reductions in Region 2 are also warranted due to concern over poor population productivity. Reductions in Regions 1 and Region 2 Quality or Buck category permit levels are in response to the hemorrhagic disease outbreaks that occurred in late summer 2021, which

reduced deer abundance. Reductions are warranted to assist population recovery and to maintain hunt quality (e.g., success, satisfaction). Reductions in permit levels in GMU 636s, 658, 660, 663, and 673 are in response to harvest trends that indicate potential population decline, warranting conservative harvest levels. Inversely, permit increases are in response to harvest statistics that indicate populations that can sustain increased harvest levels or in an effort to address wildlife-landowner conflict issues.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

The proposed boundary change to elk area 3911, if adopted, would allow for continued wildlife-conflict mitigation while addressing concerns from neighboring landowners. The proposed elk area 1054 would help address elk agricultural damage by concentrating harvest pressure where damage is most common, while avoiding harvest of antlerless elk in areas where population growth is desired.

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

The proposed, if adopted, would eliminate overlap between elk general season hunters and deer special permit holders in deer area 5382, thereby maintaining hunt quality for deer special permit holders and minimizing potential conflict between elk general season hunters and deer special permit hunters.

WAC 220-415-060 2021 Elk special permits.

This proposal, if adopted, would provide special permit elk hunting opportunities at levels that avoid overharvest to maintain sustainable general elk hunting season opportunities in 2021 and in the future. The proposal would help address elk agricultural damage problems and provides for elk population control when needed. Reductions in permit levels in the Blue Mountains elk herd area (Blue Creek, Tucannon, Wenaha East, Mountain View, Peola) in the Quality and Antlerless categories are in response to reduced population abundance (population estimate was ~35% below objective in 2021). The proposed elimination of the Mt. Adams, Carlton, and West Goat Rocks 'quality' elk special permit hunt is in response to a decline in hunt quality and negative hunter feedback regarding hunt satisfaction. Reduction of permit levels for Antlerless elk permits in the Mount St Helens elk herd area (Winston, Coweeman, Lewis River, Washougal, Siouxon, Wind River, West Klickitat) are proposed because of a documented population decline in the last decade and conservative antlerless harvest is warranted until population surveys indicate increased abundance. The proposed elimination of the Forks 65+ Senior antlerless elk special permit is in an effort to mitigate hunter crowding and associated landowner complaints. The new "incentive" special permits are associated with the Department's pilot program to incentivize the harvest of elk that display signs of treponeme-associated hoof disease. This program is designed to reduce the prevalence of elk hoof disease in western Washington. The proposed 2022 incentive permits, if adopted, would be awarded via random draw to eligible hunters that participated in the program during the 2021 elk hunting seasons.

WAC 220-415-070 2021 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

In accordance with the Department's mandate to provide recreational hunting opportunity and preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage wildlife populations, RCW 77.04.012, this proposal, if adopted, would provide special permit moose hunting opportunities at levels that avoid overharvest to maintain sustainable general moose hunting season opportunities in 2021 and in the future. Exclusion of Parker Lake from hunt area 49 Degrees North is due to a large-scale timber harvest operation, which will disturb moose from that area and could result in poor hunt quality for this once-in-a-lifetime hunt. An expanded hunt area in Hangman and Cheney B permit hunts is warranted due to a growing moose population in GMU 139 and a need to help address occasional human-moose conflict.

WAC 220-415-120 2021 Bighorn sheep seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

In accordance with the Department's mandate to provide recreational hunting opportunity and preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage wildlife populations, RCW 77.04.012, this proposal, if adopted, would provide special permit bighorn hunting opportunities at levels that avoid overharvest to maintain sustainable general bighorn hunting season opportunities in 2021 and in the future. The proposed elimination of Selah Butte and Umtanum (Yakima bighorn herd) adult ewe, juvenile ram, and youth permits are due to a recent outbreak of bighorn sheep pneumonia. These permits were created in 2019 and modified in 2020 to assist in population reduction as part of a new novel effort to eliminate *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae*, the pathogen that causes pneumonia. Unfortunately, an outbreak of pneumonia occurred in 2021 and management efforts must be put on hold until the impact of the outbreak are understood.

WAC 220-415-130 2021 Mountain goat seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

In accordance with the Department's mandate to provide recreational hunting opportunity and preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage wildlife populations, RCW 77.04.012, this proposal, if adopted, would provide special permit mountain goat hunting opportunities at levels that avoid overharvest to maintain sustainable general mountain goat hunting season opportunities in 2021 and in the future. A reduction of the Goat Rocks East mountain goat permit hunt is warranted due to concerns of population decline. The "conflict reduction special permits" were originally created to assist a mountain goat depopulation effort on the Olympic Peninsula. In summer 2022, aerial removal efforts will continue in the current hunt areas and few, if any, mountain goats are anticipated to remain in the hunt area, resulting in poor quality hunting opportunity. Future permit opportunity may be reinstated after the aerial removal has concluded if mountain goats remain in accessible locations in the hunt area.

WAC 220-416-060 2021-2022 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.

Migratory gamebird 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 2021-22 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. Since June 2013, prescriptive guidelines inform sea duck harvest strategies with harvest rate targets of less than 5% or less of the winter index as measured by aerial surveys (PSAMP) conducted by WDFW. Updated information from this aerial survey will be available in late-February for current assessment of harvest rates. The Pacific Flyway Council's management plan for cackling goose (*Branta hutchinsii minima*) directs impacted states to implement regulatory actions to regain the population objective, when the 3-year average population index falls below 225,000 geese. The most recent 3-year average for this population is 206,763 prompting Washington, Oregon and Alaska to recommend reduced bag limits in high harvest regions of the Pacific Flyway to regain the objective. In Washington, Goose Management Area 2-Coast and Goose Management Area 2-Inland account for the highest harvest of cackling goose (*B. h. minima*). The mandatory harvest report cards provide improved estimates of total harvest for species and harvest effort in discrete or limited zones of Washington, where traditional methods are not capable of producing reliable or precise estimates of harvest. Harvest record cards are designed to improve how harvest reporting information is recorded and for the enforcement of the harvest restrictions in these specific cases. Specifying harvest must be recorded in the designated spaces on the card clarifies intent and reduces potential confusion by users.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240

Statute being implemented: RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240

Is rule necessary because of a:

- Federal Law? Yes No
- Federal Court Decision? Yes No
- State Court Decision? Yes No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: None.

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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under RCW 28A.305.135? Yes No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

- Name:
- Address:
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- Other:

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

- Name:
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No: Please explain: This proposal does not require a cost benefit analysis under RCW 34.05.328.

Regulatory Fairness Act Cost Considerations for a Small Business Economic Impact Statement:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see chapter 19.85 RCW). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.061 because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by RCW 34.05.313 before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of RCW 15.65.570(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3). Check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b)
(Internal government operations) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e)
(Dictated by statute) |
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(Incorporation by reference) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f)
(Set or adjust fees) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d)
(Correct or clarify language) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g)
((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit) |

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(4).

Explanation of exemptions, if necessary: Proposed rule does not affect small businesses.

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF NO EXEMPTION APPLIES

If the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

No Briefly summarize the agency's analysis showing how costs were calculated. _____

Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses, and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

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