### **Agenda Item 20**

2012 – 2014 Deer General Seasons and 2012 Deer Special Permits WAC 232-28-357 WAC 232-28-359 Rule Action

#### **General Season Deer**

- Status quo for hunters with disabilities, youth, and seniors for NE white-tailed deer.
- Status quo for late archery in 105 and 108 which includes antlerless opportunity.
- Propose eliminating the Master Hunter whitetailed antlerless hunts in GMUs 130-142.
  - Not consistent with the Master Hunter objective.
  - Late archery, late muzzleloader and special permits will meet the antierless removal needs.

#### **General Season Deer**

- Propose additional antlerless white-tailed deer opportunity for hunters with disabilities, youth, and seniors in Deer Areas 1050 (Spokane North), 1060 (Spokane South), 1070 (Spokane West), and 1080 (Colfax).
- Propose shifting some Region 1, late archery dates to remove an overlap with modern firearm.
  - Recommended change would provide consistent, predictable start and stop dates.
  - In 2013 and 2014 also provides more hunting days than the old system that shifted with the calendar.

## **Special Permits Deer**

- Propose increasing the Quality white-tailed deer opportunity in Spokane, Lincoln, and Whitman counties.
- Recommend shifting some of the 2<sup>nd</sup> deer antlerless opportunity to the antlerless category.
  - Hunters have expressed concerns about the cost of 2<sup>nd</sup> deer tag but still want the opportunity to harvest antierless deer.

# Questions