

**20. 2012-2014 DEER GENERAL AND SPECIAL PERMIT SEASONS – RULE ACTION**

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## “GREEN SHEET”

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**Meeting:** April 13-14, 2012

**Agenda Item 20:** Deer General and Special Permit Seasons and Regulations – **Rule Action**

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### **Background:**

The Commission will act on the proposed repeal of WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions and WAC 232-28-353 2011 Deer special permits, and the proposed adoption of WAC 232-28-357 2012-2014 Deer general seasons and definitions and WAC 232-28-359 2012 Deer special permits.

The issues brought before the public and the Commission include the following:

- Propose an increased special permit (quality) white-tailed deer hunting opportunity in Spokane, Lincoln, and Whitman Counties.
- Propose eliminating the Master Hunter antlerless, white-tailed deer general season hunt in December in GMUs 130-142. Antlerless removal needs are being met by retaining late archery and late muzzleloader general seasons in some units, as well as through special permits. Specific damage complaints will be addressed by calling on Master Hunters from a ranked list. These general season hunts do not fit with the objective of using Master Hunters to address damage problems in a selective fashion.
- Propose a shift of some antlerless, special permit opportunity from the “second deer” category to the “antlerless” category in response to public’s concern over cost.
- After further deliberation and public input on a variety of fronts, propose to retain the NE antlerless white-tailed deer hunting opportunity for hunters with disabilities, youth hunters, and senior hunters, as well as late season archery hunters.
- Based on public input from a variety of sources, propose additional white-tailed deer hunting opportunity for hunters with disabilities, youth hunters, and senior hunters in Deer Areas 1050 (Spokane North), 1060 (Spokane South), 1070 (Spokane West), and 1080 (Colfax) to help mitigate deer damage/nuisance.
- Propose shifting some Region 1 archery dates to remove a season overlap between general season archery and modern firearm special permits. The change would also provide a consistent late archery start date for all three years and provide more days in 2013 and 2014 as compared to calendar date adjustments.

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### **Policy Issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:**

- Continue sustainable hunting seasons for deer.
  - Adjust deer special permits in response to deer population changes and damage complaints.
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### **Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

The Department conducted an extensive public involvement process to develop the 2012-2014 hunting season recommendations. In early August, an email was sent to over 50,000 hunters announcing that the Department was beginning the development of the 2012-2014 hunting season

package. The email also informed them of the opportunity to provide their comments via an online issue scoping survey and invited them to attend one of the public meetings being held statewide. Six public meetings were held with approximately 150 people in attendance and nearly 4,000 responses were received on the scoping survey. In February, a postcard was mailed to approximately 600 organizations and individuals informing them of the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed regulations. These organizations and individuals were also informed of the opportunity to provide public testimony at the March Commission Meeting in Moses Lake.

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**Action requested (identify the specific Commission decisions you are seeking):**

Adopt WAC 232-28-357 2012-2014 Deer general seasons and definitions and WAC 232-28-359 2012 Deer special permits; and repeal WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions and WAC 232-28-353 2011 Deer special permits, as presented.

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**Draft motion language:**

I move to adopt WAC 232-28-357 and 232-28-359 and repeal WAC 232-28-351 and 232-28-353 as proposed.

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**Justification for Commission action:**

These changes meet the approved criteria established by OFM as a result of the Governor's Executive Order 11-03 Extending Executive Order 10-06 Suspending Non-critical Rule Development and Adoption by satisfying one or more of the following conditions:

- Required by federal or state law or required to maintain federally delegated or authorized programs.
  - Necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare or necessary to avoid an immediate threat to the state's natural resources.
  - Beneficial to or requested or supported by the regulated entities, local governments, or small businesses that it affects.
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**Communications plan:**

WDFW Website  
News Releases  
Hunting Pamphlet

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NEW SECTION

**WAC 232-28-357 2012-2014 Deer general seasons and definitions.** It is unlawful to fail to comply with bag, possession, and season limits except as described below. Violations of this section are punishable under RCW 77.15.410.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) deer per hunter during the license year except where otherwise permitted by fish and wildlife commission rule.

**Hunting Method:** Hunters must select one of the hunting methods (modern firearm, archery, muzzleloader).

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

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

**Antler Restrictions:** APPLIES TO ALL HUNTERS DURING ANY GENERAL SEASON AND DESIGNATED SPECIAL PERMIT SEASONS. Buck deer taken in antler restricted GMUs must meet minimum antler point requirements. Minimum antler point requirements are antler points on one side only. Eye guards are antler points when they are at least one inch long.

**2 Point minimum GMUs:** 437, 636, 654, and 681.

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

deer in GMU 578.

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

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

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

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

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

#### MODERN FIREARM DEER SEASONS

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

**Tag Required:** Valid modern firearm deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

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

seasons .

Hunt Season	2012 Dates	2013 Dates	2014 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
<b>HIGH BUCK HUNTS</b>					
	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, Pasayten, Olympic Peninsula, and Henry Jackson Wilderness Areas and Lake Chelan Recreation Area	3 pt. min.
<b>GENERAL SEASON</b>					
<b>Western Washington Black-tailed Deer</b>	Oct. 13-31	Oct. 12-31	Oct. 11-31	407, 418, 426, 448, 450, <del>454</del> , 460, 466, 501 through 520, 524 through 556, 560, 568, 572, 574, 601 through 633, 638 through 653, 658 through 673, 684	Any buck
				410, <del>454</del> , 564, Deer Areas 4013, 4926, 6014, and 6020	Any deer
				578	3 pt. min.
				437, 636, 654, 681	2 pt. min.
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>	Oct. 13-26	Oct. 12-25	Oct. 11-24	101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 124	Any white-tailed buck
	Oct. 13-21	Oct. 12-20	Oct. 11-19	203 through 284, 328, 330 through 368, 372	Any white-tailed buck
	Oct. 13-21	Oct. 12-20	Oct. 11-19	127 through 154, 162 through 186	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.
				379, 381	Any white-tailed deer
Oct. 13-26	Oct. 12-25	Oct. 11-24	373	Any white-tailed deer	
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer in GMUs 117 and 121</b>	Oct. 13-26	Oct. 12-25	Oct. 11-24	117, 121	White-tailed, 4 pt. min.
<b>Eastern Washington Mule Deer</b>	Oct. 13-21	Oct. 12-20	Oct. 11-19	101 through 154, 162 through 186, 203 through 284, 328, 330 through 368, 372, 379, 381	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.
	Oct. 13-26	Oct. 12-25	Oct. 11-24	373, 382, 388	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.
<b>LATE GENERAL SEASON</b>					
<b>Western Washington Black-tailed Deer</b>	Nov. 15-18	Nov. 14-17	Nov. 13-16	407, <del>454</del> , 466, 501 through 520, 524 through 560, 568, 572, 601 through 633, 638 through 653, 658 through 673, 684 and 699	Any buck
				636, 654, 681	2 pt. min.
	Nov. 15-18	Nov. 14-17	Nov. 13-16	410, <del>454</del> and 564, Deer Areas 4013, 4926, 6014, 6020	Any deer
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>	Nov. 10-19	Nov. 9-19	Nov. 8-19	105, 108, 111, 113, 124	Any white-tailed buck
	<del>Nov. 10-19</del>	<del>Nov. 9-19</del>	<del>Nov. 8-19</del>	<del>Deer Area 1050</del>	<del>Any white-tailed deer</del>
	<del>Nov. 10-19</del>	<del>Nov. 9-19</del>	<del>Nov. 8-19</del>	<del>Deer Areas 1060, 1070, 1080</del>	<del>White-tailed, antlerless only</del>
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer in GMUs 117 and 121</b>	Nov. 10-19	Nov. 9-19	Nov. 8-19	117, 121	White-tailed, 4 pt. min.

HUNTERS 65 AND OVER, DISABLED, OR YOUTH GENERAL SEASONS					
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	Oct. 13-26	Oct. 12-25	Oct. 11-24	124	Any white-tailed deer
	Oct. <del>19-21</del> 18-21	Oct. <del>18-20</del> 17-20	Oct. <del>17-19</del> 16-19	101, 105, 108, 111, 113	Any white-tailed deer
	Nov. 10-19	Nov. 9-19	Nov. 8-19	Deer Area 1050	Any white-tailed deer
	Nov. 10-19	Nov. 9-19	Nov. 8-19	Deer Areas 1060, 1070, 1080	White-tailed, antlerless only
	Oct. 13-21	Oct. 12-20	Oct. 11-19	127 through 142, 145, 154, and 172 through 178, and Deer Area 1010	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer in GMUs 117 and 121	Oct. <del>19-21</del> 18-21	Oct. <del>18-20</del> 17-20	Oct. <del>17-19</del> 16-19	117, 121	White-tailed, 4 pt. min. or antlerless

**ARCHERY DEER SEASONS**

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

**Tag Required:** Valid archery deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

**Special Notes:** Archery tag holders can only hunt during archery seasons with archery equipment (WAC 232-12-054).

Hunt Area	2012 Dates	2013 Dates	2014 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
<b>EARLY ARCHERY GENERAL DEER SEASONS</b>					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	Sept. 1-28	Sept. 1-27	Sept. 1-26	407 through 426, 448, 450, 454, 466, 501, 504, 505, 510, 513, 520, 554, 564, 568, 621 through 633, 642 through 652, 658 through 672, 684 and 699	Any deer
				460, 503, 601, 603, 615, 618, 673	Any buck
				437, 636, 654, 681	2 pt. min. or antlerless
				578	3 pt. min.
	Sept. 1-23	Sept. 1-22	Sept. 1-21	516, 524, 556, 638, 653	Any deer
			506, 530, 550, 560, 572, 574, 602, 607, 612	Any buck	
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Sept. 1-28	Sept. 1-27	Sept. 1-26	105 through 121, 145, <del>162, 163</del> , 166, 169, <del>172</del> , 243, 334	3 pt. min.
				124 through 142, 175, <del>through</del> 181, 186, 244 through 247, 249, 250, 260, 372, 373, 379, 381, 382, 388	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Sept. 1-23	Sept. 1-22	Sept. 1-21	<del>178, Deer Area 1010</del>	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Sept. 1-23	Sept. 1-22	Sept. 1-21	149, 154, <del>162, 163, 172</del> , 251, 328, 335, 336, 340, 342, 346, 352, 356, 360, 364, 368	3 pt. min.

	Sept. 1-15	Sept. 1-15	Sept. 1-15	101, 204 through 242, 248, 254, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284	3 pt. min.
	Sept. 16-28	Sept. 16-27	Sept. 16-26	101, 204 through 242, 248, 254, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284	3 pt. min. or antlerless
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>	Sept. 1-28	Sept. 1-27	Sept. 1-26	101, 105, 108, 111, 113	Any white-tailed buck
	Sept. 1-28	Sept. 1-27	Sept. 1-26	124, 204 through 250, 254 through 284, 373, 379, 381	Any white-tailed deer
	Sept. 1-28	Sept. 1-27	Sept. 1-26	127 through 145, <del>162, 163</del> , 166, 169, <del>172, 175, 178</del> , 181, 186, <del>Deer Areas 1010 and 1016</del>	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Sept. 1-23	Sept. 1-22	Sept. 1-21	154, <del>162, 163, 172, 178</del>	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Sept. 1-23	Sept. 1-22	Sept. 1-21	149	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer in GMUs 117 and 121</b>	Sept. 1-28	Sept. 1-27	Sept. 1-26	117, 121	White-tailed, 4 pt. min.
<b>LATE ARCHERY GENERAL DEER SEASONS</b>					
<b>Western Washington Black-tailed Deer</b>	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 26 - Dec. 8	437, 636, 654, 681	2 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15	466, 510 through 520, 524, 556, 638, 648, and 699	Any deer
	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15	460, 506, 530, 560, 572, 601, 607 through 618	Any buck
	Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Nov. 27 - Dec. 31	Nov. 26 - Dec. 31	603, 624, 652	Any buck
	Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Nov. 27 - Dec. 31	Nov. 26 - Dec. 31	407, 410, 454, 505, 564, 627, 642, 660 through 672	Any deer
<b>Eastern Washington Mule Deer</b>	Nov. 21-30	Nov. 21-30	Nov. 21-30	209, 215, 233, 243, 250	3 pt. min.
	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 26 - Dec. 8	346, 352, 364, 388, Deer Area 3682	3 pt. min.
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	145, 163, 178	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 26 - Dec. 8	272, 278, 373	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Deer Area 1021	Antlerless only
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	101	Any white-tailed deer
	<del>Nov. 25 - Dec. 9</del>	<del>Nov. 25 - Dec. 9</del>	<del>Nov. 25 - Dec. 9</del>	<del>105, 108</del>	<del>Any white-tailed buck</del>
	<del>Dec. 10-15</del>	<del>Dec. 10-15</del>	<del>Dec. 10-15</del>	<del>105, 108</del>	<del>Any white-tailed deer</del>
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	<del>105, 108</del> , 124	Any white-tailed deer
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	127	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	145, 163, 178	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15	204, 209, 215, 233, 243, 272, 278, 373	Any white-tailed deer



Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer in GMUs 117 and 121	Nov. 25 - Dec. 9	Nov. 25 - Dec. 9	Nov. 25 - Dec. 9	117, 121	White-tailed, 4 pt. min.
	Dec. 10-15	Dec. 10-15	Dec. 10-15	117, 121	White-tailed, 4 pt. min. or antlerless

**MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASONS**

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

**Tag Required:** Valid muzzleloader deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

**Hunting Method:** Muzzleloader only.

**Special Notes:** Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during muzzleloader seasons and must hunt with muzzleloader equipment (WAC 232-12-051) or archery equipment (WAC 232-12-054).

