

**2014 BIGHORN SHEEP, MOUNTAIN GOAT, and MOOSE  
SEASONS and PERMIT QUOTAS  
WAC 232-28-622, 232-28-623, 232-28-273 and 232-28-283**

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## Summary Sheet

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<b>Meeting dates:</b>	March 7-8, 2014
<b>Agenda item:</b>	2014 Bighorn sheep, mountain goat, and moose seasons and permit quotas – <b>Rule Briefing and Public Hearing</b>
<b>Presenter(s):</b>	Rich Harris, Ph.D., Special Species Manager, Wildlife Program

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**Background summary:** Department staff will brief the Commission on the amendment of WAC 232-28-622 2013-2014 Big horn sheep seasons and permit quotas and WAC 232-28-623 2013-2014 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas, and the amendment of WAC 232-28-273 2013-2014 Moose seasons and permit quotas. Also, the department suggests amending the GMUs open for the raffle permit of Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep under WAC 232-28-283.

Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep populations in the Blue Mountains area of south-eastern Washington have been reduced in recent years due to the lingering effects of pneumonia outbreaks. Because relatively few large-sized rams remain in the Asotin herd the quota was reduced to zero in 2013. However, the decline in the Asotin herd has thus far been smaller than expected, allowing the department to once again propose a quota of 1 for this herd in 2013. As well, the nearby MountainView/Wenaha herd now has a sufficient number of old-aged rams that it can sustain the loss of 1 to the permit holder of the Rocky Mountain bighorn raffle. Thus, the department is proposing that GMU 172 be open to the raffle permit holder in place of GMU 181.

The department also proposes a total quota of 8 rams in the Cleman Mountain bighorn herd, down from 10 in 2013 reflecting better balance of rams and ewes. The department proposes initiating a ewe hunt (5 permits) on Selah Butte, in response to landowner concerns. Landownership on the Selah (i.e., east) side of the Yakima River is primarily in private ownership, and land-owner tolerance for perceived forage competition from bighorns has declined. Continued presence of pneumonia-causing bacteria, though a low incidence, prevents the department from considering translocation of Selah animals to other herds or areas. As well, the number of rams on the Umtanum side is sufficient to sustain an additional removal; thus the department recommends increasing permits from 2 to 3. Finally, the Lincoln Cliffs bighorn herd has evidently reached an all-time high in numbers, and can sustain additional removal of rams. This herd is also faced with increasing development within adjacent private land. As a result, the department proposes an increase in the number of ram permits from 1 (in 2013) to 2 this year.

In 2013, the mountain goat survey in the Methow region District 6, Region 2, suggested that goat populations remained depressed. Therefore, the department recommends temporarily suspending the current goat permit in this area. In contrast, mountain goat numbers in both the Naches Pass and Bumping River areas of District 8, Region 3, have gradually increased. Thus, the department proposes increasing the number of mountain goat permits from 1 to 2 in both of these hunt areas. Finally, the Mt. Baker area goat population appears stable, but for reasons unrelated to population size, more hunters were unsuccessful in 2013 than typical, consequently removals were lower than expected. The department recommends temporarily increasing permits in the Chowder Ridge unit of the Mt. Baker area from 1 to 2.

Mountain goats have not been hunted on the Olympic Peninsula since the late 1990s, following the reductions made in the core part of this herd's range by Olympic National Park (ONP). Mountain goats, which were introduced to the Olympia Peninsula in the 1920s, have since increased both inside ONP and on Olympic National Forest lands immediately to the east. The department and USFS have received reports of increasing concerns about human safety, particularly on popular hiking trails in the region. Population reduction is an appropriate goal for mountain goats living adjacent to the eastern boundary of ONP. The department recommends 3 new hunts, each with 2 permits, for a total of 6 permits within GMU 621. The proposal is that the once-in-a-lifetime restriction be waived for these

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hunts. This new program has been developed in close cooperation with the Olympic NF, and the department and USFS have plans to continue to manage these hunts closely.

Surveys of moose in northeastern Washington provide no justification for changing the number of permits at this time. Accordingly, the proposed permit levels for moose in 2014 are identical to those in 2013. However, the department is proposing that the current temporal, geographic, and gender scope of the Master Hunter permits (i.e., damage control hunts) in Region 1 are too restrictive to allow this program to function as intended. Thus, the department recommends allowing bulls, as well as cows to be taken; advancing the season from the current December 1 starting date to August 1, and extending the geographic scope to include GMUs 133, 136, 139, and 142. These hunts are invoked only when problems with moose cannot be resolved in non-lethal ways. Experimental archery-only and muzzleloader-only hunts are proposed for the Parker Lake area in GMU 117, in cooperation with the USAF Survival School.

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

- Provide additional hunter opportunity in the Asotin, Mountain View, and Selah Butte bighorn herds.
- Protect mountain goats from harvest in the Methow unit where surveys suggest populations remain depressed.
- Provide additional hunter opportunity in the Naches Pass, Bumping River, and Mt. Baker mountain goat hunt areas.
- In cooperation with the USFS, provide opportunity for hunters to harvest mountain goats in GMU 621 on the Olympic Peninsula where conflicts with recreationists have increased in recent years.
- Add flexibility in the type of animal, season, and area of Master Hunter permits for moose in Region 1 to respond to agency needs
- Provide additional hunter opportunity to harvest moose in an area previously closed to hunting.

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

Notification was mailed to over 9000 organizations and individuals, informing them of the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed regulation. Additionally, these organizations and individuals were informed of the opportunity to provide testimony at the March 7-8, 2014 Commission Meeting in Moses Lake.

