

**Hunting Boundaries and Equipment  
Briefing and Public Comment**

WAC 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region five.  
WAC 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region six.  
WAC 220-413-180 Special closures and firearm restriction areas.  
WAC 220-415-040 Elk area description.

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## Summary Sheet

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**Meeting dates:** March 13-14, 2020

**Agenda item:** Hunting Boundaries and Equipment – **Briefing and Public Comment**

**Presenter(s):** Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager

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**Background summary:** The department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-410-050 GMU R5, WAC 220-410-060 GMU R6, WAC 220-413-180 Special closures and firearm restrictions, and WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

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**Staff recommendation:**

- Clarify hunting boundaries in GMU 506 and 673.
  - In WAC 220-413-180, remove the reference to “wooden towers” from the description for the Columbia River Restricted Hunting Area.
  - Corrections are made to the spelling of Newberry (from Newbury) Hill Road for the Firearm Restriction Area in Kitsap County.
  - In WAC 220-415-040, the proposed changes would eliminate Elk Area No. 1011 (Columbia County), Elk Area No. 1012 (Asotin County), and Elk Area No. 1082 (Asotin County). These elk areas are no longer needed.
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**Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:**

- Maximize recreational elk hunting opportunity.
  - Continue sustainable hunting seasons for elk.
  - Clarify boundaries, spelling and language as to reduce confusion.
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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

None.

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

The department provided public input opportunity on proposed hunting seasons via the department website for a three-week time period. Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the March 13-14, 2020 Commission meeting.

Attached is a summary of the public comments that we received,

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

Take public comment. Adoption is planned for the April 10-11, 2020 Commission meeting.

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*Form revised 2-15-18*

**WAC 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region five.**

**GMU 501-LINCOLN (Lewis, Thurston, Pacific, and Grays Harbor counties):**  
Beginning at the intersection of Interstate Hwy (I)-5 and State Route (SR) 6; W on SR 6 to Stevens Rd; NW on Stevens Rd to Elk Creek Rd at the town of Doty; W on Elk Creek Rd to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 7000 line; W and N on Weyco 7000 line to Weyco 7400 line; N on Weyco 7400 line to Weyco 7050 line; NE on Weyco 7050 line to Weyco 7000 line; NW and N on Weyco 7000 line to the Weyco 7800 line; N on Weyco 7800 line to Weyco 7800 F line; NE on Weyco 7800 F line to Weyco 720 line; E on Weyco 720 line to Weyco 723 line; NW on Weyco 723 line to the Weyco C line; NE on Weyco C line to Garrard Creek Rd; NE on Garrard Creek Rd to South Bank Rd; E on South Bank Rd to North State St; N on North State St to US Hwy (US) 12 at the town of Oakville; E on US 12 to I-5; S on I-5 to SR 6 and point of beginning.

**GMU 503-RANDLE (Lewis County):**  
Beginning at the intersection of US Hwy (US) 12 and the Rayonier 100 Mainline (Kosmos Rd, Old Champion Haul Rd); E on US 12 to State Route (SR) 131; S on SR 131 to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 25; S on the USFS Rd 25 to the Cispus River; W on the Cispus River to Rayonier 271 line; S on the Rayonier 271 line to the Rayonier 300 line; W on the Rayonier 300 line to the Rayonier 100 line (Kosmos Haul Rd); N on the Rayonier 100 line to US 12 and the point of beginning.

**GMU 504-STELLA (Cowlitz County):**  
Beginning at the mouth of the Cowlitz River on the Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to the mouth of Germany Creek (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both north of the Washington-Oregon state line and between the Cowlitz River and Germany Creek); N up Germany Creek to State Route (SR) 4; E on SR 4 to Germany Creek Rd; N on Germany Creek Rd to International Paper (IP) 1000 line; N on IP 1000 line to IP 1050 line; E on IP 1050 line to IP 2200 line; E and S on IP 2200 to Woodside Dr; NE on Woodside Dr to Delameter Rd; E on Delameter Rd to the three power lines; N along the three power lines to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 9312 line; E on Weyco 9312 line to Growlers Gulch Rd; E on Growlers Gulch Rd to Public Hwy (PH) 10 Rd; E along the Public Hwy (PH) 10 Rd to the A Street bridge over the Cowlitz River at the town of Castle Rock; S down the Cowlitz River to the Columbia River and point of beginning.

**GMU 505-MOSSYROCK (Lewis County):**  
Beginning on Interstate Hwy (I)-5 and the Cowlitz River; NE up the Cowlitz River to the Mayfield Dam; NE along the south shore of Mayfield Lake to the US Hwy (US) 12 bridge; NE on US 12 to Winston Creek Rd; SE on Winston Creek Rd to Longbell Rd; E on Longbell Rd to Perkins Rd; NE on Perkins Rd to Green Mountain Rd; E on Green Mountain Rd to the outlet of Swofford Pond; E along the Swofford Pond outlet to Riffe Lake; E along the south shore of Riffe Lake to the Cowlitz River; up the Cowlitz River to the Rayonier 100 Mainline (Kosmos Haul Rd); N on the Rayonier 100 Mainline to US 12; W on US 12 to Davis Lake Rd; N and W on Davis Lake Rd to Main St at town of Morton; W on Main St to SR 508; W on SR 508 to Centralia-Alpha Rd; W and N on Centralia-Alpha Rd

to Salzer Valley Rd; W on Salzer Valley Rd to Summa St at the town of Centralia; W on Summa St to Kresky Rd; N on Kresky Rd to Tower St; N on Tower St to SR 507; W on SR 507 (Cherry St, Alder St, and Mellen St) to I-5; S on I-5 to the Cowlitz River and point of beginning.

**GMU 506-WILLAPA HILLS (Wahkiakum, Pacific and Lewis counties):**

Beginning at State Route (SR) 6 and 3rd St S at the town of Pe Ell; S on 3rd St S to Muller Rd; S on Muller Rd to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 1000 line; S on Weyco 1000 line to Weyco 1800 line; S on Weyco 1800 line to Weyco 500 line; SE on Weyco 500 line to SR 407 (Elochoman Valley Rd) at Camp 2; S on SR 407 to the Elochoman River; down the Elochoman River to Foster Rd; N on Foster Rd to Risk Rd; W and N along Risk Rd to SR 4; W on SR 4 to Skamokawa Creek; SW down Skamokawa Creek to the Columbia River; W along Columbia River to the mouth of the Deep River (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both north of the Washington state line and between Skamokawa Creek and Deep River); N along the Deep River to SR 4; NW on SR 4 to the Salmon Creek Rd; NE on Salmon Creek Rd to (~~Weyco 5000 line; N on Weyco 5000 line to~~) Weyco 5800 line; NE on Weyco 5800 line to power transmission line (Section 21, T11N, R8W); E, NE, then N on the power transmission line to the Trap Creek A Line; E and N on the Trap Creek A Line to SR 6; E on SR 6 to the town of Pe Ell and the point of beginning.