Hunt Area	2012 Dates	2013 Dates	2014 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
High Buck Hunts	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, Pasayten, Olympic Peninsula, and Henry Jackson Wilderness areas, and Lake Chelan Recreation Area	3 pt. min.
<b>EARLY MUZZLELOADER GENERAL DEER SEASONS</b>					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Sept. 27 - Oct. 5	407, 418, 426, 448, 450, 501, 504, 505, 506, 510, 513, 516, 520, 530, 554, 556, 568, 572, 574, 603, 607, 612, 615, 624, 638, 642, 648, 660, 663, 672, 673, 684	Any buck
				410, 454, 564, 627, 652, 666, Deer Areas 4926 and 6020	Any deer
				437, 636	2 pt. min.
				578	3 pt. min.
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Sept. 27 - Oct. 5	101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 124, 203, 204, 209, 215, 231, 233, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 248, 250, 251, 260, 278, 284	White-tailed, any buck
				142	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
				127, 130, 133, 136, 139, 145, 149, 175, 181, 186	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.
				373, 379	White-tailed, any deer
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer in GMUs 117 and 121	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Sept. 27 - Oct. 5	117, 121	White-tailed, 4 pt. min.

<b>Eastern Washington Mule Deer</b>	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Sept. 27 - Oct. 5	101 through 149, 175, 181, 186, 203, 204, 209, 215, 231, 233, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 248, 250, 251, 254, 260, 262, 266, 269, 272, 284, 328, 330 through 342, 352 through 360, 368, 373, <del>379</del> , 382	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.
				<del>278, 379</del>	Mule deer, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
<b>LATE MUZZLELOADER GENERAL DEER SEASONS</b>					
<b>Western Washington Black-tailed Deer</b>	Nov. 22 - Dec. 15	Nov. 28 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	407, 410, 454, 501, 504, 564, 633, 666, 684, and Deer Areas 4926 and 6020	Any deer
				654	2 pt. min.
				460, 550, 602, 651, 658	Any buck
	Nov. 22 - Dec. 6	Nov. 28 - Dec. 6	Nov. 27 - Dec. 6	667, 673	Any buck
	Dec. 7-15	Dec. 7-15	Dec. 7-15	673	Any deer
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	113	Any white-tailed buck
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	130, 133, 136, 139	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	172, 181	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	379, 381	Any white-tailed deer
<b>Eastern Washington Mule Deer</b>	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	130	Antlerless
	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	381	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	379, 382	3 pt. min.

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## RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR 102) filing and are already included in your notebook.

### Page 2

Under the definitions:

- Move 157 (Mill Creek Watershed) from the section listing GMUs closed to deer hunting to the section listing the GMUs open only to permit hunting. Special permit hunts are now offered for deer in GMU 157 so the definition change is required.

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Under modern firearm, both early and late seasons, western Washington black-tailed deer:

- Move GMU 454 from “any deer” to “any buck.” This change corrects an oversight/error.

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Under modern firearm, late general season, eastern Washington white-tailed deer:

- Move the hunts specific to Deer Area 1050 and Deer Areas 1060, 1070 and 1080 to the Hunters 65 and over, Disabled or Youth section. These hunts were intended, under the original recommendation from the Region, to give more opportunity to youth hunters, senior hunters, and hunters with disabilities. This change corrects a typographical error.

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Under Hunters 65 and over, Disabled, or Youth general seasons:

- For GMUs 101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, and 121, restore the 4 day season. For 2012 change the season dates from Oct. 19-21 to Oct. 18-21; for 2013 change the season dates from Oct. 18-20 to Oct. 17-20; and for 2014 change the season dates from Oct. 17-19 to Oct. 16-19. The original recommendation as to reduce these hunts by 1 day, but after further deliberation and public comment, that recommendation was removed.

Under early archery general, eastern Washington mule deer:

- Shift GMUs 162, 163, and 178 from the longer to the shorter early archery timeframe. This shift eliminates an overlap between the modern firearm special permit season and the archery general season.
- Shift GMU 172 from the shorter to the longer early archery timeframe. There is no overlap with modern firearm seasons in GMU 172, and therefore, this GMU doesn't need to be included in the shorter timeframe.

- Delete Deer Area 1010 from early archery, eastern Washington mule deer, 3 pt. min. or antlerless. Deer Area 1010 is in GMU 162 and the season does not need to be inconsistent with GMU 162 at this time.

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Under early archery general, eastern Washington white-tailed deer:

- Shift GMUs 162, 163, and 178 from the longer to the shorter early archery timeframe. This shift eliminates an overlap between the modern firearm special permit season and the archery general season.
- Delete Deer Area 1010 from early archery, eastern Washington white-tailed deer, 3 pt. min. or antlerless. Deer Area 1010 is in GMU 162 and the season does not need to be inconsistent with GMU 162 at this time.
- Shift GMU 172 from the shorter to the longer early archery time frame. There is no overlap with modern firearm seasons in GMU 172, and therefore, this GMU doesn't need to be included in the shorter timeframe.

Under late archery, eastern Washington white-tailed deer:

- For GMUs 105 and 108, restore the any white-tailed deer season that runs from Nov. 25-Dec. 15. The original recommendation was to reduce the antlerless opportunity to 6 days, but upon further deliberation and public input from a variety of sources, that recommendation was removed.

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Under early muzzleloader, eastern Washington mule deer:

- Shift GMU 379 from 3 pt. min. or antlerless to 3 pt. min. Antlerless opportunity was offered in this GMU to mitigate damage complaints. Damage complaints are down and the antlerless harvest is no longer necessary.

## SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

### WAC 232-28-357 “2012-2014 Deer general seasons and definitions.”

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
<p>I note there is a proposal to eliminate antlerless deer hunting for senior citizens in Eastern WA.</p> <p>By the time this year’s deer season opens I will be 77 years old. As a retired Forester I am very familiar with the woods having worked from Western Montana thru North Idaho and all of Eastern WA. I also am familiar with my capabilities in the woods at my present age. Quite frankly I am no longer capable of accessing most of the areas frequented by bucks during the general season. I am however capable of hunting the gentler terrain which may contain a doe or two. If the proposal is adopted you will in effect end my hunting career.</p> <p>It appears to me that the seniors are being asked to bear a disproportionate burden for the reduction in doe harvest. If a 50% reduction is necessary, for sound management, then I would think it appropriate to spread the reduction evenly among all those who have historically be afforded this opportunity.</p> <p>Although I am reluctant to propose it a redefinition "senior" might be appropriate at this time.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment</p>	<p>The Department has entertained a number of different strategies to further reduce antlerless white-tailed deer harvest in the NE. For a variety of reasons none of the options seemed to be fully acceptable. Instead the Department is recommending status quo seasons for the senior, youth, and hunters with disabilities as well as the late season archery general seasons. Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p>Years ago youth hunting (Any Whitetail) used to extend into the late season in Unit 124. With the youth season "any Deer" being only the early season it really only gives the youth, 4 days being able to shoot a doe, being they are in school, and possibly living away from the area. This also restricts the Parent, Grand Parent, Friend that sits, walks with the youth, educating the youth on safe and ethical hunting, on the chance for them to hunt themselves in the early season. As a Parent of Twins it even makes it even harder for me to try and get my "Girls" to get there deer and then for me to have a chance to hunt myself. With reports of hunting population dropping, we need to keep the youth interested in hunting, to help with game management. Possibly split the youth and seniors for the late hunt and make it only the youth. For the most part I think unit 124 is doing just fine with its deer population, with all the B tags that are issued, and get the late season to hunt if I remember right. And possibly to certain areas of unit 124. I know it is already split up into three different areas for the B tags. Thank you for considering this change to help keep our youth interested in the sport.</p>	<p>For 2012, the youth hunting opportunity is Oct. 13-26 which will as you mentioned in your comment provide two weekends for any deer opportunity. But in addition in Deer Areas 1050, 1060, 1070 and 1080 (which are located in GMUs 124, 127, 130 and 139) there is additional any deer and antlerless opportunity for youth hunters in the Nov. 10-19 time period.</p>
<p>It stated right in the WAC that it's for protecting the deer from overharvest. The population of deer in the central Washington area is dangerously low. The seasons in the 300 GMU's should be severely limited or even closed for at least three season to allow time for the deer to recover.</p>	<p>The Department is aware that deer numbers are down in Region 3. We have recommended reduced opportunities in the last 3-year package, especially for antlerless hunting, to foster an increase in those deer populations.</p>

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
<p>We suggest moving the antlerless hunt in these northeast units from the late general archery season to the early general archery season. The antlerless season would go from 6 to 7 days; this will provide 1 full weekend for youth hunters that are in school.</p> <p>These units need to have antlerless harvests conducted earlier in the season, which will eliminate the harvest of does that have been breed. The late September hunt would give archers that are willing to take a doe the opportunity to check for does that do not have a fawn. Also, many does will be saved since most archery hunters are not willing to take a doe in the early season due to the desire to hunt for a buck in the early part of the late season.</p> <p>The Buck-to-Doe Ratio is lower than desired in these units, and this new hunt would help create a better ratio prior to the breeding season. This will help get breeding completed in a timely manner, which will improve the body condition of bucks going in to the winter. Healthier bucks will have a better opportunity to survive a harsh winter and escape the high predator populations that exist in the northeast.</p> <p>Another reason for this recommendation is to improve the opportunity for youth, disabled, and senior hunters to harvest a deer without the need for a special permit hunt. More and more youth are selecting to hunt with archery equipment for numerous reasons. These young hunters are the future of WDFW's revenue stream, and expecting them to have their initial experience with archery hunting in a 4-point minimum area and in some of the worst weather conditions is ridiculous. We need to be promoting the best opportunity we can to get youth, disabled, and seniors into the field during comfortable conditions with a fair chance to harvest an animal. Hopefully this will keep them interested in the hunting opportunities that Washington has to offer.</p>	<p>We received 11 identical messages like this from individuals supporting one organization's proposal.</p> <p>The Department has entertained a number of different strategies to further reduce antlerless white-tailed deer harvest in the NE. For a variety of reasons none of the options seemed to be fully acceptable. Instead the Department is recommending status quo seasons for the senior, youth, and hunters with disabilities as well as the late season archery general seasons. Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p>Drop the 4 point minimum for buck deer in GMU 117 &amp; 121 GMU 113 deer herds has suffered enough with deer hunters from these GMU's 117 &amp; 121 hunting in this unit, any buck, to set the buck/doe ratio out of control. Our deer herds of GMU 113 were depleted of mature bucks. If deer hunters in GMU's 117 &amp; 121 could not find a 4 point in that area, they moved into GMU 113 to fill their tags with any buck. Also, if a GMU 117 &amp; 121 deer hunters did not fill their tags, do you think they will buy 2012 deer tags to hunt GMU's 117 &amp; 121 again, doubtful? Youth, seniors and disabled took a real shot of not filling buck tags when this proposal was presented to Commissions &amp; passed! Help 2 GMU areas increase 4 point or better but killing off GMU 113 in spite of the any buck deer status. This does not make sense! I expect deer tags sales in GMU 117 &amp; 121 to be only half of 2011 tag sales ... Good Luck!</p>	<p>The Department will continue to watch the harvest trends for deer in NE as the deer populations and hunters respond to the new regulation.</p> <p>The Fish and Wildlife Commission is maintaining this regulation through the upcoming 3-year package of 2012-2014. The Department is not recommending any changes to the 4 pt. restriction.</p>

