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## Summary Sheet

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**Meeting dates:** June 14, 2019

**Agenda item:** Update on Skagit Elk issues with Point Elliott Treaty Tribes and Skagit County Panels

**Presenter(s):** Staff Presentation: Amy Windrope, Region 4 Director, Fenner Yarborough, Wildlife Program Manager.  
Skagit County Panel: Commissioner Ron Wesen, Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea, Danny DeFranco, Cattlemen's Association  
Point Elliott Treaty Tribal Panel: Jesse Pecor, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Tino Villaluz, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, and Frank Bob, Lummi Nation

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**Background summary:**

WDFW and the Point Elliott Treaty Tribes are working with the community to improve elk management in the Skagit and Acme Valley. The agricultural community is economically impacted by elk. While some in the agricultural community are interested in limiting the number of elk on the Valley floor, many residents are concerned with increased hunting and hazing. The Co-managers are working with the community to develop new approaches to this long standing problem in a way that works for all involved.

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**Staff recommendation:**

Staff will provide an action plan that will outline recommendations for the coming year.

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**Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:**

Discussion and approval of the action plan.

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

The 2019-2021 budget includes funding to address the elk issues in the Skagit and Acme Valley.

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

WDFW staff hosted multiple meetings with the agricultural community over the last 18 months. Staff have also presented to the Skagit County Commission several times over the last year. In addition, staff have participated in tours of elk impacts with the agricultural community. Key lessons learned:

- Agriculture is being impacted economically by elk impacts
- There is broad concern that elk collisions are on the rise along Hwy 20
- Past efforts by WDFW to resolve the issue have not been adequate
- Significant investments in fencing and hazing have helped many but not all farmers

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**Action requested and/or proposed next steps:**

Review and comment on the WDFW Action Plan.

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**Draft motion language:**

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**Post decision communications plan:**

Region 4 staff will work with the local press to provide information about the action plan.  
WDFW staff will host an open house to talk with the community about upcoming actions.

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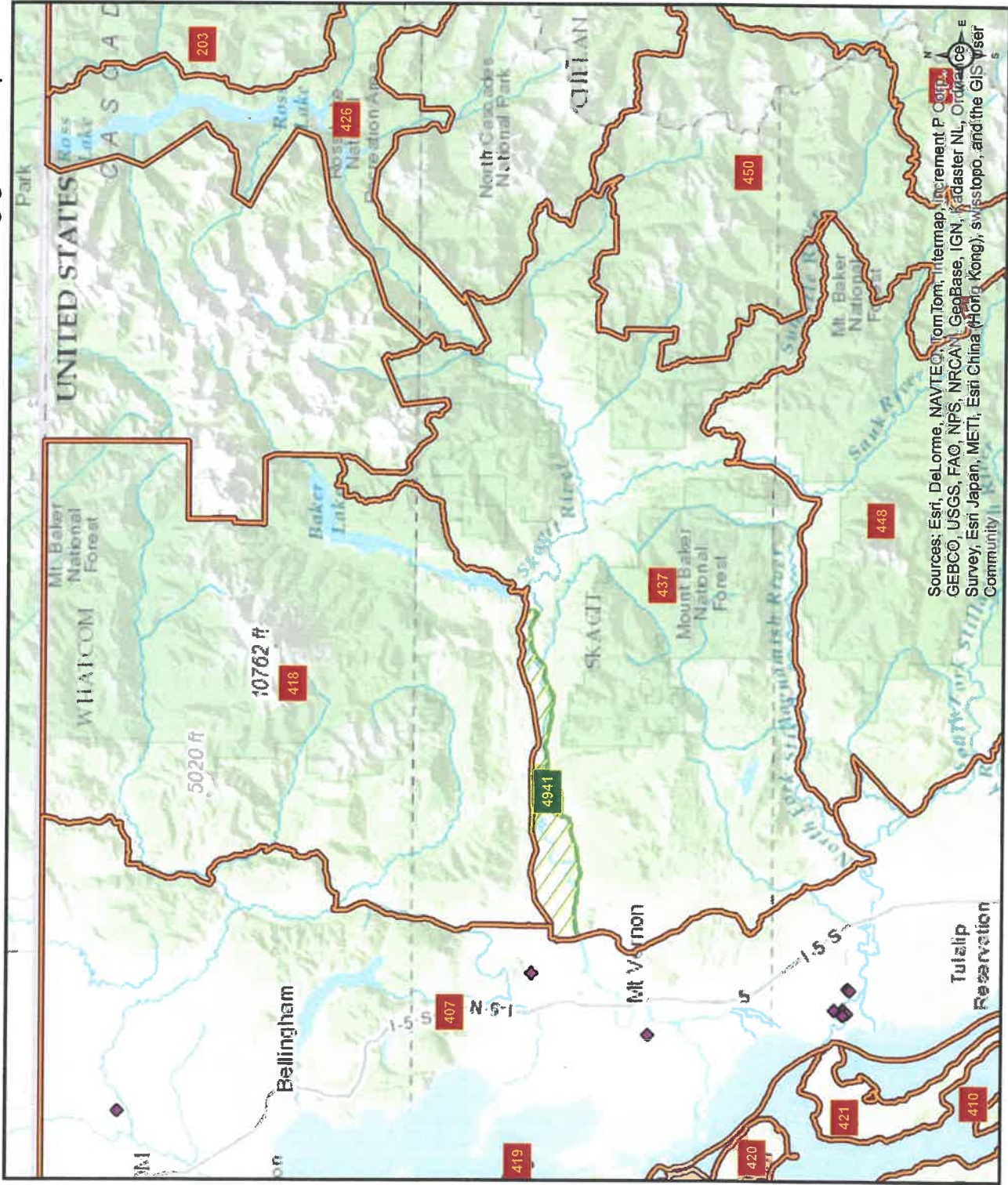
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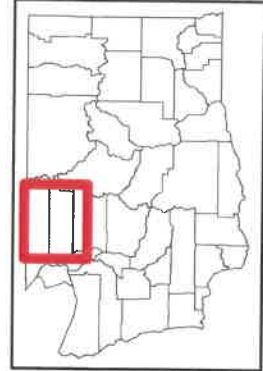


## Legend

-  GMU
-  Elk Area



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