**GMU 510-STORMKING (Lewis County):**

Beginning on US Hwy (US) 12 at the Silver Creek bridge; N up Silver Creek to Silverbrook Rd; E on Silverbrook Rd to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 47; N on USFS Rd 47 to USFS Rd 85; W and N on USFS Rd 85 to USFS Rd 52; N on USFS Rd 52 to the Nisqually River; W down the Nisqually River to State Route (SR) 7; S on SR 7 to Main St at town of Morton; E on Main St to Davis Lake Rd; E on Davis Lake Rd to US 12; E on US 12 to the Silver Creek bridge and point of beginning.

**GMU 513-SOUTH RAINIER (Lewis County):**

Beginning on US Hwy (US) 12 at the Silver Creek bridge; N up Silver Creek to Silverbrook Rd; E on Silverdale Rd to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 47; N on USFS Rd 47 to USFS Rd 85; W and N on USFS Rd 85 to USFS Rd 52; W and N on USFS Rd 52 to the Nisqually River; E up the Nisqually River to the southern boundary of Mount Rainier National Park; E along the south park boundary to the USFS Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail); S along the USFS Trail 2000 to US 12; W on US 12 to the Silver Creek bridge and point of beginning.

**GMU 516-PACKWOOD (Lewis and Skamania counties):**

Beginning at US Hwy (US) 12 and US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail) at White Pass; S on USFS Trail 2000 to the Yakama Indian Reservation border; S on the Yakama Indian Reservation border to USFS Trail 2000; S on USFS Trail 2000 to USFS Trail 98 at Sheep Lake; W on USFS Trail 98 to USFS Rd 2160 at Walupt Lake; W on USFS Rd 2160 to USFS Rd 21; S and W on USFS Rd 21 to USFS Rd 23; S on USFS Rd 23 to USFS Trail 263; S and W on USFS 263 to USFS Trail 261; S on USFS Trail 261 to USFS Trail 1; W on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Rd 99; W on USFS Rd 99 to USFS Rd 26; N on USFS Rd 26 to USFS Rd 2612; W on USFS Rd 2612 to USFS Trail 217; N and W on USFS Trail 217 to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 2600 line; W on Weyco 2600 line to Weyco 2658 line; N on Weyco 2658 line to Rayonier (Campbell Group) 430 line; N on Rayonier 430 line to the Rayonier Mainline 400 line; N and E on Rayonier Mainline 400 line to Rayonier 300 line; E on Rayonier 300 line to Rayonier 271 line; N on Rayonier 271 line to the Cispus River; E on the Cispus River to USFS Rd 25; N on USFS Rd 25 to State Route (SR)

131; N on SR 131 to US 12; E on US 12 to the USFS Trail 2000 at White Pass and beginning.

**GMU 520-WINSTON (Cowlitz, Lewis and Skamania counties):**

Beginning at the bridge at intersection of Interstate Hwy (I)-5 and the Cowlitz River; S down the Cowlitz River to the Toutle River; E up the Toutle River to the South Fork Toutle River; SE up South Fork Toutle River to Johnson Creek; NE up Johnson Creek to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 4400 line; N along Weyco 4400 line to Weyco 2421 line; N along Weyco 2421 line to Weyco 2400 line; NW along Weyco 2400 line to Alder Creek; NW down Alder Creek to North Fork Toutle River; W down the North Fork Toutle River to the Green River; E up the Green River to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 2612; E on USFS Rd 2612 to USFS Trail 217; N and W on USFS Trail 217 to Weyco 2600 line; W on Weyco 2600 line to Weyco 2658 line; N on Weyco 2658 line to Rayonier 430 line; N on Rayonier 430 line to Rayonier 400 Mainline; N and E on Rayonier 400 Mainline to Rayonier 100 Mainline; N on Rayonier 100 Mainline to Cowlitz River; W down the Cowlitz River to Riffe Lake; W along the south shore to the Swofford Pond outlet; W along the Swofford Pond outlet to Green Mountain Rd; W on Green Mountain Rd to Perkins Rd; SW on Perkins Rd to Longbell Rd; W on Longbell Rd to Winston Creek Rd; NW on Winston Creek Rd to US Hwy (US) 12; SW on US 12 to the Mayfield Lake bridge at Mayfield Lake; SW down the south shore of Mayfield Lake to the Cowlitz River at Mayfield Dam; SW down the Cowlitz River to I-5 bridge crossing the Cowlitz River and point of beginning.

**GMU 522-LOO-WIT (Cowlitz and Skamania counties):**

Beginning on the North Fork Toutle River at the mouth of Hoffstadt Creek; SE up the North Fork Toutle River to Deer Creek; SE up Deer Creek to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 3020 line; NW along Weyco 3020 line to Weyco 3000 line; E along Weyco 3000 line to US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 216G; SE along USFS Trail 216G to USFS Trail 216; S on USFS Trail 216 to South Fork of the Toutle River; E along South Fork Toutle River to its headwaters and Mount St. Helens crater's southern edge; E along the Mt. St. Helens crater's southern edge to the headwaters of Ape Canyon Creek; SE down Ape Canyon Creek to USFS Trail 225 (Smith Creek Trail); N and NW on USFS Trail 225 to USFS Rd 99; NE along USFS Rd 99 to USFS Rd 26; N on USFS Rd 26 to USFS Trail 1 (Boundary Trail); W on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Trail 214 (Whittier Trail); N on USFS Trail 214 to USFS Trail 211 (Lakes Trail); W on USFS Trail 211 to USFS Trail 211, USFS Trail 230 (Coldwater Trail) junction; NE to Minnie Peak; W to the USFS property boundary in the SE 1/4 of Section 20, T10N, R5E; W and S on USFS property boundary to State Route 504 near the center of Section 35, T10N, R4E; W on SR 504 to Hoffstadt Creek Bridge on Hoffstadt Creek; S and W down Hoffstadt Creek to the North Fork Toutle River and point of beginning.

**GMU 524-MARGARET (Cowlitz, Skamania and Lewis counties):**

Beginning on the North Fork Toutle River at the mouth of the Green River; SE up the North Fork Toutle River to the mouth of Hoffstadt Creek; N and E up Hoffstadt Creek to the State Route (SR) 504 bridge over Hoffstadt Creek; E on SR 504 to US Forest Service (USFS) property boundary near the center of Section 35, T10N, R4E; E and N on USFS property boundary to the USFS property boundary in the SE 1/4 of Section 20, T10N, R5E; E to Minnie Peak; SW to USFS Trail 211 (Lakes Trail) and USFS Trail 230 (Coldwater Trail) junction; E on USFS Trail 211 (Lakes Trail) to USFS Trail 214 (Whittier Trail); S on USFS Trail 214 to USFS Trail 1 (Boundary Trail); E on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Rd 26;

N on USFS Rd 26 to USFS Rd 2612; W on USFS Rd 2612 to the Green River; W down the Green River to its mouth on the North Fork of the Toutle River and point of beginning.