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<p>I am not opposed to the majority of rules changes that have been proposed, however; I find one proposed change in particular bothersome. Specifically that proposal to <b>eliminate the senior antlerless deer hunt.</b> I cannot believe that the seniors have a larger impact on the antlerless deer than the archery seasons (which include generous late season and early season dates). My estimations from the 2011 rules show the archers are given 23 days early and 15 days late for an estimated total of 38 days with the late being either buck or doe; the seniors received a <b>very generous (sarcasm here) FOUR DAYS!</b></p> <p>I fully comprehend that the WDFW has bent over backwards in recent years to the archery lobby while continuing to degrade the hunting seasons for the other than bow and arrow crowd, but really where is the disconnect here? Four days for senior citizens vs. the archery folks! I should point out that I am NOT a senior citizen hunt eligible hunter. Should this singularly distasteful proposal be adopted I personally, for the first time in my hunting history, consider forgoing purchase of deer tags and special hunt applications which will destroy my points pool a sacrifice I'm willing to make; further I will do my utmost to get the word out to publicize my intentions.</p> <p>You should know that I am fully aware of the decline in deer numbers and appreciate that something needs to be done so the population can recover; I am even in favor of selectively closing game units to hunting entirely on a rotating basis, or if needed closing an entire season. Another idea might be to level the playing field between the modern firearm and archery seasons allowing the same number of days for each group. I know that the archery folks will cry unfair to a proposal of this nature saying it's so very much harder to harvest a deer with arrow than bullet; I would say it's so unfair to be allowed twice as many days, no hunter orange requirement and generous "rut" seasons.</p>	<p>The Department has entertained a number of different strategies to further reduce antlerless white-tailed deer harvest in the NE. For a variety of reasons none of the options seemed to be fully acceptable. Instead the Department is recommending status quo (4 days) seasons for the senior, youth, and hunters with disabilities as well as the late season archery general seasons. Thank you for your comments.</p>
<p>I see you professional game experts are proposing to cut the deer season by 5 days in GMU 117 and 121 in the late season. How about adding a few days to the end of season instead of stopping on the 19th of November let's run it about 4 days longer so we can hunt the rut, 4 point restrictions warrant this extension. I have been hunting whitetails in the Chewelah area for 40 years and the peak of the rut is not the 19th of November never has and never will be. If you game officials would get out of your trucks and do some looking you would realize this. Quit giving all the good seasons to the archers take away the late season archery hunting over bales of alfalfa that's not hunting that is slaughter; that's the only way these so called archers get these big bucks and elk. I don't know if it's illegal but it should be! You can't bait bear but you let these archers bait whitetails? Give me a call and we can discuss this.</p>	<p>The Department's intention is to provide two full weekends to late season deer hunters and end the season on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> without overlapping with the last weekend of the modern firearm elk season. In the last 3-year cycle the calendar fell in such a way to make that impossible. So to provide the two full weekends to late deer hunters we had to overlap with the last weekend of modern firearm elk. This 3-year cycle the calendar allows us to avoid recommending the deer and elk overlap. This year we are recommending modern firearm elk to end on Sunday Nov. 4, and late deer to begin on Saturday Nov. 10. Those dates will continue to shift with the calendar each year.</p> <p>Ending the late season on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> has been the standard since 2000. That was determined 12 years ago by examining kill date data for bucks in the late season. Ending the late season on the 19<sup>th</sup> provides hunters the opportunity to hunt deer while they exhibiting rut behavior but reduces the chance of overharvesting bucks by running the hunting season through the entire breeding season.</p>

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<p>In recent years past (including 2011 season), the late modern firearm deer season in the Northeast GMU's such as 113 has had a duration of around 15 days. Why does 2012 – 2014 propose duration reduction to 10 days (e.g.: November 10 – 19, 2012)? It is disappointing that hunting license fees continue to increase, but season durations decrease.</p>	<p>The Department's intention is to provide two full weekends to late season deer hunters and end the season on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> without overlapping with the last weekend of the modern firearm elk season. In the last 3-year cycle the calendar fell in such a way to make that impossible. So to provide the two full weekends to late deer hunters we had to overlap with the last weekend of modern firearm elk. This 3-year cycle the calendar allows us to avoid recommending the deer and elk overlap. This year we are recommending modern firearm elk to end on Sunday Nov. 4, and late deer to begin on Saturday Nov. 10. Those dates will continue to shift with the calendar each year.</p> <p>Ending the late season on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> has been the standard since 2000. That was determined 12 years ago by examining kill date data for bucks in the late season. Ending the late season on the 19<sup>th</sup> provides hunters the opportunity to hunt deer while they exhibiting rut behavior but reduces the chance of overharvesting bucks by running the hunting season through the entire breeding season.</p>
<p>Once again if I or any other MUZZLELOADER HUNTER is a YOUTH, DISABLED, OR SENIOR, HUNTING WHITETAILS IN NORTHEAST WASHINGTON WE ARE BEING DISCRIMANATED AGAINST. We can only hunt any bucks, while modern hunters have a 4 day window to hunt any whitetail deer without a permit. WHY CAN'T WE ALSO GET AN ANY WHITETAIL HUNT DURING OUR SHORTER 9 DAY HUNTING SEASON?</p>	<p>The Department is always looking for additional opportunity that can be offered. The Recommendations start at the district level and are then forwarded up to the Regional level. At this time the Region feels it is recommending all the opportunity it can. Visiting with the District Biologist and the Regional Wildlife Manager might be in order to explore any possible increased opportunities in future years.</p>
<p>Is the WDFW ever going to change up muzzle loading seasons? You have been running the same game units for 10 years. Deer and elk have not changed, and many of the units listed for elk, do not hold any game. As well as some units for deer listed don't hold white tail. If wild life bios are behind this then they need to look into what they are doing, because it makes them look like they don't know what they are doing.</p>	<p>That is not entirely true. In the last 3-year package (2009-2011) a large number of new GMUs were opened up to muzzleloader opportunity that hadn't been open before.</p> <p>The Department is always looking for additional opportunity that can be offered. The Recommendations start at the district level and are then forwarded up to the Regional level. At this time the Region feels it is recommending all the opportunity it can. Visiting with the District Biologist and the Regional Wildlife Manager might be in order to explore any possible increased opportunities in future years.</p>
<p>I am a current Washington State resident. I am disappointed to see the Selkirk general muzzleloader late season white-tailed deer hunt dates changed to begin after Thanksgiving. I am frustrated with the current trend of increasing hunting regulations that are not hunter friendly. Hunting for many is a family sport. Most adults work and most children go to school. This hunt was a family friendly opportunity to hunt deer during a time when families often have time off together. Please keep this hunt open during the Thanksgiving holiday and consider opening other hunts during the Holidays as seasons are already short and days off are difficult to come by for adults and children.</p>	<p>Whenever possible the Department tries to avoid an overlap between user group seasons, especially modern firearm with either muzzleloader or archery.</p> <p>The shift to a standardized start and stop date for these hunts allows us to offer some additional quality special permit hunts and avoids an overlap with modern firearm seasons.</p> <p>You are right that in 2012 the season will start on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, but in 2013 and 2014 the season will open well before and encompass entirely the Thanksgiving holiday which will be to your advantage.</p>



COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
<p>Is there any talk about changing GMU 121, to a youth any buck hunt? And retaining the 4 point min for every one else?</p>	<p>Some members of the public have suggested an alternative like that but the Department is not recommending such a season. Having a variety of different restrictions for different user groups makes it extremely difficult to assess how a season structure might be functioning.</p>
<p>I think that unit 117 should be opened to late muzzleloader even if it is only for a few days. There are not too many hunters using a muzzleloader and those who do would appreciate it even if it was not open to long.</p>	<p>The Department is always looking for additional opportunity that can be offered. The Recommendations start at the district level and are then forwarded up to the Regional level. At this time the Region feels it is recommending all the opportunity it can. Visiting with the District Biologist and the Regional Wildlife Manager might be in order to explore any possible increased opportunities in future years.</p>
<p>Why is it that the WDFW puts the modern season earlier and earlier in October every year? Does no one listen to the hunters? I can't find one hunter who wants the season to start before the third weekend in October. If this trend keeps up I guess we will just quit buying licenses and tags or have you not already seen the trend. Success in the field is not measured by the kill but by the deer you see. I'm sick of hunting in 70-80 degree days when the deer sleep all day and don't move. How can I take my kids and my nephew out and keep saying hey the deer are there you can't see them because the Vegetation is too thick and the deer won't move because it's too hot. They will just give up on hunting altogether after all what's the point if you don't even see any deer. Please CHANGE THE SEASON TO OPEN THE THIRD WEEKEND IN OCTOBER. It just makes sense.</p>	<p>The season starts the first Saturday after October 10. Those dates will shift each year with the calendar. If the 10<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday the season will open on 17<sup>th</sup> which is the latest it will ever open under the current structure.</p> <p>The season also has to squeeze in with modern firearm elk, a variety of muzzleloader and archery seasons as well as any late deer seasons if they are available where you hunt. There really isn't any more room on the calendar.</p>
<p>As an archery hunter I feel it is unfair that you allow a 21 day rifle hunt in the GMU 388 right before and up to the first day of the late archery hunt there. For the last three years we have noticed a big decline in the bucks that are showing up there and can only contribute it to rifle hunters taking out these bucks. We do not have the ability to shoot at deer from 100 plus yards so obviously it is an unfair advantage for us. Perhaps giving us back spikes or bigger and does would give us a better chance to actually bag an animal. Another proposal would be to let the archers in before the rifles or limit the days for the rifle hunt and limit the quota for the rifle hunters. I realize we all share the love of hunting but it has been difficult to even get excited about the late hunt recently when the only choice we have is a three point or better and then not even see any. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	<p>There are 40 special permits in the modern firearm quality deer hunt. That season is proposed to run from Nov. 1-20 this year.</p> <p>Archers in that same GMU have a 28 day early general season and a 19 late general season.</p> <p>In 2010, the modern firearm special permit hunters killed 6 bucks. In 2011, the modern firearm special permit hunters killed 19 bucks.</p> <p>At this time the Region feels it is recommending all the opportunity it can. Visiting with the District Biologist and the Regional Wildlife Manager might be in order to explore any possible increased opportunities in future years.</p>
<p>I'm a long time hunter in unit 121. Last year when I was shocked when I got the new Regulations "Whitetail 4 point min." We usually hunt with Muzzleloader in that area but with my 78 year old father and 13 year old son but with your radical changes you gave us no other option but to try modern rifle. The second weekend you allow antlerless for HUNTERS 65 And OVER, DISABLED, OR YOUTH GENERAL SEASONS modern rifle. I see no reason not to allow HUNTERS 65 And OVER, DISABLED, OR YOUTH for antlerless in Muzzleloader season. Thank you</p>	<p>The Department is always looking for additional opportunity that can be offered. The Recommendations start at the district level and are then forwarded up to the Regional level. At this time the Region feels it is recommending all the opportunity it can. Visiting with the District Biologist and the Regional Wildlife Manager might be in order to explore any possible increased opportunities in future years.</p>