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**Action requested:**

Take public comment. Adoption planned for the April 11-12, 2014 Commission Meeting.

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**Draft motion language:**

N/A

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**Justification for Commission action:**

Changes in permit levels allow the department to provide hunter opportunity when population levels allow, while protecting populations from the risk of overharvest.

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**Communications Plan:**

Washington State Register  
News Release  
Hunting Pamphlets  
Agency Website

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*Form revised 12/5/12*

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-11-078, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13)

**WAC 232-28-273 2012-2014 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.**

(1) It is unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions of this section. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

(2) **Moose Permit Hunts**

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

(b) **Bag Limit:** One moose.

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

Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	Permits
Kettle Range/East Okanogan	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMUs 101, 105, 204	Any Moose	10
Selkirk Mtns. A	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 113	Any Moose	15
Selkirk Mtns. B <sup>d</sup>	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 113	Antlerless Only	2
Mt. Spokane South A	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 1	Any Moose	8
Mt. Spokane South B	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 1	Antlerless Only	8
Mt. Spokane North A	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 2	Any Moose	8
Mt. Spokane North B	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 2	Antlerless Only	7
Mt. Spokane North C <sup>b</sup>	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 2	Antlerless Only	1

Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	Permits
<del>(Mt.)</del> Spokane <u>District</u> <sup>HC</sup>	<del>(Dec.)</del> <u>Aug.</u> 1 - Mar. 31	GMUs 124 <del>(, 127, and 130 within Spokane County)</del> -142	<del>(Antlerless Only)</del> <u>Any Moose as specifically directed by WDFW</u>	10 <sup>HC</sup>
Mt. Spokane South - Youth Only <sup>a</sup>	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 1	Antlerless Only	8
Mt. Spokane North - Youth Only <sup>a</sup>	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Moose Area 2	Antlerless Only	8
49 Degrees North A	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 117	Any Moose	21
49 Degrees North B <sup>b</sup>	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 117	Antlerless Only	3
49 Degrees North C <sup>c</sup>	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 117	Antlerless Only	2
49 Degrees North Youth Only <sup>a</sup>	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMU 117	Antlerless Only	2
Three Forks	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMUs 108, 111	Any Moose	6
Hangman A	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMUs 127, 130	Any Moose	7
Hangman B	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMUs 127, 130	Antlerless Only	7
Huckleberry Range A	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMUs 121, 124 west of Hwy 395	Any Moose	7
Huckleberry Range B <sup>c</sup>	Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	GMUs 121, 124 west of Hwy 395	Antlerless Only	2
<u>Parker Lake A</u> <sup>e</sup>	<u>Sept.1-26</u>	<u>Moose Area 3</u>	<u>Any Moose, Archery Only</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Parker Lake B</u> <sup>e</sup>	<u>Sept. 27 - Oct. 5</u>	<u>Moose Area 3</u>	<u>Any Moose, Muzzleloader Only</u>	<u>2</u>

<sup>a</sup>Applicants must be eligible to purchase a youth moose permit application. An adult must accompany the youth hunter during the hunt.

<sup>b</sup>Applicants must possess a Disabled Hunter Permit.

<sup>c</sup>Applicants must be eligible to purchase a 65 years of age or older permit application.

<sup>d</sup>Applicants must be a certified hunter education instructor who meets program-defined eligibility criteria.

<sup>e</sup>The following special hunt is offered by the USAF Survival School on a trial basis and will be evaluated based on student safety each year for continuation.

<sup>HC</sup>This is a damage hunt administered by a WDFW designated hunt coordinator. Only master hunters may apply, and any weapon may be used. Successful applicants will be contacted on an as-needed basis to help with specific sites of nuisance moose activity in designated areas. Not all successful applicants will be contacted in any given year.

(3) **Moose Areas:**

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

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

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

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

Hwy 2 to Idaho-Washington state line, S on Idaho-Washington state line to Blanchard Rd and the point of beginning.

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

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-273, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-273, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12; WSR 11-11-013 (Order 11-86), § 232-28-273, filed 5/6/11, effective 6/6/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.32.070, 77.32.530. WSR 10-10-061 (Order 10-94), § 232-28-273, filed 4/30/10, effective 5/31/10. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240. WSR 09-09-083 (Order 09-53), § 232-28-273, filed 4/15/09, effective 5/16/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210. WSR 08-09-090 (Order 08-78), § 232-28-273, filed 4/18/08, effective 5/19/08; WSR 07-11-017 (Order 07-62), § 232-28-273, filed 5/3/07, effective 6/3/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 06-11-032 (Order 06-92), § 232-28-273, filed 5/8/06, effective 6/8/06;

WSR 05-11-022 (Order 05-89), § 232-28-273, filed 5/10/05, effective 6/10/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047 and 77.12.020. WSR 04-11-036 (Order 04-98), § 232-28-273, filed 5/12/04, effective 6/12/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 03-13-047 (Order 03-129), § 232-28-273, filed 6/12/03, effective 7/13/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.655, 77.12.020. WSR 02-11-069 (Order 02-98), § 232-28-273, filed 5/10/02, effective 6/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.040, 77.12.020, 77.32.070, 77.32.530. WSR 01-10-048 (Order 01-69), § 232-28-273, filed 4/26/01, effective 5/27/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.040, 77.12.010, 77.12.020, 77.12.770, 77.12.780. WSR 00-11-137 (Order 00-50), § 232-28-273, filed 5/23/00, effective 6/23/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.040. WSR 99-10-102 (Order 99-40), § 232-28-273, filed 5/5/99, effective 6/5/99; WSR 98-10-005 (Order 98-58), § 232-28-273, filed 4/22/98, effective 5/23/98.]