**GMU 530-RYDERWOOD (Cowlitz, Lewis and Wahkiakum counties):**

Beginning at Stevens Rd and State Route (SR) 6, south of the town of Doty; E on SR 6 to Interstate Hwy (I)-5 at the town of Chehalis; S on I-5 to the Cowlitz River; S along the Cowlitz River to Public Hwy 10 on the A Street bridge at the town of Castle Rock; W on the Public Hwy 10 to Growler's Gulch Rd; W on Growler's Gulch Rd to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 9312 line; W on Weyco 9312 line to three power lines; S on the three power lines to Delameter Rd; SW on Delameter Rd to Woodside Dr; SW on Woodside Dr to International Paper (IP) 2200 line; N and W on IP 2200 line to IP 1050 line; W on IP 1050 line to IP 1000 line; S on IP 1000 line to the Germany Creek Rd; S on the Germany Creek Rd to SR 4; W on SR 4 to Germany Creek; S along Germany Creek to its mouth at the Columbia River; W along the Columbia River to Skamokawa Creek (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both north of the Washington state line and between Skamokawa Creek and Germany Creek); NE up Skamokawa Creek to SR 4; E on SR 4 to Risk Rd; SE on Risk Rd to Foster Rd; S on Foster Rd to the Elochoman River; SE up the Elochoman River to SR 407 (Elochoman Valley Rd); NE on SR 407 to Weyco 500 line at Camp 2; NW on Weyco 500 line to Weyco 1800 line; N on Weyco 1800 line to Weyco 1000 line; N on Weyco 1000 line to Muller Rd; N on Muller Rd to 3rd St South in the town of Pe Ell; N on 3rd St South to SR 6 at the town of Pe Ell; N on SR 6 to Stevens Rd, south of the town of Doty, and the point of beginning.

**GMU 550-COWEEMAN (Cowlitz County):**

Beginning at the mouth of the Toutle River on the Cowlitz River; E along the Toutle River to the South Fork Toutle River; up the South Fork Toutle River to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 4100 line; E on Weyco 4100 line to Weyco 4950 line; S and E on Weyco 4950 line to Weyco 235 line; SE on Weyco 235 line to Weyco 200 line; W on Weyco 200 line to Weyco 240 line; SE on Weyco 240 line to Weyco 243 line; E on Weyco 243 line to Weyco 135A line; S on Weyco 135A line to Weyco 135 line; E on Weyco 135 line to Weyco 134 line; SW on Weyco 134 line to Weyco 133 line; SW on Weyco 133 line to Weyco 130 line; SW on Weyco 130 line to Weyco 1680 line; W on Weyco 1680 line to Weyco 1600 line; SE on Weyco 1600 line to Weyco 1400 line; W on Weyco 1400 line to Weyco 1420 line which is the Kalama/Coweeman Summit; SE on Weyco 1420 line to Weyco 1426 line; W on Weyco 1426 line to Weyco 1428 line; SW on Weyco 1428 line to Weyco 1429 line which turns into Weyco 6400 line; SW down Weyco 6400 line to Weyco 6000 line; E on Weyco 6000 line to Weyco 6450 line; SE for approximately one mile on Weyco 6450 line (crossing the Kalama River) to Weyco 6452 line; SE on Weyco 6452 line to Dubois Rd; SE on Dubois Rd to State Route (SR) 503; W on SR 503 to Cape Horn Creek; SE down Cape Horn Creek to Merwin Reservoir; SW along the north shore of Merwin Reservoir to the Lewis River; SW down the Lewis River to the power transmission lines in Section 4, T5N, R2E; NW along the power transmission lines to Northwest Natural Gas Pipeline located east of the town of Kalama, approximately 1/2 mile east of China Gardens Rd; N up the Natural Gas Pipeline right of way to Ostrander Creek; W down Ostrander Creek to the Cowlitz River; N on the Cowlitz River to the Toutle River and point of beginning.

**GMU 554-YALE (Cowlitz and Clark counties):**

Beginning on State Route (SR) 503 at its crossing of Cape Horn Creek; E on SR 503 to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 6600 line (Rock Creek Rd); NE on Weyco 6600 line to Weyco 6690 Rd; N and E on Weyco 6690 line to West Fork Speelyai Creek; SE down West Fork Speelyai Creek to the main stem of the Speelyai Creek; SW and SE down Speelyai Creek to SR 503; NE on SR 503 to Dog Creek; S down Dog Creek to Yale Reservoir; S and W along western shore of Reservoir to Yale Dam and the North Fork Lewis River; W along the northern shore of the North Fork Lewis River to SR 503 bridge crossing; S and W along SR 503 to NE 221st Ave; N about 1/4 mile on NE 221st Ave to NE Cedar Creek Rd; W along NE Cedar Creek Rd to NE Pup Creek Rd; N on NE Pup Creek Rd to NE Buncombe Hollow Rd; N about 1/4 mile on NE Buncombe Hollow Rd to power transmission line; S and W on the power transmission line to the north shore of the North Fork Lewis River; NE along the north shore of the North Fork Lewis River to Merwin Reservoir at the Merwin Dam; NE along the north shore of Merwin Reservoir to Cape Horn Creek; NW up Cape Horn Creek to SR 503 and the point of beginning.