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<p>Please make western Washington at least 2 point or better on deer, 3 point would be best. At least put it out for survey for the 2012-2014 seasons to see what hunters think. I'm sure most would agree with a point restriction. How do I get my point out there and heard or at least forward this to someone who cares and not just blow it off. Thanks concerned hunter.</p>	<p>At this time we are not seeing the need for additional antler point restrictions in western Washington. We are not making that recommendation at this time.</p>
<p>Please add more bow hunter opportunity in the late deer season within the 200 GMU's, to alleviate overcrowding within the Swakane GMU, preferably ALTA GMU 242. Current mule deer opportunity for archery hunters in the late season is very limited and forces the entire user group to a few GMUs.</p>	<p>The management strategies for late season mule deer hunting in Region 2 are very conservative and the Department's recommendations reflect that. The vulnerability of mule deer on winter range and the detrimental effects of extensive disturbance during that time period are string reasons not to expand late season hunting in those units.</p>
<p>Add more bow hunter opportunity in the late deer season within the 200 GMU's, to alleviate overcrowding within the Swakane GMU, preferably ALTA GMU 242 or Chiliwist GMU 239 for Mule deer or Whitetail.</p>	<p>The management strategies for late season mule deer hunting in Region 2 are very conservative and the Department's recommendations reflect that. The vulnerability of mule deer on winter range and the detrimental effects of extensive disturbance during that time period are string reasons not to expand late season hunting in those units.</p>
<p>Thank you for reducing seasons to allow the herds to build in the NE and for trying the 4 pt rule in 117 &amp; 121.</p>	<p>Thanks for your comment.</p>
<p>If there was a Unit or 2 that was Muzzleloader only and I mean Traditional Muzzleloader (No In lines). (Flintlock only) And these units had Shelter Camps for camping in a semi primitive way. Other facilities provided as possible for toilet and water. I would pay extra or for the opportunity to draw a tag in a Unit like this. I would get together with likeminded hunters and we would camp and hunt together. We like Walk-in camps not too far from parking but far enough to be out of sight of our trucks. I believe that with such camps and traditional hunts we could increase the harvest by Muzzleloaders. Why should we pay some outfitter to set us up on state land when the WDFW could be gaining revenue? My experience is that Muzzleloaders that hunt traditionally do not leave a mess behind. Besides if it was by permit only, you would know who did not respect our forest. As a member of the Washington State Muzzleloaders and attendee at many of the Rendezvous for Muzzleloaders I believe that you will fill every camp you would establish with a Season Permit. I hope you consider this idea. I am sure if you ran this by the Archers and the Hi Power hunters they will not like the idea unless you did the same for them.</p>	<p>What you're suggesting is a lot more elaborate than establishing the time, place, and manner that a deer can be harvested. The Department does not have the resources to establish what you are suggesting.</p> <p>Additionally no matter where you tried to establish such a unit, you would always be displacing other users (modern firearm, archery, hunters with disabilities, muzzleloaders that use less traditional equipment) that have used that location historically. It wouldn't be fair to displace all the others, especially on public lands, for one narrowly focused group.</p>

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<p>Pertaining to Unit 105            In the past this unit has offered a unique opportunity that is a rather rare general season hunting experience. During a selected time of December the turkey season, archery white-tailed deer, and archery elk season overlapped. During this particular overlap the season was open for either sex for all three games species. My hunting partners and I have thoroughly enjoyed this cold and snowy weather opportunity.            However, the proposed rule changes would separate the late white-tailed deer season into antlerless and either sex; and the elk season is becoming any bull instead of either sex. It is very rare to have such an opportunity without being drawn for a couple of tags in the same year. It is my recommendation that this unit continue to be either sex for archery white-tailed deer, archery elk, and turkey during at least one weekend of December</p>	<p>The late archery white-tailed deer recommendation has been restored to an either sex opportunity. The late season turkey opportunity hasn't changed. So you will still be able to hunt either sex turkey, either sex white-tailed deer, and bull elk in that time frame in GMU 105. However with our proposal you wouldn't have the antlerless elk opportunity.</p>
<p>We would like to see the muzzleloader season in GMUs 407 and 410 extended to Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> same as late archery.</p>	<p>The Department is always looking for additional opportunity that can be offered. The Recommendations start at the District level and are then forwarded up to the Regional level. At this time the Region feels it is recommending all the opportunity it can. Visiting with the District Biologist and the Regional Wildlife Manager might be in order to explore any possible increased opportunities in future years.</p>
<p>I would like to see the season setting process moved so that the seasons are set in place at least one year before the hunting season is set to start for big game. An example is that the dates for the 2012-2013 season should be set by September 01, 2011. Many people, including some of my hunting partners, need to pick all of their vacations for the year before January. I believe that this is the case with many of the people who have labor intensive jobs. So with the decision to not have the seasons in place yet for 2012-2013 they may not be able to get the time off to spend hunting. Normally, we can look ahead in the 3 year plan but this does not work every few years and we are left to make a guess as to when the season will happen.</p>	<p>Using this approach we would be making recommendations without the latest harvest information and without the latest survey information. Some basic general season dates can be set in advance, which is why, we do things on a three year cycle. But because we are dealing with biological systems and populations of wild animals, we need the flexibility to propose changes on a much shorter time frame than 1 ½ years in advance.</p>
<p>In regards to deer hunting: I think buck hunting seasons should be started after the completion of the major breeding season. I think the deer population would be improved if buck hunting was allowed after they have completed breeding. Doe hunting should be allowed prior to the breeding season only.</p>	<p>Hunting after the breeding season would put a lot of activity in the woods at a time when deer are trying to conserve energy and maintain their resources.</p> <p>It would also be logistically very difficult to provide all of hunting season opportunity to all the different user groups after the breeding has been completed. As you move later into the winter antlered and antlerless deer would become more difficult to distinguish because bucks would start dropping their antlers.</p> <p>And finally, in many locations in Washington, snow conditions would make it very difficult for hunters to access their favorite hunting sites, so there would likely be quite a resistance by deer hunters to this kind of a season.</p>

**SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT**

Taken at the Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting

March 9-10, 2012

WAC 232-28-357 “Deer general seasons and definitions.”

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
<p>It is foolish to eliminate the Master Hunter Season for antlerless whitetails in Whitman county (GMU 139 and 142). This short season (9 days) will not harm the take for the "General Hunter," but the timing of the Dec. season for WTD antlerless only is just right to help landowners who need deer taken off the WINTER WHEAT fields. And Colfax in Whitman county has too many whitetails and that is why it is a Special Deer Management unit within Whitman county. If you want to eliminate a December deer season why not in GMU 130 but not in GMU's 139 and 142.</p>	<p>The intent for Master Hunters is to address specific damage situations. A general season hunt spread over several units does not appear to meet that intent. The Department is attempting to ensure that Master Hunters are not perceived as being in competition for opportunity with general hunters. In this case, we are recommending dropping the December MH hunt for antlerless deer and adding second deer permits for general season hunters in GMUs 139 &amp; 142.</p>
<p>As a Master Hunter I do not agree with some of the proposed changes to the incentive hunts/seasons. To start the GMUs 130-142 antlerless whitetail hunt seems that at least addressing the areas that have the highest amount of damage and or the most sensitive, due to safety and landowner relations would be acceptable. Verses eliminating MH participation altogether.</p>	<p>In addition to the hunts listed above for general season hunters, we are developing a list of 20 Master Hunter permit holders in south Region 1 who would be available on-call when a landowner needs help with a deer problem.</p>
<p>Removing the Master Hunter white-tailed deer general season antlerless hunt in GMU’s 130-142 is a mistake for several reasons: <b>First</b>, this hunt provides a critical service by improving public perception of the department and the hunting public which in turn increases private land hunting opportunities throughout the year. <b>Secondly</b>, public safety is a concern because the rolling terrain and open countryside makes these areas vulnerable to hunting accidents caused by bullet trajectory, lack of obstructions and prevalence of commonly concealed outbuildings and habitations. <b>Third</b>, White-tailed deer populations in these GMU’s still appear high and the ability of whitetail to exploit these agricultural habitats and be extremely productive is well documented in literature.</p>	<p>Please see the responses above that address your comments. There are also archery, muzzleloader, and modern firearm general seasons and permits in all of these areas in addition to the Master Hunters season currently which should also address your concerns.</p>

**SUMMARY OF ORAL PUBLIC INPUT**  
 Taken at the Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting  
 March 9, 2012

WAC232-28-357 “2012-2014 Deer general seasons and definitions.”

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
<p>Last year I requested moving the late archery hunting from December to September (antlerless). One of the reasons is a lot of youth want to hunt with family and they’re only getting six days in the cold weather. The hunt is discouraging youth hunters. Also, it is not promoting disabled hunters. It is difficult enough to hunt in 117 and 121 with the 4 pt. rule. It would also help balance the buck ratio. September is a good opportunity to take does that don’t have fawns.</p> <p>Late quality special permits in 117 and 121 allow any white-tailed so this may be a typo. As archery and muzzleloader hunters, we would also appreciate opening up those units to all weapon types.</p>	<p>This proposed change would have to be vetted with all of the hunting public. It is likely that the people that currently hunt the late archery season and prefer it in its current form, would not be very supportive of this proposal. However, the Allocation Subcommittee of the Game Management Advisory Council will be meeting in a couple of months, and the Department will share your proposal with the Subcommittee.</p>
<p>I oppose the elimination of the late white-tailed deer, master hunter hunt in 127 to 142. I disagree that the hunt is not consistent with master hunter objectives. It improves landowner relations and expands access to private lands. Several master hunters forego hunting during the antlered season to hunt the late hunt just to do public relations. We go to different places each year. Knock on doors, in December, meet landowners, mend fences, work our magic, hear horror stories (about hunters), trying to further the image and improve relations for hunters. Try to explain that that isn’t how good ethical hunters behave. I think it is short-sighted, just to sell a few more special permit applications. Please consider an alternative to what is being proposed.</p>	<p>We will have to agree to disagree on some of the points of this topic. The Department feels the Master Hunter white-tailed, antlerless, hunts in GMUs 130-142 are not consistent with the Master Hunter objective.</p> <p>The late archery general season (Nov. 25-Dec. 15), the late muzzleloader general season (Nov. 25-Dec. 8) and special permits (some of which are Master Hunter special permits) will meet the white-tailed deer antlerless removal needs for these GMUs for the near future.</p>

<p>When the 4 pt. restriction was put into effect in GMUs 117 and 121, it shouldn't have applied to youth and disabled hunters. I think you can open that up and provide more opportunity to the youth and disabled. I think you can move the antlerless archery opportunity for the youth and disabled from December to September to give them more opportunity. I don't think you would kill too many does. Having the opportunity is more important than killing the deer. I support allowing all weapon groups to apply for the quality permits in there.</p>	<p>Some members of the public have suggested an alternative similar to the one you've proposed, but the Department is not recommending such a season. Having a variety of different restrictions for different user groups during the same time period makes it extremely difficult to assess how a season structure might be functioning.</p> <p>Your proposed change would have to be vetted with all of the hunting public. It is likely that the people that currently hunt the late archery season and prefer it in its current form, would not be very supportive of this proposal. However, the Allocation Subcommittee of the Game Management Advisory Council will be meeting in a couple of months, and the Department will share your proposal with the Subcommittee.</p>
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NEW SECTION

**WAC 232-28-359 2012 Deer special permits.** It is unlawful to fail to comply with bag, possession, and season limits except as described below. Violations of this section are punishable under RCW 77.15.410.

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

Hunters must purchase a deer hunting license prior to purchase of a permit application. Hunters may only apply for permits consistent with the tag required for the hunt choice; however, Multiple Season Permit holders may apply for archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm permit hunts. Hunters drawn for a special permit hunt must comply with weapon restrictions, dates, and other conditions listed for the hunt.

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Kelly Hill White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 105	5
Kelly Hill Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. <del>20-24</del> 10-20	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 105	1
Douglas White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 108	5
Douglas Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. <del>20-24</del> 10-20	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 108	1
Aladdin White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 111	5
Aladdin Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. <del>20-24</del> 10-20	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 111	1
Selkirk	Modern	Any	Nov. <del>20-24</del> 10-20	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 113	1
49 Degrees North White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 117	5
49 Degrees North Mule Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. <del>20-24</del> 10-20	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 117	1
Huckleberry White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 121	5

Huckleberry Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. <del>20-24</del> 10-20	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 121	1
Mt. Spokane	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 124	5
Mica Peak	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMU 127	5
Cheney	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMU 130	5
Roosevelt	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMU 133	5
Steptoe	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMU 139	5
Almota	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMU 142	5
Watershed	Any Tag	Any	Oct. 1-10	3 pt. min.	GMU 157	5
Dayton	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 162	<del>3</del> 5
Tucannon	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 166	<del>4</del> 2
Wenaha East	Modern	Any	Nov. 7-14	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1009	2
Wenaha West	Modern	Any	Nov. 7-14	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1008	2
Lick Creek	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 175	1
Grande Ronde	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 186	1
East Okanogan	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 204	10
Sinlahekin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 215	<del>5</del> 10
Chewuch	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 218	15
Pearrygin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 224	15
Gardner	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 231	10
Pogue	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 233	<del>4</del> 520
Alta	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 242	10
Manson	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 243	10
Chiwawa	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 245	<del>24</del> 28
Slide Ridge	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 246	<del>9</del> 11
Entiat	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 247	25
Swakane	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 250	15
Mission	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 251	10
Ritzville	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 284	<del>40</del> 12
Desert	Modern	Any	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Any buck	GMU 290	<del>4</del> 517
Desert	Modern	Any	Nov. 17-25	Any buck	GMU 290	<del>4</del> 5
Naneum	Modern	Any	Nov. 12-20	Any buck	GMU 328	<del>4</del> 514
Quilomene	Modern	Any	Nov. 5-20	Any buck	GMU 329	14