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 12-22-045, filed 11/2/12, effective 12/3/12)

**WAC 232-28-283 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.**

**AUCTION PERMITS**

(1) BLACK-TAILED DEER AUCTION PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Weapon type: Any legal weapon.

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

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(2) MULE DEER AUCTION PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Weapon type: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One additional any buck mule deer.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(3) WHITE-TAILED DEER AUCTION PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Weapon type: Any legal weapon.

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

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(4) WESTSIDE ELK AUCTION PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Weapon type: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One additional any bull elk.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(5) EASTSIDE ELK AUCTION PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Weapon type: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One additional any bull elk.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(6) CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP AUCTION PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

Hunt Area: Any open sheep unit with two or more ram permits during the respective license year, EXCEPT sheep units in Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, or Pend Oreille counties are not open.

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One California bighorn ram.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(7) MOOSE AUCTION PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

Hunt Area: Any open moose unit.

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One moose of either sex.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(8) MOUNTAIN GOAT AUCTION PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

Hunt Area: Any open goat unit with two or more permits during the respective license year.

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One mountain goat of either sex.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

**RAFFLE PERMITS**

(9) BLACK-TAILED DEER RAFFLE PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

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

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(10) MULE DEER RAFFLE PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One additional any buck mule deer.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(11) WHITE-TAILED DEER RAFFLE PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

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

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(12) WESTSIDE ELK RAFFLE PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One additional any bull elk.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(13) EASTSIDE ELK RAFFLE PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One additional any bull elk.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(14) CALIFORNIA BIGHORN SHEEP RAFFLE PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

Hunt Area: Any open bighorn sheep unit with two or more ram permits during the respective license year, EXCEPT sheep units in Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Asotin, or Pend Oreille counties are not open.

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One California bighorn ram.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(15) MOOSE RAFFLE PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

Hunt Area: Any open moose unit.

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One moose of either sex.

Number of permit hunters selected: 2

(16) MOUNTAIN GOAT RAFFLE PERMIT

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

Hunt Area: Any open goat unit with two or more permits during the respective license year.

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Bag limit: One mountain goat of either sex.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(17) TURKEY RAFFLE PERMIT

Season dates: April 1 - May 31 and September 1 - December 31

Hunt Area: Statewide.

Weapon: Archery or shotgun only.

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

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(18) ROCKY MOUNTAIN BIGHORN SHEEP RAFFLE PERMIT

Bag limit: One Rocky Mountain bighorn ram.

Hunt Area: GMUs 113, 172, 175(~~(, 181)~~).

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(19) THREE-DEER RAFFLE PERMIT

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

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

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

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(20) NORTHEAST WASHINGTON BIG GAME RAFFLE PERMIT

Bag limit: Permit hunter may harvest three of six possible species.

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

Hunt Area: GMUs 101-124.

Season dates: September 1 - December 31 for white-tailed deer, elk, and moose. April 15 - May 31 and September 1 - December 31 for black bear. September 1 - March 31 for cougar. April 15 - May 31 for turkey

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

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(21) SOUTH-CENTRAL WASHINGTON BIG GAME RAFFLE PERMIT



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

Hunt Area: For elk, any 300 or 500 series GMU EXCEPT those GMUs closed to elk hunting and those GMUs not open to branch antlered bull elk hunting by the fish and wildlife commission. For deer, any 300 or 500 series GMU EXCEPT those GMUs closed to deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission. For California bighorn sheep, those bighorn sheep hunt areas south of Interstate 90 and west of Interstate 82 open to bighorn sheep hunting by the fish and wildlife commission with two or more permits during the respective license year.

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(22) SOUTHEAST WASHINGTON BIG GAME RAFFLE PERMIT

Bag limit: Permit hunter may harvest four of five possible species.

Species that may be harvested under this permit include: One additional any buck white-tailed deer, one additional any buck mule deer, one additional any bull elk, one additional any legal cougar, and one additional any legal black bear; total harvest not to exceed four animals.

Hunt Area: GMUs 139-154 and 162-186.

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

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

(23) NORTH-CENTRAL WASHINGTON BIG GAME RAFFLE PERMIT

Bag limit: Permit hunter may harvest three of five possible species.

Species that may be harvested under this permit include: One additional any buck white-tailed deer, one additional any buck mule deer, one any ram California bighorn sheep, one additional any legal cougar, and one additional any legal black bear; total harvest not to exceed three animals.

Hunt Area: For white-tailed deer, mule deer, cougar, and black bear, any 200 series GMU EXCEPT those GMUs closed to deer hunting by the fish and wildlife commission. For California bighorn sheep, those bighorn sheep hunt areas in Chelan or Okanogan counties open to bighorn sheep hunting by the fish and wildlife commission with two or more permits during the respective license year.

Season dates: September 1 - December 31 for white-tailed deer, mule deer, and California bighorn sheep. April 15 - May 15 and September 1 - December 31 for black bear. September 1 - March 31 for cougar

Weapon: Any legal weapon.

Number of permit hunters selected: 1

**SPECIAL INCENTIVE PERMITS**

(24) WESTERN WASHINGTON ELK INCENTIVE PERMITS

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

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Bag limit: One additional elk.

Number of permit hunters selected: 2

(25) EASTERN WASHINGTON ELK INCENTIVE PERMITS

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

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Bag limit: One additional elk.

Number of permit hunters selected: 2

(26) DEER INCENTIVE PERMITS

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

Season dates: September 1 - December 31

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

Bag limit: One additional any deer.