**GMU 556-TOUTLE (Cowlitz County):**

Beginning on the intersection of State Route (SR) 503 (Lewis River Rd) and US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 81 (Merrill Lake Rd); N on USFS Rd 81 to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 7200 line; NW on Weyco 7200 line to Weyco 7400 line; N on Weyco 7400 line to Weyco 5500 line; E and N on Weyco 5500 line to Weyco 5670 line; N and E on Weyco 5670 line to Weyco 5660 line; N on Weyco 5660 line about a 1/4 mile to the South Fork Toutle River; E on the South Fork Toutle River to USFS Trail 216; N on USFS Trail 216 to USFS Trail 216G; NW on USFS Trail 216G to Weyco 3000 line; W on Weyco 3000 line to Weyco 3020 line; SE on Weyco 3020 line to Deer Creek; NW down Deer Creek to the North Fork Toutle River; down the North Fork Toutle River to Alder Creek; up Alder Creek to Weyco 2400 line; S on Weyco 2400 line to Weyco 2421 line; S on Weyco 2421 line to Weyco 4400 line; S and W along Weyco 4400 line to Johnson Creek; S along Johnson Creek to the South Fork Toutle River; SE up the South Fork Toutle River to Weyco 4100 line; E on Weyco 4100 line to the Weyco 4950 line; S and E on Weyco 4950 line to Weyco 235 line; SE on Weyco 235 line to Weyco 200 line; W on Weyco 200 line to Weyco 240 line; SE on Weyco 240 line to Weyco 243 line; E on Weyco 243 line to Weyco 135A line; S on Weyco 135A line to Weyco 135 line; E on Weyco 135 line to Weyco 134 line; SW on Weyco 134 line to Weyco 133 line; SW on Weyco 133 line to Weyco 130 line; SW on Weyco 130 line to Weyco 1680 line; W on Weyco 1680 line to Weyco 1600 line; SE on Weyco 1600 line to Weyco 1400 line; W on Weyco 1400 line to Weyco 1420 line which is the Kalama/Coweeman Summit; SE on Weyco 1420 line to Weyco 1426 line; W on Weyco 1426 line to Weyco 1428 line; SW on Weyco 1428 line to Weyco 1429 line; SW on Weyco 1429 line to Weyco 6400 line; SW on Weyco 6400 line to Weyco 6000 line; E on Weyco 6000 line to Weyco 6450 line; SE for approximately one mile on Weyco 6450 line (crossing the Kalama River) to Weyco 6452 line; SE on Weyco 6452 line to Dubois Rd; SE on Dubois Rd to SR 503; E on SR 503 to Weyco 6600 line (Rock Creek Rd); NE on Weyco 6600 line to Weyco 6690 line; N and E on Weyco 6690 line to West Fork Speelyai Creek; SE down West Fork Speelyai Creek to the main stem of Speelyai Creek; SW and SE down Speelyai Creek to SR 503; NE on SR 503 to USFS Rd 81 and point of beginning.

**GMU 560-LEWIS RIVER (Cowlitz, Skamania, Klickitat, Yakima, and Lewis counties):**

Beginning on State Route (SR) 141 and Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd at the town of Trout Lake; N on the Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd

to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 82 (Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd); N on USFS Road 82 to Yakama Indian Reservation boundary (Section 16, T7N, R11E); N along the Yakama Indian reservation boundary (Cascade Mountain Range Crest) to USFS Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail) in Section 3, T11N, R11E; S on USFS Trail 2000 to USFS Trail 98 at Sheep Lake; W on USFS Trail 98 to USFS Rd 2160 at Walupt Lake; W on USFS Rd 2160 to USFS Rd 21; S and W on USFS Rd 21 to USFS Rd 23; S on USFS Rd 23 to USFS Trail 263; S and W on USFS Trail 263 to USFS Trail 261; S on USFS Trail 261 to USFS Trail 1; W on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Rd 99; S and W on USFS Rd 99 to USFS Trail 225 (Smith Creek Trail); S on USFS Trail 225 to Ape Canyon Creek; N and W up Ape Canyon Creek to Mt. St. Helens crater's eastern edge; W along Mt. St. Helens crater's southern edge to headwaters of S Fork Toutle River; W along S Fork Toutle River to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 5660 line; S along Weyco 5660 line to Weyco 5670 line; S and W on Weyco 5670 line to Weyco 5500 line; S and W on Weyco 5500 line to Weyco 7400 line; S and E on Weyco 7400 line to Weyco 7200 line; S and E on Weyco 7200 line to USFS Rd 81; S on USFS Rd 81 to SR 503; N and E on SR 503 to Dog Creek; S down Dog Creek to the N shore of Yale Reservoir; E along N shore of Yale Reservoir to N Fork Lewis River; E up the Lewis River to Swift Dam and Swift Reservoir; E along the N shore of Swift Reservoir to N Fork Lewis River; E up N Fork Lewis River to USFS Rd 90 Bridge (Eagle Cliff); E on USFS Rd 90 to USFS Rd 51 (Curly Creek Rd); SE on USFS Rd 51 to USFS Rd 30; NE on USFS Rd 30 to USFS Rd 24; SE on USFS Rd 24 to SR 141; NE on SR 141 to Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd, at the town of Trout Lake and point of beginning.

**GMU 564-BATTLE GROUND (Clark, Skamania, and Cowlitz counties):**

Beginning at the mouth of Ostrander Creek on the Cowlitz River; E up Ostrander Creek approximately 1 1/2 miles to the second Northwest Natural Gas Pipeline right of way crossing Ostrander Creek, east of the railroad crossing; S along the Northwest Natural Gas Pipeline right of way to the power transmission lines right of way located east of the town of Kalama, approximately 1/2 mile east of China Garden Rd; SE along the power transmission lines right of way across the north fork of the Lewis River in the northeast corner of Section 4, T5N, R2E to NE Buncombe Hollow Rd; S on NE Buncombe Hollow Rd to NE Pup Creek Rd; S on NE Pup Creek Rd to NE Cedar Creek Rd; E on NE Cedar Creek Rd to NE 221st Ave; S along NE 221st Ave to SR 503, to NE Amboy Rd; S on NE Amboy Rd to W Yacolt Rd; E on W Yacolt Rd to N Railroad Ave; SE on N Railroad Ave, which becomes S Railroad Ave; SE on S Railroad Ave which becomes NE Railroad Ave; SE on NE Railroad Ave to Lucia Falls Rd; W on Lucia Falls Rd to Hantwick Rd; SE on Hantwick Rd to Basket Flats Rd; W on Basket Flats Rd to NE 197th Ave; S on NE 197th Ave to NE 279th St; W on NE 279th St to NE 182nd Ave; S on NE 182nd Ave to NE 259th St; E on NE 259th St to NE 220th Ave; S on NE 220th Ave which turns into NE Cresap Rd; SE on NE Cresap Rd which turns into NE 222nd Ave; S on NE 222nd Ave to NE Allworth Rd; E on NE Allworth Rd to NE 232nd Ave; S on NE 232nd Ave to NE 237th St; E on NE 237th St which turns into NE 240th Ave; S on NE 240th Ave to NE Berry Rd; NE on NE Berry Rd to the DNR L-1410 Rd; SE on DNR L-1410 Rd to the DNR L-1400 Rd; W on DNR L-1400 Rd which turns into NE Rawson Rd; W on NE Rawson Rd to NE Powell Rd; SW on NE Powell Rd to NE 212th Ave; S on NE 212th Ave to NE 109th St; E on NE 109th St to NE 222nd Ave; S on NE 222nd Ave to NE 83rd St; W on NE 83rd St to NE 217th Ave; S on NE 217th Ave to NE 68th St; E on NE 68th St to NE 232nd Ave; S on NE 232nd Ave to NE 54th St; E on NE 54th St to NE 237th Ave; S on NE 237th Ave to NE 53rd St; E on