Teanaway	Modern	Any	Nov. 12-20	Any buck	GMU 335	<del>45</del> 14
L.T. Murray	Modern	Any	Nov. 14-20	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	<del>25</del>
Bethel	Modern	Any	Nov. 5-20	Any buck	GMU 360	5
Cowiche	Modern	Any	Nov. 5-20	Any buck	GMU 368	10
Alkali	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-18	Any buck	GMU 371	<del>56</del>
Kahlotus	Modern	Any	Nov. 10-19	Any buck	GMU 381	10
Grayback	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	3 pt. min.	GMU 388	40
Nooksack	Modern	Any	Nov. 15-20	Any buck	GMU 418	25
Skagit	Modern	Any	Nov. 15-20	Any buck	GMU 426	10
Sauk	Modern	Any	Nov. 15-20	2 pt. min.	GMU 437	25
Stillaguamish	Modern	Any	Nov. 15-20	Any buck	GMU 448	10
Snoqualmie	Modern	Any	Nov. 15-20	Any buck	GMU 460	10
Green River	Modern	Any	<del>Nov. 12-18</del> <u>Oct. 27-Nov. 2</u>	Any buck	GMU 485	10
Lewis River	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-14	Any buck	GMU 560	1
Washougal	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-14	Any buck	GMU 568	2
Siouxon	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-14	Any buck	GMU 572	1
Wind River	Modern	Any	Nov. 13-20	Any buck	GMU 574	40
West Klickitat	Modern	Any	Nov. 13-20	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	40
Sol Duc	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 607	5
Wynoochee	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-23	Any buck	GMU 648	10
Satsop	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-23	Any buck	GMU 651	10
Mashel	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-23	2 pt. min.	GMU 654	10
Capitol Peak	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-23	Any buck	GMU 663	10
Skookumchuck	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-23	Any buck	GMU 667	10
Chiliwist	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Any buck	GMU 239	15
Entiat	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Any buck	GMU 247	50
Chiwawa	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 245	13
Slide Ridge	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 246	<del>23</del>
Desert	Archery	Any	Nov. 26 - Dec. 9	Any buck	GMU 290	<del>20</del> 29
Naneum	Archery	Any	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMU 328	<del>86</del>
Quilomene	Archery	Any	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMU 329	<del>96</del>
Teanaway	Archery	Any	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMU 335	<del>139</del>

L.T. Murray	Archery	Any	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	2
West Klickitat	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	100
Kitsap	Archery	Any	Nov. 1-23	Any buck	GMU 627	10
Skokomish	Archery	Any	Nov. 1-23	2 pt. min.	GMU 636	10
Blue Mtns. Foothills	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 149, 154, 162, 166	70
Alta	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 242	20
Chiwawa	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 245	<del>23</del>
Slide Ridge	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 246	1
Mission	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 251	<del>4715</del>
Desert	Muzzleloader	Any	Oct. 13-21	Any buck	GMU 290	<del>23</del>
Teanaway	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 7-13	Any buck	GMU 335	2
L.T. Murray	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 7-13	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	<del>21</del>
Bald Mountain	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 7-20	Any buck	GMUs 342, 346	<del>492</del>
Naneum	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 7-13	Any buck	GMU 328	2
Quilomene	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	Any buck	GMU 329	<del>36</del>
West Klickitat	Muzzleloader	Any	Dec. 1-8	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	100
Olympic	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 1-23	Any buck	GMU 621	5

<b>Bucks</b>						
<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Weapon/Tag</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Dates</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Permits</b>
Palouse	Modern	Any	Nov. 10-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 127-142	750
Blue Mtns. Foothills West	Modern	Any	Nov. 7-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 149, 154, 162-166	110
Blue Mtns. Foothills East	Modern	Any	Nov. 7-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 145, 172-181	50
East Okanogan	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 204	50
Sinlahekin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 215	50
Chewuch	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 218	15
Pearrygin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 224	15
Gardner	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 231	15
Pogue	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 233	<del>4520</del>
Chiliwist	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 239	15
Alta	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 242	15
Big Bend	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 248	10
Ritzville	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 284	<del>54</del>

Alkali	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-22	Any buck	GMU 371	4
<del>Whitcomb</del>	<del>Archery</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>Sept. 10-15</del>	<del>Any buck</del>	<del>Deer Area 3071</del>	<del>10</del>
<del>Paterson</del>	<del>Archery</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>Sept. 10-15</del>	<del>Any buck</del>	<del>Deer Area 3072</del>	<del>10</del>
Roosevelt	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 12	ONLY 2 pt. x 2 pt. mule deer bucks	GMU 133	25
Harrington	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 12	ONLY 2 pt. x 2 pt. mule deer bucks	GMU 136	25
Stephoe	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 12	ONLY 2 pt. x 2 pt. mule deer bucks	GMU 139	25
Almota	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 12	ONLY 2 pt. x 2 pt. mule deer bucks	GMU 142	25
Dayton	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 9	3 pt. min.	GMU 162	25
Tucannon	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 9	3 pt. min.	GMU 166	10
Wenaha	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 9	3 pt. min.	GMU 169	15
Mountain View	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 9	3 pt. min.	GMU 172	15
Ritzville	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 284	<del>5</del> 1
Alkali	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 23 - Oct. 12	Any buck	GMU 371	1
<del>Whitecomb</del>	<del>Muzzleloader</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>Sept. 10-15</del>	<del>Any buck</del>	<del>Deer Area 3071</del>	<del>10</del>
<del>Paterson</del>	<del>Muzzleloader</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>Sept. 10-15</del>	<del>Any buck</del>	<del>Deer Area 3072</del>	<del>10</del>
Kahlotus	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 30 - Oct. 7	Any buck	GMU 381	20

<b>Antlerless</b>						
<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Weapon/Tag</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Dates</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Permits</b>
Blue Creek	Modern	Any	Nov. 8-19	<del>White-tailed,</del> Antlerless	GMU 154	30
Dayton	Modern	Any	Nov. 8-19	<del>White-tailed,</del> Antlerless	GMU 162	80
Ten Ten	Modern	Any	Nov. 8-19	Antlerless	Deer Area 1010	30
Marengo	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	<del>White-tailed,</del> Antlerless	GMU 163	50
Peola	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 178	50
Lincoln	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 501	15
Stella	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 504	15
Mossyrock	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 505	30
South Rainier	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 513	10
Winston	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 520	20
Lewis River	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 560	3
Siouxon	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 572	3
Wind River	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 574	3
Pysht	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 603	15

Olympic	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 621	35
Skokomish	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 636	20
Wynoochee	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 648	110
Mashel	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 654	40
North River	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 658	35
Minot Peak	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 660	20
Capitol Peak	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 663	5
Skookumchuck	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 667	5
Entiat	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Antlerless	GMU 247	40
Swakane	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Antlerless	GMU 250	50
<del>Whitcomb</del>	<del>Archery</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>Sept. 15-23</del>	<del>Antlerless</del>	<del>Deer Area 3071</del>	<del>7</del>
<del>Paterson</del>	<del>Archery</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>Sept. 15-23</del>	<del>Antlerless</del>	<del>Deer Area 3072</del>	<del>10</del>
Whitcomb	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-7	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	10
Paterson	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-7	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	10
Grayback	Archery	Any	Nov. 23 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 388	100
Sherman	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 101	40
Selkirk	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 113	15
Whitcomb	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. <del>4-9</del> 16-21	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	<del>10</del> 710
Paterson	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. <del>4-9</del> 16-21	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	10
<del>Whitcomb</del>	<del>Muzzleloader</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>Sept. 24-30</del>	<del>Antlerless</del>	<del>Deer Area 3071</del>	<del>10</del>
<del>Paterson</del>	<del>Muzzleloader</del>	<del>Any</del>	<del>Sept. 24-30</del>	<del>Antlerless</del>	<del>Deer Area 3072</del>	<del>10</del>
Mossyrock	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 505	10
Stormking	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 510	5
South Rainier	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 513	5
Packwood	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 516	5
Winston	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 520	5
Coweeman	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 550	30
Yale	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 554	2
Toutle	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 556	3
Olympic	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 621	20
Satsop	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 22 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 651	100
Mashel	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 22 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 654	50

North River	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 658	5
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<b>2nd Deer</b>						
Second deer permits are only valid with the purchase of a second deer license. The second deer license must be for the same tag type as the first deer license.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Colville River	Any	Any	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1035	25
Benge	Any	Any	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless	Deer Area 2010	30
Lakeview	Any	Any	Jan. 1-30, <a href="#">2012-2013</a>	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	20
Methow	Any	Any	Sept. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2012	20
North Okanogan	Any	Any	Sept. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2013	40
Central Okanogan	Any	Any	Sept. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2014	50
Omak	Any	Any	Sept. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2015	25
Conconully	Any	Any	Sept. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2016	25
High Prairie	Any	Any	Oct. 13-26	Antlerless	Deer Area 3088	15
Mt. Spokane	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-26 and Nov. 10-19	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 124	50
Spokane North	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-26 and Nov. 10-19	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1050	350
Mica Peak	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 127	25
Spokane South	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1060	125
Cheney	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 130	100
Spokane West	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	Deer Area 1070	75
Roosevelt	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 133	150
Harrington	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 136	150
Steptoe	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 139	<del>150</del> 200
Colfax	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	Deer Area 1080	125
Almota	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 142	<del>100</del> 150
Mayview	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 145	50
Blue Creek	Modern	Any	Nov. 8-19	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 154	30
Ten Ten	Modern	Any	Nov. 8-19	Antlerless	Deer Area 1010	30
East Okanogan	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 204	75
Sinlahekin	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 215	40
Chewuch	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 218	10
Pearygin	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 224	10
Gardner	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 231	10

Pogue	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 233	10
Chiliwist	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 239	10
Alta	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 242	10
Big Bend	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 248	35
Mission	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 251	10
Mission	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Antlerless	GMU 251	15
St. Andrews	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 254	20
Foster Creek	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 260	20
Withrow	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 262	20
Badger	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 266	15
Desert	Modern	Any	Dec. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 290	50
Kahlotus	Modern	Any	Dec. 1-9	Antlerless	GMU 381	20
East Klickitat	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 382	30
Grayback	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 388	20
High Prairie	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-28	Antlerless	Deer Area 3088	15
Shaw	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 4004	20
Lopez	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 4005	30
Orcas	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 4006	30
Decatur	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 4007	30
Blakely	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 4008	30
Cypress	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 4009	30
San Juan	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 4010	30
Camano	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 4011	30
Whidbey	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 4012	100
Vashon-Maury	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 4013	100
Guemes	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 4926	30
Randle	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 503	5
Willapa Hills	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 506	10
Stormking	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 510	15
Packwood	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 516	15
Ryderwood	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 530	10
Coweeman	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 550	10

Yale	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 554	10
Washougal	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 568	10
West Klickitat	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 578	10
Anderson	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31 and Nov. 15-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 6014	40
Kitsap	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 627	10
Mashel	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 654	10
North River	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 658	15
Deschutes	Modern	Any	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 666	40
Mt. Spokane	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 124	25
Mica Peak	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 127	25
Clarkston	Archery	Any	Nov. 20 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 1021	30
Spokane North	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1050	75
Spokane South	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1060	25
Shaw	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 4004	20
Lopez	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 4005	20
Orcas	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 4006	20
Decatur	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 4007	20
Blakely	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 4008	20
Cypress	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 4009	20
San Juan	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 4010	20
Camano	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 4011	20
Whidbey	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 4012	20
Vashon-Maury	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 4013	20
Guemes	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Nov. 21 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 4926	20
Anderson	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-28 and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Deer Area 6014	10
Miller	Archery	Any	Dec. 15-30	Antlerless	Deer Area 6020	40
Mt. Spokane	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 124	25
Spokane North	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7 and Dec. 9-31	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1050	100
Cheney	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 130	25
Spokane West	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	Deer Area 1070	25

Colfax	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	Deer Area 1080	75
Roosevelt	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 133	25
Harrington	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 136	25
Mayview	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 145	25
Chiwawa	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 245	10
Swakane	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 250	5
Mission	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 251	5
Foster Creek	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 260	10
Moses Coulee	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 269	10
Lakeview	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 1-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	10
High Prairie	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	Deer Area 3088	5
Shaw	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 4004	20
Lopez	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 4005	20
Orcas	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 4006	20
Decatur	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 4007	20
Blakely	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 4008	20
Cypress	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 4009	20
San Juan	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 4010	20
Camano	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 4011	20
Whidbey	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 4012	20
Vashon-Maury	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 4013	20
Guemes	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 4926	20
East Klickitat	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 20-30	Antlerless	GMU 382	30
Yale	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 554	2
Washougal	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 568	10
West Klickitat	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 578	10
High Prairie	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	Deer Area 3088	5