Number of permit hunters selected: 5

**PERMIT ISSUANCE PROCEDURE**

(27) Auction permits: The director will select a conservation organization(s) to conduct annual auction(s). Selection of the conservation organizations will be based on criteria adopted by the Washington department of fish and wildlife. Big game and wild turkey auctions shall be conducted consistent with WAC 232-28-292.

(28) Raffle permits: Raffle permits will be issued to individuals selected through a Washington department of fish and wildlife drawing or the director may select a conservation organization(s) to conduct annual raffles. Selection of a conservation organization will be based on criteria adopted by the Washington department of fish and wildlife. Big game and wild turkey raffles shall be conducted consistent with WAC 232-28-290.

(29) Special incentive permits: Hunters will be entered into a drawing for special deer and elk incentive permits for prompt reporting of hunting activity in compliance with WAC 232-28-299.

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

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION AND REQUIREMENTS:**

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

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

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

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

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

(36) The permittee will present the head and carcass of the bighorn sheep killed to any department office within seventy-two hours of date of kill.

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

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

(39) Permit hunters awarded a cougar permit may only use dogs in GMUs that have a cougar season open to dog use (WAC 232-28-285).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.32.530. WSR 12-22-045 (Order 12-257), § 232-28-283, filed 11/2/12, effective 12/3/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 10-03-041 (Order 10-10), § 232-28-283, filed 1/13/10, effective 2/13/10.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-11-078, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13)

**WAC 232-28-622 2012-2014 Big horn sheep seasons and permit quotas.** (1) It is unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions of this section. A violation of species, sex, size, number, area, season, or eligibility requirements is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

(2) **Bighorn Sheep Permit Hunts**

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

(b) **Bag Limit:** One bighorn ram, except in designated adult ewe hunts the limit is one bighorn adult ewe.

Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	Permits
Vulcan Mountain	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 2	Any Legal Weapon	1
Selah Butte <u>A</u>	Nov. <del>((5))</del> 3-30	Sheep Unit 4	Any Legal Weapon	3
<u>Selah Butte B</u>	<u>Nov. 3-30</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 4</u>	<u>Adult ewe only</u> <u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>5</u>
Umtanum	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 5	Any Legal Weapon	<del>((2))</del> 3
Cleman Mountain A	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 7	Any Legal Weapon	<del>((5))</del> 4
Cleman Mountain B	Nov. 5-30	Sheep Unit 7	Any Legal Weapon	<del>((5))</del> 4
Mt. Hull A	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 10	Any Legal Weapon	2

Hunt Name	Permit Season	Permit Hunt Boundary Description	Special Restrictions	Permits
Mt. Hull B	Oct. 1-10	Sheep Unit 10	Adult ewe only Any Legal Weapon	1
Mt. Hull C <sup>b</sup>	Oct. 1-10	Sheep Unit 10	Adult ewe only Any Legal Weapon	1
Lincoln Cliffs	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 12	Any Legal Weapon	((+)) <u>2</u>
Quilomene	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 13	Any Legal Weapon	3
Swakane	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 14	Any Legal Weapon	1
Manson	Nov. 5-30	Sheep Unit 16	Any Legal Weapon	2
<u>Asotin</u>	<u>Sept. 15 - Oct. 10</u>	<u>Sheep Unit 17</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>1</u>
Chelan Butte	Sept. 15 - Oct. 10	Sheep Unit 18	Any Legal Weapon	1

<sup>b</sup>Applicants must be eligible to purchase a youth bighorn sheep permit application. An adult 18 years of age or older must accompany the youth hunter during the hunt.

(3) **Bighorn Sheep Units:**

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

(b) **Sheep Unit 4 Selah Butte:** Permit Area: That part of Yakima and Kittitas counties between Ellensburg and Yakima east of the Yakima River and north of Selah Creek, west of Interstate 82 and south of Interstate 90.

(c) **Sheep Unit 5 Umtanum:** Permit Area: Those portions of Yakima and Kittitas counties west of the Yakima River, north of Wenas Creek, and east of USFS Road 1701 to Manastash Lake and its drainage; south and east along the South Fork Manastash Creek to Manastash Creek and the Yakima River.



(d) **Sheep Unit 7 Cleman Mountain:** Permit Area: That part of Yakima County south of Wenas Creek and east of USFS Road 1701, north of Highway 410 and Highway 12 and west of the Yakima River.

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

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

(g) **Sheep Unit 13 Quilomene:** Permit Area: GMUs 329, 330, and 251 south of Colockum Creek.

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

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

(j) **Sheep Unit 16 Manson:** Permit Area: Beginning at the mouth of Granite Falls Creek on the south shore of Lake Chelan, E across Lake Chelan to Willow Point; NW along the shoreline of Lake Chelan to the mouth of Stink Creek; E along Stink Creek to the intersection with Green's Landing Road; along Green's Landing Road to Manson Boulevard; E on Manson Boulevard to Lower Joe Creek Road; NE on Lower Joe Creek

Road to Grade Creek Road; NE on Grade Creek Road to US Forest Service Road 8210; NE on US Forest Service Road 8210 to intersection with US Forest Service Road 8020; W on US Forest Service Road 8020 to Fox Peak; NW along Sawtooth Ridge (Chelan-Okanogan County Line) to the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area boundary; S along the Lake Chelan National Recreation Area boundary to shore line of Lake Chelan; W across Lake Chelan to the mouth of Riddle Creek on the South Shore; SE along South Shore of Lake Chelan to the point of beginning.