NE 53rd St which turns into NE Bradford Rd then back into NE 53rd St to NE 292nd Ave; S on NE 292nd Ave to NE Ireland Rd; E on NE Ireland Rd to NE Stauffer Rd; E then SW on NE Stauffer Rd to NE 292nd Ave; S on NE 292nd Ave which turns into NE Reilly Rd; SW on NE Reilly Rd to NE Blair Rd; SE on NE Blair Rd to NE Zeek Rd; E on NE Zeek Rd which turns into NE 10th St; E on NE 10th St which turns into NE 312th Ave; S on NE 312th Ave to NE 9th St; E on NE 9th St to NE 322nd Ave; N on NE 322nd Ave which turns into NE Ammeter Rd; NE on NE Ammeter Rd approximately 1/8 mile to the power transmission lines; E along the northern margin of the power transmission lines to NE Hughes Rd; N on NE Hughes Rd which turns into NE 392nd Ave; N on NE 392nd Ave to NE 28th St; E on NE 28th St to NE Miller Rd; NE on NE Miller Rd which turns into NE 39th St; E on NE 39th St to Skye Rd; SE on Skye Rd to Washougal River Rd; S on Washougal River Rd to Canyon Creek Rd; SE on Canyon Creek Rd to Salmon Falls Rd; S on Salmon Falls Rd to State Route (SR) 14; E on SR 14 to Cape Horn Rd; S on Cape Horn Rd to Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to the Cowlitz River (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both on the Washington side of the state line and between Cape Horn Rd and the Cowlitz River); N along Cowlitz River to Ostrander Creek and point of beginning.

**GMU 568-WASHOUGAL (Clark and Skamania counties):**

Beginning on the Lewis River at State Route (SR) 503; E on Lewis River (Cowlitz-Clark County line) to Canyon Creek; SE up Canyon Creek to NE Healy Rd; E on NE Healy Rd to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 54; E on USFS Rd 54 to USFS Rd 53; S on USFS Rd 53 to USFS Rd 4205 (Gumboot Rd); S on USFS Rd 4205 to USFS Rd 42 (Green Fork Rd); SW on USFS Rd 42 to USFS Rd 41 at Sunset Falls; E on USFS Rd 41 to Hemlock Rd; E on Hemlock Rd to the Hemlock Rd bridge over the Wind River; SE down the Wind River to the Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to the Cape Horn Rd (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both on the Washington side of the state line and between Cape Horn Rd and the Wind River); N on Cape Horn Rd to SR 14; W on SR 14 to Salmon Falls Rd; N on Salmon Falls Rd to Canyon Creek Rd; NW on Canyon Creek Rd to Washougal River Rd; E on Washougal River Rd to Skye Rd; NW on Skye Rd to NE 39th St; W on NE 39th St which turns into NE Miller Rd; SW on NE Miller Rd to NE 28th St; W on NE 28th St to NE 392nd Ave; S on NE 392nd Ave which turns into NE Hughes Rd; S on NE Hughes Rd approximately 1/8 mile to the power transmission lines; W along the northern margin of the power transmission lines to NE Ammeter Rd; SW on NE Ammeter Rd which turns into NE 322nd Ave; S on NE 322nd Ave to NE 9th St; W on NE 9th St to NE 312th Ave; N on NE 312th Ave which turns into NE 10th St; W on NE 10th St which turns into NE Zeek Rd; W on NE Zeek Rd to NE Blair Rd; NW on NE Blair Rd to NE Reilly Rd; NE on NE Reilly Rd which turns into NE 292nd Ave; E on NE 292nd Ave to NE Stauffer Rd; NE then NW on NE Stauffer Rd to NE Ireland Rd; W on NE Ireland Rd to NE 292nd Ave; N on NE 292nd Ave to NE 53rd St; W on NE 53rd St which turns into NE Bradford Rd then turns into NE 53rd St again to NE 237th Ave; N on 237th Ave to NE 232nd Ave; N on NE 232nd Ave to NE 68th St; W on NE 68th St to NE 217th Ave; N on NE 217th Ave to NE 83rd St; E on NE 83rd St to NE 222nd Ave; N on NE 222nd Ave to NE 109th St; W on NE 109th St to NE 212th Ave; N on NE 212th Ave to NE Powell Rd; NE on NE Powell Rd to NE Rawson Rd; E on Rawson Rd to DNR L-1400 Rd; E on DNR L-1400 Rd to DNR L-1410 Rd; NW on DNR L-1410 Rd to NE Berry Rd; W then SW on NE Berry Rd to NE 240th Ave; N on NE 240th Ave which turns into NE 237th St; W on NE 237th St to NE 232nd Ave; N on NE 232nd Ave to NE Allworth Rd; W on NE Allworth Rd to NE 222nd

Ave; N on NE 222nd Ave which turns into NE Cresap Rd which turns into NE 220th Ave to NE 259th St; W on NE 259th St to NE 182nd Ave; N on NE 182nd Ave to NE 279th St; E on NE 279th St to NE 197th Ave; N on NE 197th Ave to NE Basket Flats Rd; E on NE Basket Flats Rd to NE Hantwick Rd; N then NW on NE Hantwick Rd to Lucia Falls Rd; E on Lucia Falls Rd to NE Railroad Ave; NW on NE Railroad Ave, which turns into S Railroad Ave then N Railroad Ave in the town of Yacolt, to W Yacolt Rd; W on W Yacolt Rd to NE Amboy Rd; N on NE Amboy Rd to NE 221st Ave; N on 221st Ave to SR 503; NE along SR 503 to the Lewis River and point of beginning.

**GMU 572-SIOUXON (Skamania and Clark counties):**

Beginning at the Yale Dam at Yale Lake; N then E along the shore of Yale Lake to the Lewis River; NE along the Lewis River to Swift Reservoir; E along the north shore Swift Reservoir to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 90 at the Eagle Cliff bridge; E on USFS Rd 90 to USFS Rd 51 (Curly Creek Rd); SE on USFS Rd 51 to USFS Rd 30 (Wind River Rd); N on USFS Rd 30 to USFS Rd 24 (Twin Butte Rd); S on USFS Rd 24 to USFS Rd 60 (Carson Guler Rd); SW on USFS Rd 60 to USFS Rd 65; SW on USFS Rd 65 to USFS Rd 6517 (Warren Gap Rd); W on USFS Rd 6517 to the Wind River Rd; S on the Wind River Rd to Hemlock Rd at the town of Stabler; W on Hemlock Rd to USFS Rd 41 (Sunset-Hemlock Rd); W on the USFS Rd 41 to USFS Road 42 (Green Fork Rd) at Sunset Falls; NE on USFS Rd 42 to USFS Rd 4205 (Gumboot Rd); N on USFS Rd 4205 to USFS Rd 53; NW on USFS Rd 53 to USFS Rd 54 (NE Healy Rd); W on USFS Rd 54 to Canyon Creek; N down Canyon Creek to the Lewis River; NE up the Lewis River to the Yale Dam and the point of beginning.