Anderson	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 6014	5
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<b>Youth</b>						
<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Weapon/Tag</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Dates</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Permits</b>
Ferry	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 101	25
Blue Mtns. Foothills West	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMUs 149, 154, 163, Deer Area 1010	30
Blue Mtns. Foothills East	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 172-181	30
Tucannon	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	<u>White-tailed.</u> Antlerless	GMU 166	5
East Okanogan	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 204	30
Wannacut	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 209	10
Sinlahekin	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 215	20
Chewuch	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 218	25
Pearrygin	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 224	25
Gardner	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 231	10
Pogue	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 233	10
Chiliwist	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 239	15
Alta	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 242	15
Chiwawa	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 245	10
Entiat	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 247	10
Swakane	Modern	Youth	Nov. 1-20	Antlerless	GMU 250	5
Mission	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 251	15
Bridgeport	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	20
Palisades	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	20
Benge	Modern	Youth	Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	Antlerless	Deer Area 2010	30
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Kahlotus	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
East Klickitat	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-26	Any buck	GMU 382	5
East Klickitat	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 382	20
East Klickitat	Modern	Youth	Dec. 20 - Jan.1, 2013	Antlerless	GMU 382	10
East Klickitat	Modern	Youth	Jan. 15-31, 2013	Antlerless	GMU 382	10
East Klickitat	Modern	Youth	Feb. 10-20, 2013	Antlerless	GMU 382	10
Grayback	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-26	Any buck	GMU 388	5

Grayback	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 388	10
Green River	Modern	Youth	<del>Nov. 12-18</del> <u>Oct. 27-Nov. 2</u>	Any <del>buck</del> deer	GMU 485	5
Lincoln	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 501	10
Stella	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 504	10
Mossyrock	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 505	10
Stormking	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 510	10
South Rainier	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 513	10
Packwood	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 516	10
Winston	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 520	10
Yale	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 554	10
Toutle	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 556	25
Lewis River	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Washougal	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 568	10
Siouxon	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 572	5
Wind River	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 574	10
West Klickitat	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Any buck	GMU 578	5
West Klickitat	Modern	Youth	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 578	10
Skokomish	Modern	Youth	Oct. 6-31	Antlerless	GMU 636	5
Satsop	Modern	Youth	Oct. 6-31	Antlerless	GMU 651	10
Mashel	Modern	Youth	Oct. 6-31	Antlerless	GMU 654	30
North River	Modern	Youth	Oct. 6-31	Antlerless	GMU 658	10
Skookumchuck	Modern	Youth	Oct. 6-31	Antlerless	GMU 667	35
Skookumchuck	Modern	Youth	Oct. <del>6-31</del> <u>12</u>	Any buck	GMU 667	20
East Okanogan	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Pogue	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 239	5
Alta	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Mission	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 251	5

Senior 65+						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Blue Mtns. Foothills	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 149, 154, Deer Area 1010	30

East Okanogan	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Sinlahekin	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 215	5
Chewuch	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 218	10
Pearrygin	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 224	10
Gardner	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 231	5
Pogue	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 239	10
Alta	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Chiwawa	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 245	10
Entiat	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 247	10
Swakane	Modern	65+	Nov. 1-20	Antlerless	GMU 250	10
Mission	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 251	10
Bridgeport	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	10
Palisades	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	10
Sunnyside	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 372	10
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	65+	Oct. <del>15-28</del> 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Kahlotus	Modern	65+	Oct. <del>15-23</del> 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
East Klickitat	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 382	20
Grayback	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 388	5
<del>Green River</del>	<del>Modern</del>	<del>65+</del>	<del>Nov. 12-18</del>	<del>Antlerless</del>	<del>GMU 485</del>	<del>5</del>
Lincoln	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 501	5
Stella	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 504	5
Mossyrock	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 505	15
Stormking	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 510	5
South Rainier	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 513	5
Packwood	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 516	5
Winston	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 520	5
Yale	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 554	5
Toutle	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 556	10
Lewis River	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Washougal	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 568	10

Siouxon	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 572	5
Wind River	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 574	5
West Klickitat	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 578	5
Copalis	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 642	20
North River	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 658	10
Williams Creek	Modern	65+	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 673	10

<b>Hunters with Disabilities</b>						
<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Weapon/Tag</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Dates</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Permits</b>
East Okanogan	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Sinlahekin	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 215	5
Chewuch	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 218	5
Pearygin	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 224	5
Gardner	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 231	5
Pogue	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 239	5
Alta	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Chiwawa	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 245	5
Entiat	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 247	5
Mission	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 251	5
Saint Andrews	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMU 254	5
Bridgeport	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	5
Palisades	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-21	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	5
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. <del>15-28</del> 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Kahlotus	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Nov. 1-9	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
East Klickitat	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 382	15
Grayback	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 388	5
<u>Green River</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Hunter with Disability</u>	<u>Oct. 27-Nov. 2</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 485</u>	<u>5</u>
Lincoln	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 501	5
Stella	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 504	5
Mossyrock	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 505	5
Stormking	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 510	5

South Rainier	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 513	5
Packwood	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 516	5
Winston	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 520	5
Yale	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 554	5
Toutle	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 556	5
Lewis River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Washougal	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 568	5
Siouxon	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 572	5
Wind River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 574	5
West Klickitat	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 578	5
Capitol Peak	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 663	20
Skookumchuck	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 667	20
North River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 13-31	Antlerless	GMU 658	5
Wind River	Archery	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 1-23	Antlerless	GMU 574	5
West Klickitat	Archery	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 1-23	Antlerless	GMU 578	5
East Okanogan	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Sinlahekin	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 215	5
Gardner	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 231	5
Chiwawa	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 245	5
Mission	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 251	5
Entiat	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 247	5
Saint Andrews	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 254	5
Bridgeport	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	5
Palisades	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	5
Capitol Peak	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 663	5
North River	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sept. 29 - Oct. 7	Antlerless	GMU 658	5

<b>Master Hunter</b>						
<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Weapon/Tag</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Dates</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Permits</b>
Republic	Any/2nd tag	Master Hunter	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Designated properties within Deer Area 1030	25 <sup>HC</sup>
Region 1 North	Any/2nd tag	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille counties	10 <sup>HC</sup>

Region 1 Central	Any/2nd tag	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Lincoln and Spokane counties	<del>40</del> 20 <sup>HC</sup>
Region 1 South	Any/2nd tag	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Whitman, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin counties	<del>40</del> 20 <sup>HC</sup>
Region 3	Any/2nd tag	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 3	<del>Unlimited</del> 20 <sup>HC</sup>
<del>Miller</del>	<del>Any/2nd tag</del>	<del>Master Hunter</del>	<del>Jan. 1-20, 2012-2013</del>	<del>Antlerless deer; archery and crossbow equipment only</del>	<del>That part of Deer Area 6020 east of Sequim Bay</del>	<del>30</del>
Lakeview	Any/2nd tag	Master Hunter	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	20
Region 5	Any/2nd tag	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	<del>Unlimited</del> 20 <sup>HC</sup>
Region 6	Any/2nd tag	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	<del>Unlimited</del> 20 <sup>HC</sup>

<b>Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Special deer permits will be allocated through a random drawing to those hunter education instructors that qualify.</li> <li>- 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 is required when using modern firearms to hunt.</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Instructors who are drawn, accept a permit denoted with (*) below, and are able to participate in the hunt, will not be eligible for those specific incentive permits for a period of ten years thereafter.</li> <li>- Permittees may purchase a second license for use with the permit hunt only.</li> </ul> <p>Qualified hunter education instructors may only receive one incentive permit each year.</p>				
Area	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
Region 1	All general season and permit seasons established for GMUs included with the permit. Not eligible for seasons and permits for auction hunts; raffle hunts; and hunts for master hunters, youth hunters, hunters with disabilities, hunters 65 years and older, unless the hunter education instructor legally qualifies for such hunts.	Any white-tailed deer	Any 100 series GMU EXCEPT GMU 157	2*
<a href="#">Region 2</a>		<a href="#">Any white-tailed deer</a>	<a href="#">GMUs 204-215</a>	<a href="#">2</a>
Region 2		Any deer	GMUs 215-251	1*
Region 2		Any deer	GMU 290	1*
Region 3		Any deer	GMUs 335-368, 382, 388	1*

Region 4	Any deer	Any 400 series GMU EXCEPT GMUs 485 and 490	2
Region 5	Legal buck for 500 series GMU of choice or antlerless	Any 500 series GMU open for a general deer hunting season or a special deer permit hunting season	6
Region 6	Legal buck for GMU of choice	GMUs 654, 660, 672, 673, 681	1

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### RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR 102) filing and are already included in your notebook.

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The following Quality mule deer hunt dates have been changed from Nov. 20-24 to Nov. 10-20: Kelly Hill, Douglas, Aladdin, Selkirk, 49 Degrees North, and Huckleberry. The former date was too late for mule deer. Last year hunters were snowed out and mule deer were not accessible for a quality hunt.

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The following Quality modern firearm special permit hunts have had their permit numbers changed because higher deer numbers allow for more opportunity, or the permit allocation formula calculated different permit numbers from the previous year, or both.

- Dayton, change from 3 to 5 permits.
- Tucannon, change from 1 to 2 permits.
- Sinlahekin, change from 5 to 10 permits.
- Pogue, change from 15 to 20 permits.
- Chiwawa, change from 24 to 28 permits.
- Slide Ridge, change from 9 to 11 permits.
- Ritzville, change from 10 to 12 permits.
- Desert, Oct. 27-Nov 4, change from 15 to 17 permits.
- Desert, Nov. 17-25, change from 4 to 5 permits.
- Naneum change from Nov. 15 to 14 permits.

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The following Quality modern firearm special permit hunts have had their permit numbers changed because higher deer numbers allow for more opportunity, or the permit allocation formula calculated different permit numbers from the previous year, or both.

- Teanaway, change from 15 to 14 permits.
- L.T. Murray, change from 2 to 5 permits.
- Alkali, change from 5 to 6 permits.

Under Quality, modern firearm:

- Change the date for Green River from Nov. 12-18 to Oct. 27-Nov. 2. The hunting dates for Green River are negotiated between the Department, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and Tacoma Watershed.



The following Quality archery special permit hunts have had their permit numbers changed because higher deer numbers allow for more opportunity, or the permit allocation formula calculated different permit numbers from the previous year, or both.

- Slide Ridge, change from 2 to 3 permits.
- Desert, change from 20 to 29 permits.
- Naneum, change from 8 to 6 permits.
- Quilomene, change from 9 to 6 permits.
- Teanaway, change from 13 to 9 permits.

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The following Quality muzzleloader special permit hunts have had their permit numbers changed because a change in deer numbers changes the level of opportunity, or the permit allocation formula calculated different permit numbers from the previous year, or both.

- Chiwawa, change from 2 to 3 permits.
- Mission, change from 17 to 15 permits.
- Desert, change from 2 to 3 permits.
- L. T. Murray, change from 2 to 1 permits.
- Bald Mountain, change from 10 to 2 permits.
- Quilomene, change from 3 to 6 permits.

The following Bucks modern firearm special permit hunt has had its permit number changed because a change in deer numbers changes the level of opportunity, or the permit allocation formula calculated a different permit number from the previous year, or both.

- Pogue, change from 15 to 20 permits.

The following Bucks archery special permit hunt has had its permit number changed because a change in deer numbers changes the level of opportunity, or the permit allocation formula calculated a different permit number from the previous year, or both.

- Ritzville, change from 5 to 4 permits.

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Under the Bucks archery category, add Whitcomb, Sept. 10-15, 10 permits and Paterson, Sept. 10-15, 10 permits. These opportunities on these two deer areas are alternated between archery and muzzleloaders annually, per an agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who is the primary land manager.

The following Bucks muzzleloader special permit hunt has had its permit number changed because a change in deer numbers changes the level of opportunity, or the permit allocation formula calculated a different permit number from the previous year, or both.

- Ritzville, change from 5 to 1 permit.

Under the Bucks muzzleloader category, remove Whitcomb, Sept. 10-15, 10 permits and Paterson, Sept. 10-15, 10 permits. These opportunities on these two Deer Areas are alternated between archery and muzzleloaders annually, per an agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who is the primary land manager.

Under the Antlerless modern firearm category, clarify that the Blue Creek, Dayton, and Marengo hunts are specific to white-tailed deer.