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

(1) **Sheep Unit 19 Sinlahekin:** Beginning at the eastern boundary of the Pasayten Wilderness border and the US-Canadian border; E on the US-Canadian border to the border station on Similkameen Rd (Co. Rd 4568); SE on the Similkameen Rd (Co. Rd 4568) to the Loomis-Oroville Rd (Co. Rd 9425); E on the Loomis-Oroville Rd (Co. Rd 9425) to US Hwy 97 in Oroville; S on US Hwy 97 to 12th Ave; W on 12th Ave (it curves S and changes to Old Highway 97); S on Old Highway 97 to US Hwy 97; S on US Hwy 97 to the South Pine Creek Rd (Co. Rd 9410); W on the South Pine Creek Rd (Co. Rd 9410) to Fish Lake Rd (Co. Rd 4290); W on Fish Lake Rd (Co. Rd 4290) to South Fish Lake Rd (Co. Rd 4282), along the south shore of Fish Lake; SW on South Fish Lake Rd (Co. Rd 4282), to the Sinlahekin Rd (Co. Rd 4015); SW on the Sinlahekin Rd (Co. Rd 4015), along the north shore of Conconully Lake, to the Salmon Creek North Fork Rd (Co. Rd 2361), at the town of Conconully; N on US Forest Service Rd 38 (Salmon Creek North Fork Rd, Co. Rd 2361) to US Forest Service Rd 3820; N on US Forest Service Rd 3820 over Lone Frank Pass, to US Forest Service Rd 39; N on US Forest Service Rd 39 to the US Forest Service Rd 300 at Long Swamp trailhead; W on the US Forest Service Rd 300 to US Forest Service Trail 342; N on US Forest Service Trail 342 to US Forest Service Trail 343; E on US Forest Service Trail 343 to US Forest Service Trail 341; E on US Forest Service Trail 341

to US Forest Service Trail 375; E on US Forest Service Trail 375 to the eastern boundary of the Pasayten Wilderness Area; N on the Pasayten Wilderness Area boundary to the US-Canadian border and the point of beginning.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-622, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-11-078, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13)

**WAC 232-28-623 2012-2014 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.**

(1) Hunters must comply with the provisions of this section. A violation of species, sex, size, number, area, season, or eligibility requirements is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

**(2) Mountain Goat Permit Hunts**

(a) **Who May Apply:** Anyone may apply, except those who harvested a mountain goat in Washington state after 1998. An individual may only harvest one mountain goat during his or her lifetime, except for those who harvested a goat prior to 1999. This restriction is also waived for applications for a raffle and/or auction permit and for hunters who have previously harvested a goat under a raffle and/or auction permit.

(b) **Bag Limit:** One (1) adult goat of either sex with horns 4 inches or longer.

<b>Goat Hunt Area Name (Number)</b>	<b>Permit Season<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>Subhunt Units (may be opened or closed by the director)<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Permits<sup>a</sup></b>
Chowder Ridge (4-3)	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31		Any Legal Weapon	((+)) <u>2</u>
Lincoln Peak (4-4)	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31		Any Legal Weapon	1
Dillard Creek (4-6)	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31		Any Legal Weapon	0
Avalanche Gorge (4-7)	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31		Any Legal Weapon	2

Goat Hunt Area Name (Number)	Permit Season <sup>b</sup>	Subhunt Units (may be opened or closed by the director) <sup>a</sup>	Special Restrictions	Permits <sup>a</sup>
North Lake Chelan (2-1)	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31	Skookum Pass Mtn., Big Goat Creek	Any Legal Weapon	2
Naches Pass (3-6)	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31	Fife's East, Fife's Peak, Crystal Mountain, Basin Lake	Any Legal Weapon	((+)) <u>2</u>
Bumping River (3-7)	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31	Nelson Ridge, Cash Prairie, American Ridge, American Lake, Timber Wolf, Russell Ridge	Any Legal Weapon	((+)) <u>2</u>
Blazed Ridge (3-10)	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31	Blowout Mtn., Blazed Ridge, Blazed North, Milk Creek, Rock Creek	Any Legal Weapon	1
Goat Rocks-Tieton River (5-4/3-9)	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31	Chimney Rocks, Goat Lake, McCall Glacier, Gilbert Peak	Any Legal Weapon	3
<del>((Methow (2-2))</del>	<del>Sept. 15 - Oct. 31</del>	<del>Wolf Creek, West Fork Methow</del>	<del>Any Legal Weapon</del>	<del>4))</del>
South Lake Chelan (2-3)	Sept. 15 - Oct. 31	Railroad Creek, Pyramid Mountain, Box Canyon	Any Legal Weapon	1
<u>Mt. Washington—A (6-1)</u>	<u>Sept. 15-25</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Mt. Washington—B (6-1)</u>	<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 6</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Brothers (6-2)</u>	<u>Sept. 15-25</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>2</u>

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

**Chowder Ridge 4-3:**

Hunt Area: Whatcom County within the following described boundary: Beginning at the confluence of Wells Creek with the North Fork Nooksack River; then up Wells Creek to the confluence with Bar Creek; then up Bar Creek to the Mazama Glacier; then SW on Mazama Glacier to the summit of Mount Baker; then NW between Roosevelt Glacier and Coleman Glacier to the headwaters of Kulshan Creek; then down Kulshan Creek to the confluence with Grouse Creek; then down Grouse Creek to the confluence with Glacier Creek; then down Glacier Creek to the confluence

with the North Fork Nooksack River; then up the North Fork Nooksack River to Wells Creek and the point of beginning.

