

**WAC 220-416-110, WAC 220-417-030,
WAC 220-430-010, and WAC 220-450-010**

Small Game and Trapping Regulations



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Overview

- **Game birds**
 - Allow for release of certain game birds
 - License Private Game Farms
- **Trapping**
 - Is a form of hunting where devices are used to capture animals to harvest fur



Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-416-110

Use of game birds for training dogs, field trials— Marking requirements

- Adding nasal scarring as an option for marking
- Public comment
 - Received 2: Both support
 - No additional comment received



Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-430-010

Game farm license provisions

- Clarify a current, valid game farm license is required to possess, propagate, sell and transfer certain game birds and waterfowl species
- Added language outlining failure to comply with game farm license provisions
- Public comment
 - Received 5: 4 support; 1 oppose
 - No additional comments received



Recommended Adjustment

- Add language to clarify that a game farm license does not authorize the licensee to purchase, possess, propagate, sell or transfer deleterious exotic wildlife
 - Adjustment aligns with WAC 220-640-200 by providing consistency in treatment of deleterious exotic wildlife species (e.g. mute swan)



Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-450-010

Criteria for planting aquatic plants and releasing wildlife

- Simplify requirement and clarify language to allow game birds to be “acquired” from certain facilities for dog training and hunting
- Add language to minimize risk of disease transmission by identifying and expanding the facilities from which birds may be acquired
- Public comment
 - Received 4: All support
 - No additional comments received

Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-417-030

Wild Animal Trapping

- Clarify language by stating restraining traps (live capture traps) must be checked every 24 hours, whether or not an animal has been captured
- Public comment
 - Received 6: 2 support; 4 oppose
 - No additional comments received



Expected Outcomes

- Increase compliance with game bird marking requirements (WAC 220-416-110)
- Support game farm license holders and increase compliance with game farm license provisions (WAC 220-430-010)
- Decrease risk of avian disease transmission (WAC 220-450-010)
- Safeguard for humane treatment and welfare of trapped furbearers and by-catch (WAC 220-417-030)

Questions?