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Under the Antlerless archery category, remove Whitcomb, Sept. 15-23, and Patterson, Sept. 15-23, and add them to the Antlerless muzzleloader category. These opportunities on these two deer areas are alternated between archery and muzzleloaders annually, per an agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service who is the primary land manager. Also, change the number of permits for Whitcomb from 7 to 10 to provide additional opportunity.

Under the Antlerless muzzleloader category, change the dates on Whitcomb, Sept. 1-9, to Sept. 16-21, and change the permits from 7 to 10. This change was based on landowner input and the need to remove animals more effectively.

Under the Antlerless muzzleloader category, change the dates on Paterson, Sept. 1-9, to Sept. 16-21. This change was made based on landowner input.

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Under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deer modern firearm category, change the date from Jan.1-20, 2012 to Jan. 1-20, 2013. This change corrects an oversight of the calendar date adjustments.

Under the 2<sup>nd</sup> Deer modern firearm category, increase the permits for the following hunts. The increase is needed for population control and to help mitigate damage.

- Steptoe, change from 150 permits to 200 permits.
- Almota, change from 100 permits to 150 permits.

### **Page 30**

Under Youth, modern firearm, clarify that Tucannon, Oct. 13-21, is for white-tailed antlerless deer only.

### **Page 31**

Under Youth, modern firearm, change the Green River season dates from Nov. 12-18 to Oct. 27-Nov. 2, and change the legal deer from Any buck to Any deer. The hunting dates for Green River are negotiated between the Department, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and Tacoma Watershed. The change to Any deer provides more potential opportunity for Youth.

Under Youth, modern firearm, change the Skookumchuck, any buck, season dates from Oct. 6-31 to Oct. 6-12. This change corrects a typographical error.

### **Page 32**

Under Senior 65+, modern firearm, change the dates on the following two hunts:

- Horse Heaven Hills, change from Oct. 15-28, to Oct. 13-26.
- Kahlotus, change from Oct. 15-23, to Oct. 13-21.

These changes correct an oversight of the calendar date adjustments.

Under Senior 65+, modern firearm, delete the Green River hunt. This hunt is alternated each year between the Senior and Hunters with Disabilities categories.

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Under Hunters with Disabilities, modern firearm, change the dates on the following hunt:

- Horse Heaven Hills, change from Oct. 15-28 to Oct. 13-26.

Under hunters with Disabilities, add the following hunt:

Green River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 27- Nov. 2	Antlerless	GMU 485	5
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This hunt is alternated each year between the Senior and Hunters with Disabilities categories.

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Under the Master Hunters category:

- For Region 1 Central, change from 10<sup>HC</sup> permits to 20<sup>HC</sup> permits.
- For Region 1 South, change from 10<sup>HC</sup> permits to 20<sup>HC</sup> permits.
- For Region 3, change from Unlimited permits to 20<sup>HC</sup> permits.
- Delete the Miller hunt. The removals needed at this location are of a sensitive nature and include a local airport. Region 6 staff determined that using USDA, APHIS, Wildlife Services will be the best approach to dealing with this problem.
- For Region 5, change from Unlimited permits to 20<sup>HC</sup> permits.
- For Region 6, change from Unlimited permits to 20<sup>HC</sup> permits.

The permit changes address concerns expressed by Master Hunters and Enforcement. The date change corrects an oversight of the calendar date adjustments.

Under Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits:

- Reinstate a Region 2 hunt, providing 2 permits for any white-tailed deer in GMUs 204-215. This hunt was dropped in error.

## SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

### WAC 232-28-359 “2012 Deer special permits.”

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
<p>While you considering big game seasons for 2012-2014 consider this:                      With only a couple of exceptions in extremely remote country in Idaho, there are no unlimited(general) mule deer hunts IN ANY STATE during the mule deer rut(most of November), with any weapon except in Washington. The late archery mule deer seasons in Central Washington, particularly in Okanogan and Chelan counties, need to be made into permit controlled hunts with very limited tag quotas! WDFW needs to limit the harassment of mature mule deer bucks during this vulnerable period just before the stresses of winter. These unlimited seasons in units 209, 215, 233, 243, and 250 were first created decades ago, when there far fewer late seasons bow hunters and many more mule deer around. It is long past time to limit this significant impact to this dwindling resource!</p>	<p>The management strategies for late season mule deer hunting in Region 2 are very conservative and the Department’s recommendations reflect that. The vulnerability of mule deer on winter range and the detrimental effects of extensive disturbance during that time period are string reasons not to expand late season hunting in those units.</p> <p>The Department will continue to work with all the user groups to try to find a balance between offering hunting opportunity and doing what is best for the mule deer populations.</p>
<p>We have been waiting for a chance to report on a problem that has been over looked for the last 3 Yrs. The 4 day special hunt w/50 permits that were awarded for the general rifle hunters for the late hunt in GMU 388 was changed to 21 days long ending the day before the late archery season opens and the archers have had the antler-less/Doe`s taken away! We have counted enough fresh deer hides and cut off legs for 14 deer, That`s 14 bucks, 3 point or better in just a 360 acre area. This section of GMU 388 is bordered by Camp creek to the SW, the Goldendale Rd. to the SE and the Glenwood Rd. to the N. It`s a 360 acre triangle of public hunting land surrounded by Privet land, we have archery hunted this area for 40 yrs. and spend time there yr. round. We turkey hunt there every spring, camp there every summer, spend many day trips there Yr. round. The Triangle area of this unit would do well to be made into an Archery only unit within the 388 unit. There are only two access`s to the area and would be easy to post. The buck only rule is the most un-fair part of this, Archer`s cannot shoot 100/150/200/300 Yds. as the modern rifle does, We shoot 20 to 40 Yds. average, We must also pull our bows without being seen let alone hold the drawl sometimes for minutes. the chance of getting a deer in shooting range are 100 to 1 of that of a rifle hunter let alone it being a buck and a 3 point or better buck at that. The group who is making the rules for our hunting seasons needs to spend a day in our boots! We look forward to some resolve of these mistakes of the past 3 yrs.</p>	<p>There are 40 special permits in the modern firearm quality deer hunt in GMU 388. That season is proposed to run from Nov. 1-20 this year.</p> <p>Archers in that same GMU have a 28 day early general season and a 19 late general season.</p> <p>In 2010, the modern firearm special permit hunters killed 6 bucks. In 2011, the modern firearm special permit hunters killed 19 bucks.</p> <p>At this time the Region feels it is recommending all the opportunity it can. Visiting with the District Biologist and the Regional Wildlife Manager might be in order to explore any possible increased opportunities in future years.</p>
<p>Just an observation regarding the new proposal. YOUTH Special Permit section- Skookumchuck Any Buck 20 permits Modern Firearm the dates for the 20 proposed permits for Any Buck show Oct 6-Oct 31. The inclusive dates of Oct-13-Oct 31 are already proposed for an open GMU 667 for Western Washington Black-tailed General Season with Any Buck allowed. The correct dates for these permits should only state, Oct 6th - Oct 12th. Due to the fact, the youth hunter does not require a permit to hunt during the general season dates. The current dates appear to be miss-leading.</p>	<p>You are right. Thank you for pointing out this error. The correction has been made.</p>

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
<p>I would like the commission to take a look at the large number of really big two point Mule Deer running around. These are older/huge Mule Deer (22-25 in. width, 18-20 in height) that will not get a third point because of their gene pool. These deer are only breeding more two points and need to be culled out of the deer population. I would like the commission to look at this problem and come up with a way to issue a select number of permits to solve this issue.</p>	<p>The Commission has approved just such a special permit hunt for the last few years. The current recommendation has 4 hunts with this type of season structure in GMUs 133, 136, 139, and 142.</p> <p>Region 1 Biologists are also trying to get these special permit hunters to collect teeth and take photographs of their harvested 2x2 bucks. The Department will continue to explore this question.</p>
<p>The eastern units with the late general deer season extending to November 19<sup>th</sup> (units 104 through 124) also have a quality special permit for 6 special modern permits (5 white-tailed bucks and 1 mule deer buck) from November 20-24. We would like to see these quality permit hunts available to all hunting methods. Allowing muzzleloader hunters to apply for these permits will give opportunities to hunt the northeast units during the late hunt, which is currently not available to them. Archery hunters would also have an opportunity for a few permits to extend their hunting opportunities like the modern firearm hunters have enjoyed in recent years.</p> <p>The current recommendation is 5 permits for any white-tailed buck per unit. Units 117 and 121 should be 5 permits for 4-pt minimum white-tailed buck. This would be consistent with all white-tailed buck hunts in these units.</p> <p>Additionally, this change will raise additional income for the Department by allowing 2 new user groups to apply for a limited number of special hunt permits.</p>	<p>The Department received 11 identical messages of this nature representing the position of one organization.</p> <p>The Department is recommending archery seasons for white-tailed deer in GMUs 101, 105, 108, and 124 in the late general season. The Department is also recommending late archery for 4 pt. min. and antlerless white-tailed deer in GMUs 117 and 121. There doesn't seem to be a need to also create special permits.</p> <p>The Department will explore the possibility of quality muzzleloader permits in future years but the Region is not recommending any at this time.</p>
<p>I personally don't think its right to increase the number of applications for Deer and Elk. I feel the game department is just wanting more money though application fees. I also feel that the commissioners don't care about the deer and elk herds. If you want the population of deer and elk to grow you should cut back on Doe and Cow Permits and not have so many seasons. The seasons now begin in Sept. and go way into Jan. for elk and the season for deer begin in Late Sept. and go into Dec. in some areas. KEEP IT UP AND THERE WON'T BE ANY ANIMALS TO HUNT. Have the same number of days to hunt for all three weapons on different weeks and when that over its over for all hunters. That will let the herds rest and flourish. PS: Open the season later for deer and elk than the harvest will be good and lift the antler restrictions little.</p>	<p>The Department was very clear back in 2010 that part of the reason we recommended the current special permit category system was to generate more revenue. That revenue is now being used to improve access for hunting.</p> <p>Department Biologists do not recommend hunting seasons that will have a detrimental effect on the overall populations.</p> <p>Your message is inconsistent. You indicate that the current season structure is too aggressive, yet you recommend we shift hunting seasons later when deer and elk are more vulnerable which would result in a higher harvest.</p>
<p>Female harvest, especially in deer, is currently out of hand. The Department continues to issue a high number of doe tags in areas that have poor habitat and high mortality from pouching and cougars, just to provide opportunity. This is not right. Local biologists agree there is an over harvest but Olympia wants to sell tags.</p>	<p>Hunting season recommendations always start at the District level. If District Biologists feel reductions need to be made in antlerless opportunity they will do so.</p>
<p>Unfortunately there is no such hunt or even a quality tag hunt just for the youth to hunt big game except for antlerless. I would love to see a quality season for antlered deer and elk, even if it was only a two day hunt, for youth to experience big game hunting without everyone else. After all they are the future of hunting.</p>	<p>There are a few youth deer special permit opportunities similar to what you've described but you are right, except for one exception, most of those opportunities are antlerless. We will take your suggestion under advisement but there are so many user groups asking for extra time or exceptional time, that there is very little room left on the calendar and most do not want to give up opportunities when they pertain to bucks and bulls.</p>

<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>AGENCY RESPONSE</b>
<p>WAC 232-28-359 2012 Deer special permits. Extending the Hunters 65+ either sex White Tail seasons would help farmers protect their crops by reducing the large numbers of does that are naturally attracted to agricultural lands. Please consider designating antlerless only instead of "either sex" for Hunters 65+ during all general and late firearm seasons.</p>	<p>Thanks for the input. We're getting all the help that we need on the antlerless special permits in 65+ category.</p> <p>If the Regional Biologists identify the need to expand those time frames, they have the flexibility to recommend those changes.</p>
<p>For Deer Area 4013 (Vashon-Maury) I strongly suggest making the 2<sup>nd</sup> deer permit for modern firearm "any deer" instead of antlerless. There are far too many deer on the islands and making this any deer will increase the applicants and therefore increase the deer harvest. Over the past few years there have been fewer applicants than permits available. Since the cost for a second deer has also increased by ~250%, making it any deer will make it worth it for more hunters if they have the opportunity to harvest a second large buck.</p>	<p>We agree there are too many deer on many of the islands and the special permits are designated antlerless because the best way to reduce a deer population through hunting is to focus harvest on the reproductive age females.</p>

**SUMMARY OF ORAL PUBLIC INPUT**  
 Taken at the Fish and Wildlife Commission Meeting  
 March 9, 2012

WAC 232-28-359 “2012 Deer special permits.”