**Lincoln Peak 4-4**

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

**Dillard Creek 4-6**

Hunt Area: Whatcom County within the following described boundary: Beginning on Baker Lake Road and Rocky Creek; then NW up Rocky Creek to

its intersection with the Park Butte Trail (Trail No. 603); then NW on Park Butte Trail to its intersection with the Bell Pass Trail (Trail No. 603.3); then N on Bell Pass Trail to Baker Pass; then N onto Easton Glacier and NE to the summit of Mount Baker; then NE and SE on Park Glacier to headwaters of Park Creek; then down Park Creek to Baker Lake Road; then SW on Baker Lake Road to Rocky Creek and the point of beginning.

#### **Avalanche Gorge 4-7**

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



**Chelan North 2-1**

Permit Area: Beginning at the mouth of Fish Creek on Lake Chelan (Moore Point); then northeast up Fish Creek and USFS trail 1259 to the Sawtooth crest near Deephole Spring; then southeast along the Sawtooth crest, which separates Chelan and Okanogan counties, to Horsethief Basin and the headwaters of Safety Harbor Creek; then south along Safety Harbor Creek to Lake Chelan, then northwest along the north shore of Lake Chelan to the mouth of Fish Creek at Moore Point and the point of beginning.

**Methow 2-2**

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

**South Lake Chelan 2-3**

Permit Area: GMU 246

**Naches Pass 3-6**

Permit Area - Naches: Yakima and Kittitas counties within the following described boundary: Beginning at Chinook Pass; then north along the Pacific Crest Trail to Naches Pass; then east to USFS Road 19 and continuing to State Highway 410; then west along State Highway 410 to Chinook Pass and point of beginning.

**Bumping River 3-7**

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

**Blazed Ridge 3-10**

Permit Area: Kittitas and Yakima counties within the following described boundary: Beginning at the mouth of Cabin Creek on the Yakima River; then west along Cabin Creek to the headwaters near Snowshoe Butte; then south along the Cascade Crest separating the Green and Yakima river drainage to Pyramid Peak; then southeast along the North Fork, Little Naches, and Naches River to the Yakima River; then north along the Yakima River to the mouth of Cabin Creek and point of beginning.

**Goat Rocks 5-4/Tieton River 3-9**

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

**Permit Area - Tieton River: GMU 364**

**Permit Area - Mt. Washington Unit**

Beginning at the intersection of Lake Cushman Rd and Jorsted Creek Rd (US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 24); W along Jorsted Creek Rd (USFS Rd 24) to Olympic National Park (ONP) boundary at the northern end of Lake Cushman; N and NE along the ONP-Olympic National Forest (ONF)

boundary to the eastern boundary of the Mount Skokomish Wilderness; N and E along the ONP-Mount Skokomish Wilderness boundary to the Mason-Jefferson County line; E along the Mason-Jefferson County line to USFS Trail 810 (Lena Creek Trail); S along the USFS Trail 810 to USFS Rd 25 (Hamma Hamma Rd); E on USFS Rd 25 (Hamma Hamma Rd) to USFS Rd 2480; SE on USFS Rd 2480 to Jorsted Creek Rd (USFS Rd 24); NW on Jorsted Creek Rd (USFS Rd 24) to Lake Cushman Rd and the point of beginning.

**Permit Area - The Brothers Unit**

Beginning at the intersection of the Dosewallips River and the Olympic National Forest (ONF) boundary in Section 30 of T26N R2W; S along the ONF boundary to the Mason-Jefferson County line; E along the Mason-Jefferson County line to intersection with the Olympic National Park (ONP) boundary in Section 44 of T25N R4W; NE along the ONF-ONP boundary to The Brothers Wilderness; NE and N along the ONP-Brothers Wilderness boundary to the Dosewallips River; E down the Dosewallips River to its intersection with ONF boundary in Section 30 of T26N R2W and the point of beginning.

Mountain goat populations are managed as a collection of subpopulations, and the ideal harvest is distributed through all the subpopulations. The director is authorized to open or close subhunt areas and reduce permit levels to protect from overharvesting specific areas.

The director is authorized by the commission to identify the sub-hunt unit as a condition of the hunt permit. Hunters receiving permits will be sent a text description or map of the subhunt unit from the director prior to the start of that hunting season.

<sup>b</sup>Permit hunters may start hunting September 1 with archery equipment.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-623, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13.]

**SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT**

WAC 232-28-622, 232-28-623, 232-28-273

and 232-28-283:

**2014 BIGHORN SHEEP, MOUNTAIN GOAT, and MOOSE  
SEASONS and PERMIT QUOTAS**

<b>Comments</b>	<b>Agency Response</b>
<p>(3) Make ALL big game seasons longer. Hunters can still only take one animal and only have a limited amount of time to apply to their hunting efforts. A hunter can still only harvest one animal. This would spread out hunting pressure and provide all with a more quality hunting experience.</p>	<p>Big-game season timing is a complex art of providing acceptable hunter access, minimizing stress to animals at specific times of their life-cycle, and also minimizing conflicts with other land-uses. In the case of bighorn sheep, mountain goats, and moose, hunter success rates are currently very high, and extending season lengths appears unnecessary to enhance hunter opportunity.</p>
<p>Make ALL big game seasons longer that would be great. Hunters can still only take <i>ONE</i> animal and only have a limited amount of <i>TIME</i> to apply to their hunting efforts.</p>	<p>Big-game season timing is a complex art of providing acceptable hunter access, minimizing stress to animals at specific times of their life-cycle, and also minimizing conflicts with other land-uses. In the case of bighorn sheep, mountain goats, and moose, hunter success rates are currently very high, and extending season lengths appears unnecessary to enhance hunter opportunity.</p>



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR** 13-14-015 on 06/21/13;  
and WSR 13-24-098 on 12/03/13; or  
 **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR** \_\_\_\_\_; or  
 **Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).**

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

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (Describe Subject)

The subject of this proposed rule-making effort is the amendment of deer and elk seasons and permits; cougar seasons and regulations; black bear seasons and regulations; mountain goat, bighorn sheep, and moose seasons, permits, and regulations; bighorn sheep marking requirements; game bird regulations; small game seasons; landowner hunting permit program; deer and elk area boundaries; game management units, special closures and firearm restriction areas; unlawful methods for hunting; hunting equipment rules; special hunting season permits, hunters with disabilities, and other hunting regulations. This rule making proposal also incorporates a CR-101 filed on June 21, 2013, regarding archery special use permits for people with a disability.