**GMU 574-WIND RIVER (Skamania and Klickitat counties):**

Beginning at the town of Trout Lake; S on State Route (SR) 141 to the SR 141 bridge over the White Salmon River Bridge at Husum; S on the White Salmon River to the Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to the mouth of Wind River (including all islands in the Columbia River that are both north of the Washington state line and between the White Salmon River and Wind River); NW up the Wind River to the Hemlock Rd bridge; E on Hemlock Rd to Wind River Rd; N on Wind River Rd to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 6517 (Warren Gap Rd); E on USFS Rd 6517 to USFS Rd 65 (Panther Creek Rd); N on USFS Rd 65 to USFS Rd 60; NE on USFS Rd 60 to USFS Rd 24 (also called Carson-Gular Rd); E on USFS Rd 24 to SR 141; NE on SR 141 to the town of Trout Lake and the point of beginning.

**GMU 578-WEST KLICKITAT (Klickitat and Yakima counties):**

Beginning at the mouth of the White Salmon River on the Columbia River; N up the White Salmon River to the State Route (SR) 141 bridge over the White Salmon River at Husum; N on SR 141 to Mount Adams Recreation Area Road, at the town of Trout Lake; N on the Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 82 (Mount Adams Recreational Area Rd); N on USFS Rd 82 to Yakama Indian Reservation boundary (Section 16, T7N, R11E); S along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the Reservation's SW corner at King Mountain (Section 27, T7N, R11E); E along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the end of King Mountain Rd, about 1 mile; N along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to its corner in Section 2, T7N, R11E; E along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the NE corner of Section 4, T7N, R12E; SE along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the Klickitat River; S and SW down the Klickitat River to the Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to the mouth of the White Salmon River and the

point of beginning (including all islands in the Columbia River which are both north of the Washington state line and between the Klickitat River and the White Salmon River).

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**GMU 601-HOKO (Clallam County):**

Beginning on the Makah Indian reservation boundary and the Strait of Juan de Fuca; SE along the shore of the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the mouth of the Hoko River; S along the Hoko River to State Route (SR) 112; SE on SR 112 to the Hoko-Ozette Rd; SW on the Hoko-Ozette Rd to the Olympic National Park boundary near Ozette; N along the Olympic National Park boundary to the Makah Indian reservation boundary; E and N along the Makah Indian reservation boundary to the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the point of beginning.

**GMU 602-DICKEY (Clallam County):**

Beginning at the mouth of the Hoko River and the Strait of Juan de Fuca; SE along the shore of the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the mouth of the Clallam River; S along the Clallam River to State Route (SR) 112; S on SR 112 to SR 113 (Burnt Mountain Rd); S on SR 113 to US Hwy (US) 101 at the town of Sappho; SW on US 101 to the LaPush Rd; SW on LaPush Rd to the Olympic National Park boundary; N along the Olympic National Park boundary to Hoko-Ozette Rd; NE on Hoko-Ozette Rd to SR 112; NW on SR 112 to the Hoko River; NW on the Hoko River to its mouth on the Strait of Juan De Fuca and the point of beginning.

**GMU 603-PYSHT (Clallam County):**

Beginning at the mouth of the Clallam River on Strait of Juan de Fuca; E along the shore of the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the mouth of the Elwha River; S along the Elwha River to the Olympic National Park boundary; W along the Olympic National Park boundary to one mile west of Lake Crescent; S on the Olympic National Park boundary to US Hwy (US) 101; W on US 101 to the State Route (SR) 113 (Burnt Mountain Rd); N on SR 113 to SR 112; N on SR 112 to the Clallam River; N along the Clallam River to its mouth and the point of beginning.

**GMU 607-SOL DUC (Clallam County):**

Beginning at US Hwy (US) 101 at the town of Sappho; E on US 101 to the Olympic National Park boundary; S and W along the Olympic National Park boundary to the Bogachiel River; W along the Bogachiel River to US 101; N on US 101, through the town of Forks, to the town of Sappho and the point of beginning.

**GMU 612-GOODMAN (Jefferson and Clallam counties):**

Beginning approximately two miles east of the town of LaPush on the Olympic National Park boundary and LaPush Rd intersection; NE on LaPush Rd to US Hwy (US) 101 at the town of Forks; S on US 101, across the Hoh River, and west to Olympic National Park Boundary; N on the Olympic National Park boundary to LaPush Rd and the point of beginning.

**GMU 615-CLEARWATER (Jefferson County):**

Beginning on US Hwy (US) 101 and the Bogachiel River; E along the Bogachiel River to the Olympic National Park boundary; SE and W on the Olympic National Park boundary to the Quinault Indian reservation boundary; W on the Quinault Indian reservation boundary to the Olympic National Park boundary; N along the Olympic National Park boundary to

US 101; E, N, and W on US 101 to the Bogachiel River and the point of beginning.

**GMU 618-MATHENY (Jefferson and Grays Harbor counties):**

Beginning at the boundary junction of Olympic National Park and the Quinault Indian reservation, east of the Queets River Rd; N, E, S, and W along the Olympic National Park boundary to the park and Quinault Indian reservation boundary junction, north of Lake Quinault; NW along the Quinault Indian reservation boundary to its junction with the boundary of Olympic National Park, east of the Queets River Rd, and the point of beginning, including the Olympic National Forest land and private land one mile west of Lake Quinault and bounded by the Olympic National Park and the Quinault Indian reservation.

**GMU 621-OLYMPIC (Jefferson, Clallam, and Mason counties):**

Beginning at the Olympic National Park boundary and the Elwha River; N along the Elwha River to US Hwy (US) 101; E on US 101, through Port Angeles and Sequim, to the Chimacum Center Rd at the town of Quilcene; N on the Chimacum Center Rd to the East Quilcene Rd; E on the East Quilcene Rd to Quilcene Bay; S along the shore of Quilcene Bay to Dabob Bay; S along the shore of Dabob Bay to Hood Canal; SW along the shore of Hood Canal to Finch Creek; upstream on Finch Creek to US 101; S on US 101 to State Route (SR) 119 (Lake Cushman Rd); W on SR 119 to Standstill Dr (Power Dam Rd); W on Standstill Dr to Upper Cushman Dam and the shore of Lake Cushman; NW on the west shore of Lake Cushman to the North Fork Skokomish River; N along the North Fork Skokomish River to the Olympic National Park boundary; N and W on the Olympic National Park boundary to the Elwha River and the point of beginning.