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
<p>I am from Grant County, born and raised, and I have hunted for 55 years. I want to know why we don't have doe permits in Grant County? I saw 150 deer in the field after the rifle season. There are low buck ratios and we need to create some youth deer permits to reduce crop damage. Corn fields and hay fields are being damaged by deer. If each deer eats 10 pounds of forage per day, figure the amount of dollars that equals.</p> <p>You should require farmers that take CRP funds to open their lands to the public for hunting. If you take money from the government, you should allow hunting.</p> <p>Buckrun does not provide public opportunity. That is false and people don't want it. It's not a quality hunt and it's not doing anything for the general population.</p>	<p>The Department is not receiving any damage complaints from landowners through the usual, formal channels, and therefore, does not see a need for antlerless special permits above and beyond what is currently being offered.</p> <p>The Fish and wildlife Commission does not have the authority to impose a requirement of allowing public hunting on lands owned by farmers that receive federal subsidies.</p> <p>As part of the Landowner Hunting Permit program, Buckrun and all of the other landowners participating in the program are contractually required to provide a certain level of public hunting opportunity. The breakdown for each landowner is in WAC 232-28-296.</p>

REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

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| WAC 232-28-272 | 2009 Black bear and 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 Cougar hunting seasons and regulations. |
| WAC 232-28-287 | 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 Cougar permit seasons and regulations.                      |
| WAC 232-28-295 | Landowner hunting permits.  |
| WAC 232-28-351 | 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions.   |
| WAC 232-28-352 | 2009-2011 Elk general seasons and definitions.  |
| WAC 232-28-355 | 2011 Deer special permits.  |
| WAC 232-28-356 | 2011 Elk special permits.   |





# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)  
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 11-24-102 on 12-07-11 ; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR \_\_\_\_\_; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR \_\_\_\_\_
- Continuance of WSR \_\_\_\_\_

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)  
Hunting Seasons and Regulations – See Attachment A

Hearing location(s):  
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321 S. Balsam  
Moses Lake, WA 98837  
(509) 764-3701

Date: March 9-10, 2012 Time: 8:30 a.m.

Date of intended adoption: April 13-14, 2012  
(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

**Submit written comments to:**

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Address: 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia WA 98501-1091  
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By: Tuesday, February 21, 2012

**Assistance for persons with disabilities:**

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TTY (800) 833-6388 or (360) 902-2267

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

See Attachment A

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

See Attachment A

Statutory authority for adoption: 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: 77.12.047

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

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

If yes, CITATION:  
CFR Part 20.21

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**Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?**

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

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No. Explain why no statement was prepared.  
These rules do not directly regulate small business.

**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?**

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

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No: Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

# **ATTACHMENT A**

## **WAC 232-12-047 Unlawful methods for hunting.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** This proposed amendment is intended to further the discussion on what should be allowed for crossbow use during modern firearm seasons.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** This proposal facilitates public discussion of new technologies and consideration of acceptable fair chase and ethical standards for hunting.

## **WAC 232-12-054 Archery requirements - Archery special use permits.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** This proposed amendment is intended to further the discussion on allowing illuminated nocks for archery equipment.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** This proposal facilitates public discussion of new technologies and consideration of acceptable fair chase and ethical standards for hunting.

## **WAC 232-12-063 Hunting at night – regulations – penalties.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** This proposal would clarify how a hunter can hunt small game and unclassified wildlife at night and would complement existing night hunting rules.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** The proposal would provide greater certainty for officers in determining whether a hunter is lawfully hunting at night.

## **WAC 232-12-243 Public safety cougar removals.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The purpose of the proposed WAC amendment is to identify when public safety cougar removals are warranted for the protection of public safety and private property. The proposed WAC changes remove the use of “cougar sighting events” or “nuisance behavior” to trigger a public safety cougar removal. The proposed WAC also renames the program from “cougar management removal” to “public safety cougar removal.”

**Reasons supporting proposal:** This proposal better aligns the WAC language and actions with the terms used in the RCW authority.

## **WAC 232-12-257 Use of decoys and calls.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** This proposed amendment is intended to further the discussion on the use of electronic technology for waterfowl hunting.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** This proposal facilitates public discussion of new technologies and consideration of acceptable fair chase and ethical standards for hunting.

## **WAC 232-12-264 Baiting of game birds – Unlawful.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** This proposed amendment is intended to clarify the existing rule on baiting of game birds, and align the rule with current federal regulations on baiting of migratory game birds.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** This amendment was requested by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission, subsequent to a Commission presentation in September 2009, to facilitate consistent enforcement of state and federal baiting rules by the Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**WAC 232-28-273 2012-2014 Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The proposed WAC changes amend seasons for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat. Winter surveys indicate moose populations are stable. The Department recommends minor permit level adjustments based on recent survey results. The Department also recommends redefining Mt. Spokane moose hunts in GMU 124 into two moose areas, Mt. Spokane North and Mt. Spokane South, and increasing permit levels slightly in those areas to control population levels. Based on the recommendation, statewide permit levels would change from 140 to 152. The anticipated effect is stable moose populations in core areas with more control on moose population growth in areas surrounding Spokane. Hunter opportunity will increase slightly.

All bighorn sheep populations that we are currently hunting either meet or exceed total population objectives. However the number of adult rams fluctuates and we are recommending reductions in ram harvest for several units consistent with the population thresholds in the Game Management Plan (2008). Based on the recommendation, statewide permit levels would change from 41 to 31. The anticipated effect is stable bighorn sheep populations in all hunted areas. Hunter opportunity will decrease slightly.

Mountain goat populations are managed for stable-to-increasing populations in all hunted areas. Changes in permit levels are based on annual survey counts and tend to be conservative, given the sensitivity of goats to overharvesting. The Department recommends status quo delegated authority for existing hunt area permit levels, plus the addition of two hunt areas each with 1 permit. Under that authority the Department will be rotating and reducing hunting pressure in the goat units surrounding Mt. Baker, based on recent survey results. With the delegated authority, statewide permit levels would change from 15 to 17. The anticipated effect is stable mountain goat populations in all hunted areas. Hunter opportunity will increase slightly.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** This proposal incorporates permit level changes based on the population thresholds and criteria in the Game Management Plan (2008).

**WAC 232-28-286 2013, 2014, and 2015 Spring black bear seasons and regulations.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The proposed rule amendments establish the 2013, 2014, and 2015 spring black bear seasons. The purpose is to: 1) reduce tree damage by bears in western Washington; 2) disperse harvest geographically and reduce female harvest in southeastern Washington; and 3) reduce nuisance and damage activity in northeastern Washington, while maintaining long-term sustainable populations in each Black Bear Management Unit (BBMU) --except Puget Sound and Columbia Basin BBMUs. The anticipated effects of the rule are continued recreational harvest opportunities similar to 2009-2011 levels and long-term sustainable bear populations.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** Spring bear opportunity is provided to address management needs rather than solely for the purpose of providing recreational opportunity. This is due to the public's sensitivity to hunting bears while adult females are accompanied by the young of the year. The Department did not receive any requests for additional spring bear harvest to address the management needs listed above, except for additional bear harvest in northeastern Washington to address nuisance bear issues. Based on the population thresholds outlined in the Game Management Plan, hunting may be impacting the bear population in northeastern Washington; that is, the "median age of harvested females" indicator suggests bear harvest may be impacting the regional bear population. As such, any additional spring bear harvest in the area would require equivalent reductions to fall bear harvest to offset any additional population impacts. During the scoping phase of this WAC, survey data indicated

respondents preferred status quo spring seasons rather than adding harvest opportunity in the spring coupled with reductions in the fall season.

**WAC 232-28-288 2012-2014 Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The proposed rule establishes the 2012, 2013, and 2014 fall black bear seasons. The purpose is to provide recreational harvest opportunities for black bear, while maintaining long-term sustainable populations in each BBMU --except Puget Sound and Columbia Basin BBMUs. The anticipated effects of the rule are to maintain recreational harvest trends similar to 2009-2011 levels. The anticipated effect to the bear population is a long-term sustainable bear populations statewide.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** The parameters used as population indicators by the Department to evaluate the impacts of hunting on the bear populations are either stable or trending in the right direction. Therefore, no significant changes are recommended at this time.

**WAC 232-28-296 Landowner hunting permits.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The purpose of this proposal is to expand the number of special hunting opportunities available on private lands for hunters. The recommended changes would add two additional cooperators in eastern Washington.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** The Fish and Wildlife Commission developed a policy to expand the private lands available for hunting to the general public several years ago. One of the programs that was authorized under their authority is the Landowner Hunting Permit program. This program encourages landowners to provide opportunity to the general hunter in exchange for customized hunting seasons and the ability to generate funding to offset the cost of providing public access.

**WAC 232-28-297 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 Cougar hunting seasons and regulations.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The purpose of the proposal is to establish the 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015 cougar hunting seasons. The proposal establishes hunt areas and associated harvest guidelines for the entire state (except Columbia Basin and Puget Sound Cougar Management Units). The harvest guideline represents a sustainable 12-16 percent harvest rate for each hunt area. The anticipated effects to the cougar population are to maintain a stable population and to maintain an adequate age structure for cougar populations equally distributed across the state.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** Recently published studies suggest that a 12-16 percent harvest rate of a local cougar population is the maximum harvest rate that still has a high probability for maintaining a stable cougar population along with stable adult male territorial behavior. Harvest rates in excess of 16 percent can result in declines in core populations of breeding females, and excessive male harvest rates result in the loss of adult male territorial behavioral, which acts as a regulatory mechanism for local male cougar numbers.

**WAC 232-28-337 Deer and elk area descriptions.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The proposed language eliminates one elk area and creates three new deer areas. Deer and elk areas help direct hunters when a scale smaller than the Game Management Unit (GMU) is needed. Deer and elk areas help staff deal with wildlife damage problems.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** The proposed language allows the Commission to distribute hunters more favorably during quality hunts. Proposed language also helps delineate when state authorized deer

hunting is and is not allowed at a smaller scale within the GMU. Proposed language eliminates an elk area that is associated with a special permit elk hunt that is no longer being conducted.

**WAC 232-28-342 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15 Small game seasons.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** This amendment proposes calendar date adjustments to most small game seasons, expands the wild turkey season in eastern Washington, reinstates the September Canada goose season in eastern Washington, and shifts the crow season one month earlier.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** This proposal provides for the continuation of hunting seasons on small game species to provide recreational opportunity and depredation control.

**WAC 232-28-357 2012-2014 Deer general seasons and definitions.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season deer hunting opportunity, balance the hunting opportunity between user groups, increase opportunity when deer populations allow, and reduce opportunity when declining deer numbers warrant a change. The proposal would repeal the old deer general seasons for 2009-2011 and adopt the new deer seasons for 2012-2014.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** This proposal provides recreational deer hunting opportunity and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable general deer hunting season opportunities for 2012 through 2014. The proposal helps address deer damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed.

**WAC 232-28-358 2012-2014 Elk general seasons and definitions.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season elk hunting opportunity, balance the hunting opportunity between user groups, increase opportunity when elk populations allow, and reduce opportunity when declining elk numbers warrant a change. The proposal would repeal the old elk general seasons for 2009-2011 and adopt the new elk seasons for 2012-2014.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** This proposal provides recreational elk hunting opportunity and protects elk from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable general elk hunting season opportunities for 2012 through 2014. The proposal helps address elk damage problems and provides for elk population control when needed.

**WAC 232-28-359 2012 Deer special permits.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit deer hunting opportunity that is above and beyond what is offered for general seasons. The proposal would repeal the old deer special permit seasons for 2011 and adopt the new deer special permit seasons for 2012. The proposal adjusts special permits for deer for 2012 in response to deer population changes and damage complaints. The proposal would help reduce or minimize agricultural damage and provides for population control of deer where needed.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** The proposal continues to provide recreational deer hunting opportunity while protecting deer from overharvest and helps minimize deer agricultural damage.

**WAC 232-28-360 2012 Elk special permits.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** The purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit elk hunting opportunity that is above and beyond what is offered for general seasons. The proposal would repeal the old elk special permit seasons for 2011

and adopt the new elk special permit seasons for 2012. The proposal adjusts special permits for elk for 2012 in response to elk population changes and damage complaints. The proposal would help reduce or minimize agricultural damage and provides for population control of elk where needed.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** The proposal continues to provide recreational elk hunting opportunity while protecting elk from overharvest and helps minimize elk agricultural damage.

**WAC Sections Proposed for Repeal:**

WAC 232-28-272	2009 Black bear and 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 Cougar hunting seasons and regulations.
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WAC 232-28-356	2011 Elk special permits.