**Hearing location(s):**

Moses Lake Civic Center  
401 S. Balsam  
Moses Lake, Washington 98837

Date: March 7-8, 2014 Time: 8:30 a.m.

**Submit written comments to:**

Name: Wildlife Program Commission Meeting Public Comments  
Address: 600 Capitol Way North  
Olympia, WA 98501-1091  
Wildthing@dfw.wa.gov

Fax: (360) 902-2162 by (date) February 14, 2014

**Assistance for persons with disabilities:**

Contact Tami Lininger by February 21, 2014

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

**Date of intended adoption:** on or after April 11, 2014

(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

**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:** RCW 77.04.010, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240

**Statute being implemented:** RCW 77.04.010, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

Federal Law?  Yes  No  
 Federal Court Decision?  Yes  No  
 State Court Decision?  Yes  No  
 If yes, CITATION:

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**WSR 14-03-135**

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January 22, 2014

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**TITLE**  
Rules Coordinator

**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:**

When filing the permanent rule-making order (CR-103P), the WAC sections containing rule amendments will be consolidated into one or two Order Typing Service (OTS) documents.

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

	Name	Office Location	Phone
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Implementation....	Nate Pamplin	Natural Resources Building, Olympia	(360) 902-2693
Enforcement.....	Steven Crown	Natural Resources Building, Olympia	(360) 902-2373

**Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?**

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

These rules apply to recreational hunting and do not affect small business.

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

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

Name:

Address:

phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

No: Please explain: This proposal does not involve hydraulics.



## **ATTACHMENT A**

**Amendment to 220-55-040 - Recreational License tag, permit and stamp refund and exchanges**

**New Section 220-55-172 - Reduced Rate Combo deer hunting license**

**New Section 220-55-174 - Reduced Rate Combo elk hunting license**

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

The purpose of this proposal is to clarify and expand the rationale for refunding, exchanging, and replacing licenses and tags. In addition, we have received several complaints regarding the price of second deer and elk licenses. This proposal creates discounts for combination licenses and tags.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

This proposal will address the complaints about the cost of second deer and elk license and improve the Department's administration of permits and tags and facilitate much improved collection of harvest data.

**Amendment to 232-12-047 - Unlawful methods for hunting**

**Amendment to 232-12-051 - Muzzleloading firearms**

**Amendment to 232-12-054 - Hunters with Disabilities**

**New Section 232-12-819 – Special Use Permits**

**New Section 232-12-825 - NEW SECTION: Definition of a person with a disability**

**Amendment to 232-12-828 - Hunting of game birds and animals by persons with a disability**

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

Several rules (232-12-047, 232-12-051, & 232-12-054) are recommended to be amended to delete exceptions for hunters with disabilities from equipment regulations. Exceptions instead will be combined in a new rule (232-12-819) and by amendment to an existing rule (232-12-828). We are recommending that the Department be allowed to issue special use permits to provide reasonable accommodations for persons with a disability. The Department also recommends a change to the definition of a hunter with a disability.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

In the past, any time the Department wanted to change the types of equipment necessary for a disabled hunter to participate in an agency hunting program, we needed to have a rule changed to accommodate the request. These changes will allow the Department to issue special use permits as needed to make those accommodations.

In addition, this change will address a petition to the Commission to amend rules to allow scopes on crossbows used by hunters with disabilities and a complaint filed with the Department of Interior. The essence of the complaint was similar to the petition. Nearly all crossbows available on the market today include scopes and modifying them required relatively expensive conversion kits which invalidated the warrantee. Therefore the claim was that the Department was discriminating by creating an economic hardship in not allowing hunters with disabilities to use a crossbow equipped with a scope.

**WAC 232-12-242 - Hunting Restrictions**

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

Reinstate restrictions on night hunting and hound hunting during deer and elk seasons which were inadvertently deleted from the small game seasons last year but not placed in a different section as planned.

Reference to WAC 232-28-285 is removed as it is no longer in effect and reference to WAC 232-12-243 is replaced with reference to RCW 77-15-245 which is the statute authorizing public safety cougar removals.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

This rule is important in mitigating conflicts and the potential for unlawful use of dogs to pursue deer and elk and night hunting.

**WAC 232-28-248 Special closures and firearm restriction areas**

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

The purpose of the proposal is to adjust the boundary of the Columbia River Restricted Hunting Area hunting closure to better reflect conditions on the ground and also to alleviate trespass on restricted federal lands. The proposal also provides for an exception to allow special permit hunting on the Parker Lake Restricted Hunting Area. In addition the proposal provides for an exception to the modern firearm restriction in the Kittitas firearm restriction area.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Special closures and firearm restriction areas allow the Fish and Wildlife Commission to restrict or close hunting activity in certain areas to optimize safety, discourage trespass on restricted lands, and protect sensitive species.

