

DRAFT edits to Wolf-Livestock Interaction Protocol

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The following are a list of edits to the 2017 WDFW wolf-livestock interaction protocol. To honor the prior work of the WAG and WDFW staff on co-developing the 2017 protocol, staff limited their edits to nuggets discussed at WAG and in the draft concepts document provided on April 20, 2019. No other substantive edits were made. Items in **bold** are edits from WAG mandate and permission provided at the WAG meeting on April 25, 2019. Items not in bold are additional edits from WDFW for consideration.

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Plan and protocol provide guidance for decision making by agency	1
Move paragraph on depredation “event” to definition section	3-4
Increased communication with elected officials on expectations	6
Separate human presence from range riding	7-9
“Avoiding den and rendezvous site” to top of list and change to bulleted list	8
Increased vigilance in avoiding den site areas	8
Clarity on use of fladry	11
Concept of reserve allotments that supports producers and reducing wolf-livestock	12
Director RCW authority	16
Director flexibility in case-by-case decision making	16
Department will assess if wolf removals are expected to jeopardize recovery and	17
Prioritizing the methods for lethal removal	18
Intent section for packs with removal in 2 consecutive years	18-19
Distinguishing between areas below and above (or at) regional recovery objectives	19
Clarifying final pack reports will be included in annual wolf report	20
Adding scientific references	21

WAG mandate and permission on draft process item for 2019 grazing season...	
After the Director makes a decision for lethal removal the first time in a pack (not subsequent decisions), the department will have an information call (for WAG members and the public listening on a muted line) and walk them through how the department used the protocol as guidance. WAG members can send questions in advance.	NA