**GMU 624-COYLE (Clallam and Jefferson counties):**

Beginning at the mouth of the Elwha River on the Strait of Juan de Fuca; N from the mouth of the Elwha River to the Clallam county line in the Strait of Juan De Fuca; NE on the Clallam county line to Clallam-San Juan county line; NE on the Clallam-San Juan county line to the Jefferson-San Juan county line; NE on the Jefferson-San Juan county line to the Jefferson-Island county line; S then SE on the Jefferson-Island county line to the Kitsap-Island county line; SE on the Kitsap-Island county line to a point due east of Point No Point; W from the Kitsap-Island county line to Point No Point; NW, S, N, and SW along the coast of the Kitsap peninsula to Cougar Spit; W from Cougar Spit to Finch Creek at the town of Hoodspport; NE along the east shore of Hood Canal to Dabob Bay; N along the shore of Dabob Bay and Quilcene Bay to East Quilcene Rd; W on East Quilcene Rd to the Chimacum Center Rd; S on Chimacum Center Rd to US Hwy (US) 101; N and W on US 101 through Sequim and Port Angeles to the Elwha River; N down the Elwha River to its mouth on the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the point of beginning.

**GMU 627-KITSAP (Kitsap, Mason, and Pierce counties):**

Beginning at the Hood Canal Bridge; E, S, N, and SE along the shore of the Kitsap peninsula to Point No Point; due E from Point No Point to Kitsap-Island county line in the Puget Sound; S along the Kitsap-Island county line to the Kitsap-Snohomish county line; S along the Kitsap-Snohomish county line to Kitsap-King county line; S along the Kitsap-King county line to the King-Pierce county line; S on the King-Pierce county line to the outlet of the Tacoma Narrows; S through the Tacoma Narrows, past Fox Island (which is included in this GMU), to Carr Inlet; NW up Carr Inlet around McNeil and Gertrude Islands (which are excluded from this GMU), to Pitt Passage; SW through Pitt Passage

and Drayton Passage to the Pierce-Thurston county line in the Nisqually Reach; NW along the Pierce-Thurston county line to the Pierce-Mason county line; NW on the Pierce-Mason county line in the Nisqually Reach to North Bay; along the east shore of North Bay to State Route (SR) 3 at the town of Allyn; N on SR 3 to the Old Belfair Hwy at the town of Belfair; N on the Old Belfair Hwy to the Bear Creek-Dewatto Rd; W on the Bear Creek-Dewatto Rd to the Dewatto Rd West; N along the Dewatto Rd to Albert Pfundt Rd; N on the Albert Pfundt Rd to Anderson Creek; E down Anderson Creek to the east shore of the Hood Canal; N from Anderson Creek along the east shore of Hood Canal to the Hood Canal bridge and the point of beginning.

**GMU 633-MASON (Mason and Kitsap counties):**

Beginning at the mouth of Anderson Creek on the eastern shore of Hood Canal; W along Anderson Creek to Albert Pfundt Rd; S on the Albert Pfundt Rd to West Dewatto Rd; S on West Dewatto Rd to Bear Creek-Dewatto Rd; E along Bear Creek-Dewatto Rd to Old Belfair Hwy; S on Old Belfair Hwy to State Route (SR) 3 at the town of Belfair; S on SR 3 to North Bay at the town of Allyn; N along the west shore of North Bay; S along the east shore of North Bay to Pierce-Mason county line at Case Inlet; SE along the Pierce-Mason county line through Case Inlet to the Mason-Thurston county line; W along the Mason-Thurston county line through Dana Passage, Squaxin Passage, and Totten Inlet to US Hwy (US) 101 at Oyster Bay; N on US 101 to Finch Creek at the town of Hoodsport; E from Finch Creek across Hood Canal to Cougar Spit on the east shore of the Hood Canal; N from Cougar Spit along the east shore of Hood Canal to the mouth of Anderson Creek and the point of beginning.

**GMU 636-SKOKOMISH (Grays Harbor and Mason counties):**

Beginning on the Olympic National Park boundary and the North Fork of the Skokomish River; S along the North Fork Skokomish River to Lake Cushman; SE along the west shore of Lake Cushman to Standstill Dr (Power Dam Rd) at the Upper Cushman Dam; E on the Standstill Dr to State Route (SR) 119 (Lake Cushman Rd); SE on SR 119 to US Hwy (US) 101 at the town of Hoodsport; S on US 101 to the Shelton-Matlock Rd at the town of Shelton; W on the Shelton-Matlock Rd to the Matlock-Brady Rd; S on the Matlock-Brady Rd to Deckerville Rd south of the town of Matlock; W on Deckerville Rd to Boundary Rd (Middle Satsop Rd); W and S on Boundary Rd to Kelly Rd; N on Kelly Rd to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 2368 (Simpson Timber 500 line); N on USFS Rd 2368 to USFS Rd 2260 (Simpson Timber 600 line); W on USFS Rd 2260 to USFS Rd 22 (Wynoochee Rd); NW and W on USFS Rd 22 to USFS Rd 2294, 1/4 mile east of Big Creek; NW on USFS Rd 2294, which parallels Big Creek, to junction with USFS Rd 2281; W on USFS Rd 2281, to the watershed divide between the Humptulips River watershed and the Wynoochee River watershed; N on the ridge between the Humptulips River watershed and Wynoochee River watershed to Olympic National Park boundary; E along the Olympic National Park boundary to the north fork of the Skokomish River and the point of beginning.

**GMU 638-QUINAULT RIDGE (Grays Harbor and Jefferson counties):**

Beginning on the Olympic National Park boundary and the Quinault Indian reservation boundary at the northwest corner of Lake Quinault; NE along the west shore of Lake Quinault to the Quinault River; NE on the Olympic National Park boundary, which is along the Quinault River, to the Olympic National Park boundary west of Bunch Creek; S and NE on the Olympic National Park boundary to the ridge between the Wynoochee River watershed and Humptulips River watershed; S along the ridge be-

tween the Humptulips River watershed and the Wynoochee River watershed to its intersection with US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 2281; E along USFS Rd 2281 to USFS Rd 2294; SE on USFS Rd 2294, paralleling Big Creek, to USFS Rd 22 (Donkey Creek Rd); W on the USFS Rd 22 to US Hwy (US) 101; N on US 101 to the Quinault Indian reservation boundary; NE on the reservation boundary to Lake Quinault; NW along the south shore of Lake Quinault to the Olympic National Park boundary and the point of beginning.

**GMU 642-COPALIS (Grays Harbor County):**

Beginning at the Quinault Indian reservation and US Hwy (US) 101 south of Lake Quinault; S on US 101 to the Hoquiam River in the city of Hoquiam; S along the Hoquiam River to the north shore of Grays Harbor; W along the north shore of Grays Harbor to the Pacific Ocean; N along the shore of the Pacific Ocean to the Quinault Indian reservation boundary; E and NE along the Quinault Indian reservation to US 101 south of Lake Quinault and the point of beginning.