**WAC 232-28-273 2012-2014 Moose seasons and permit quotas.**

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

Increase the current temporal, geographic, and gender scope of the Master Hunter permits in Region 1. Current rules limit Master Hunts permits for moose (10) to antlerless animals only, a season of Dec 1 through the following March 1, and GMUs 124, 127, and portions of 130 within Spokane County. The revision would allow for Master Hunt permits for any moose identified by WDFW as requiring removal, for a season extending from Aug 1 through the following March 1, and extend to area to include all of GMUs 124, 127, 130, 133, 136, 139, and 142.

Additionally, new, experimental archery-only and muzzleloader-only hunts are proposed in the Parker Lake area (within GMU 117) which had previously been closed due to potential conflicts with USAF survival school. This hunt is being coordinated with USAF.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** Master Hunter permits for moose are intended to provide hunter opportunity where moose are causing damage or are a threat to human safety (typically in or near urban and suburban settings), and these cannot be otherwise resolved. Current restrictions on these permits limit the effectiveness of implementing this objective. This revision will allow for needed flexibility in removing problem moose.

The experimental archery-only and muzzleloader permit hunts are being offered to provide additional hunter opportunity in any area where moose populations can absorb additional harvest.

**WAC 232-28-283 2012-2014 . Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** Add to (18) Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Raffle permit GMU 172, and remove GMU 181.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** Provide hunter opportunity where herd increase has allowed for increase harvest, while reducing permit levels where mortality must be limited.

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

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

This proposal modifies hunt dates and permit levels on properties enrolled in WDFW's Landowner Hunting Permit (LHP) program for the 2014 hunting season. These sites offer special hunting opportunities to the public through WDFW's special permit drawings, raffles, or selection by the landowner.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Several years ago, the Fish and Wildlife Commission developed a policy to expand the private lands available to the general public for hunting. One of the programs that was authorized 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.

**232-28-337 Elk area descriptions.**

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

The purpose of the proposal is modify the boundary of an existing Elk Area in Region 5 to better address wildlife conflict through special permit elk hunting. The proposal also creates an Elk Area in Region 1 to facilitate elk special permit hunting on newly acquired wildlife area lands.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Elk Areas allow the Commission to distribute hunters more favorably during quality hunts. The proposed language also helps delineate when state authorized elk hunting is and is not allowed at a smaller scale within a GMU. Elk Areas help direct hunters when a scale smaller than the GMU is needed. Elk areas also help staff address wildlife conflict problems at a smaller scale than the GMU when needed.

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

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

Changes proposed increase the possession limit to three times the daily bag for mourning dove (including falconry), band-tailed pigeon, and September Canada goose (except for the two day eastern Washington September season). Other changes include shifting season eastern Washington September goose season dates to occur on weekend days, and increasing the bag limit for the Pacific County September Canada goose season.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

The proposed changes will standardize possession limits among all migratory bird seasons and allow increase recreational opportunity on resident Canada geese, while conserving these populations and providing agricultural damage control.

**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. The purpose is also to balance the hunting opportunity between user groups. In addition the purpose is to increase opportunity when deer populations allow, and reduce the opportunity when declining deer numbers warrant a change.

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

**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 for 2014. The purpose is also to balance the elk hunting opportunity between user groups. The proposal also increases elk hunting opportunity when elk populations allow, and reduces elk hunting opportunity when declining elk numbers warrant a change.

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

**232-28-359 2014 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 for 2014. The purpose is also to balance the hunting opportunity between user groups and increase hunting opportunity when deer populations allow. In addition the proposal reduces the deer hunting opportunity when declining deer numbers warrant a change.

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

**232-28-360 2014 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 for 2014. The purpose is also to balance the elk special permit hunting opportunity between user groups. In addition the proposal increases elk hunting opportunity when elk populations allow, and reduces the opportunity when declining elk numbers warrant a change.

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

**WAC 232-28-622 Big horn sheep seasons and permit quotas.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** 1) Increase permits in the Asotin herd from 0 to 1. 2) Increase permits in the Lincoln Cliff herd from 1 to 2. 3) Decrease permits in the Cleman Mountain herd from 10 to 8. 4) Increase permits in the Umtanum portion of the Umtanum/Selah herd from 2 to 3. 5) Initiate new ewe-only hunt in the Selah portion of the Umtanum/Selah herd, 5 permits.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** Provide hunter opportunity where herd increase has allowed for increase harvest, while reducing permit levels where mortality must be limited.

**WAC 232-28-623 2012-2014 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.**

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

1) Decrease mountain goat permits in the Methow (2-2) goat hunt unit from 1 to 0. 2) Increase mountain goat permits in the Naches Pass (3-6) goat hunt unit from 1 to 2; 3) Increase mountain goat permits in the Bumping River (3-7) goat hunt unit from 1 to 2; 4) Increase mountain goat permits in the Chowder Ridge (4-3) goat hunt unit from 1 to 2. 5) Initiate new conflict-reduction mountain goat hunt in Region 6, GMU 621, with 6 permits.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** Provide hunter opportunity where herd increase has allowed for increase harvest, while reducing permit levels where mortality must be limited. Reduce conflicts with hikers and possibility of dangerous confrontation on popular hiking trails in Region 6.

**232-28-624 Deer area descriptions.**

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

The purpose of the proposal is to add a Deer Area in Pend Oreille County that would facilitate some special permit hunting opportunity on the USAF survival training facility where hunting access did not exist before. The proposal also adds a new Deer Area in Asotin County to facilitate special permit hunting opportunity on newly acquired wildlife area land.

**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 a GMU. Deer Areas help direct hunters when a scale smaller than the GMU is needed.

Deer areas also help staff address wildlife conflict problems when needed.