**GMU 648-WYNOOCHEE (Grays Harbor County):**

Beginning at the junction of US Hwy (US) 101 and the US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 22 (Donkey Creek Rd); NE along the USFS Rd 22 (Donkey Creek Rd) to its junction with the Donkey Creek-Gridsdale Rd; E on USFS Rd 22 (Donkey Creek-Gridsdale Rd) to Camp Gridsdale (south of Wynoochee Lake); S along USFS Rd 22 (Wynoochee Rd) to USFS Rd 2260 (Simpson Timber 600 line); E on USFS Rd 2260 to USFS Rd 2368 (Simpson Timber 500 line); S on USFS Rd 2368 to Kelly Rd; S on Kelly Rd to Boundary Rd (Middle Satsop Rd); S on Boundary Rd to Cougar Smith Rd; W on Cougar Smith Rd to the west fork of the Satsop River; S down the west fork Satsop River to the Satsop River; S down the Satsop River to US 12; W along US 12 to its junction with US 101 in the town of Aberdeen; SE along US 101 to the north shore of the Chehalis River; W along the north shore of the Chehalis River to the north shore of Grays Harbor; W along the north shore of Grays Harbor to the mouth of the Hoquiam River; N up the Hoquiam River to US 101; W and N along US 101 to its junction with the USFS Rd 22 (Donkey Creek Rd) and the point of beginning. INCLUDES Rennie Island.

**GMU 651-SATSOP (Grays Harbor, Mason, and Thurston counties):**

Beginning at the US Hwy (US) 12 bridge on the Satsop River; N up the Satsop River to its junction with the west fork of the Satsop River; N up the west fork of the Satsop River to Cougar Smith Rd; E on Cougar Smith Rd to Boundary Rd (Middle Satsop Rd); N and E on Boundary Rd to Deckerville Rd; E on Deckerville Rd to Matlock-Brady Rd; N on Matlock-Brady Rd to the town of Matlock; E on Shelton-Matlock Rd to its junction with US 101 west of the town of Shelton; S on US 101 to its junction with State Route (SR) 8; W on SR 8 to its junction with US 12; W along US 12 to bridge over the Satsop River and the point of beginning.

**GMU 652-PUYALLUP (Pierce and King counties); (does not include Anderson Island):**

Beginning at Redondo Junction on the shore of Puget Sound and Redondo Way S; SE on Redondo Way S to State Route (SR) 509; E on SR 509 to Pacific Hwy S (Old Hwy 99); S on Pacific Hwy S to SR 18 at the city of Auburn; E on SR 18 to SR 164; SE on SR 164 to SR 410 (Chinook Pass Hwy) at the town of Enumclaw; E on SR 410 to the second set of power transmission lines near the Mud Mountain Dam Rd; SW on the power transmission lines to the White River; NW along the White River to SR 410; S on SR 410 to SR 165; S on SR 165 to the first intersection with

a power transmission line at T19N, R06E, Sec 21; SW on this power transmission line to Orville Rd E at the Puyallup River; S on Orville Rd E to SR 161; S on SR 161 to the Mashel River; down the Mashel River to the Nisqually River (Pierce-Thurston county line); NW along the Nisqually River, along the Pierce-Thurston county line, to the Nisqually Reach in the Puget Sound; NW along the Thurston-Pierce county line in the Nisqually Reach to a point on the Thurston-Pierce county line southeast of Drayton Passage Channel; NE through Drayton Passage and Pitt Passage to Carr Inlet; E and S around McNeil Island to a point southwest of the Tacoma Narrows (including McNeil, Gertrude, and Ketron Islands); NE through the Tacoma Narrows to a point on the Pierce-King county line northeast of the main channel of the Tacoma Narrows; E on the Pierce-King county line to the point where the county line turns southeast, northwest of Dash Point; E to Redondo Junction on the eastern shore of the Puget Sound and the point of beginning.

**GMU 653-WHITE RIVER (King and Pierce counties):**

Beginning at the lookout station at US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 7110 (Grass Mountain mainline) and the posted GMU 485 boundary encompassing the controlled access portion of the Green River Watershed; E on the posted GMU 485 boundary encompassing the controlled access portion of the Green River Watershed to USFS Rd 7032; E along USFS Rd 7032 to USFS Rd 7030; SE along USFS Rd 7030 to USFS Rd 7036; SE along USFS Rd 7036 to USFS Rd 7038; SE on USFS Rd 7038 to USFS Trail 2000 (Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail) at its closest point to USFS Rd 7038 near Windy Gap north of Pyramid Peak; S on the USFS Trail 2000 to Pierce-Yakima County Line (Cascades Crest) in T17N, R10E, Sec 35; S on the county line to the Mt. Rainier National Park boundary in T17 R, R10E, Sec 35; S on the park boundary to Chinook Pass; N and W on the Mt. Rainier National Park boundary to the Carbon River; NW down the Carbon River to the power transmission line at T19N, R06E, Sec 21; NE along the power transmission line to SR 165; NE on SR 165 to SR 410; NE on SR 410 to the White River; SE along the White River to the power transmission lines on the north side of the White River near Mud Mountain Dam Rd; NE on the power transmission lines to State Route (SR) 410; E on SR 410 to USFS Rd 7110; N on USFS Rd 7110 to the posted GMU 485 boundary encompassing the controlled access portion of the Green River Watershed and the point of beginning.

**GMU 654-MASHEL (Pierce County):**

Beginning at the power transmission line at the Puyallup River Bridge on Orville Rd E; NE on the power line to the Carbon River; SE along the Carbon River to the west boundary of Mt. Rainier National Park; S on the Mt. Rainier National Park boundary to the Nisqually River; W down the Nisqually River to the mouth of the Mashel River; N up the Mashel River to the State Route (SR) 161 bridge (Eatonville-LaGrande Rd); N on SR 161 through Eatonville to Orville Rd E; N on Orville Rd E to the Puyallup River bridge and the point of beginning.

**GMU 655-ANDERSON (Pierce County):**

Includes all of Anderson Island.

**GMU 658-NORTH RIVER (Grays Harbor and Pacific counties):**

Beginning at the Pacific Ocean and the south shore of Grays Harbor at the Westport Jetty; E along the south shore of Grays Harbor to the mouth of the Chehalis River at the town of Aberdeen; E up the Chehalis River to the US Hwy (US) 101 bridge; S on US 101 to the Willapa River at the town of Raymond; W down the Willapa River to Willapa Bay; W



along the north shore of Willapa Bay to the Pacific Ocean; N along the Pacific Coast to the south shore of Grays Harbor at the Westport Jetty and the point of beginning.

**GMU 660-MINOT PEAK (Grays Harbor and Pacific counties):**

Beginning at the intersection of US Hwy (US) 12 and US 101 at the town of Aberdeen; E and S on US 12 to N State St at the town of Oakville; S on N State St to South Bank Rd; W on South Bank Rd to Garrard Creek Rd; SW on Garrard Creek Rd to Oakville-Brooklyn Rd; W on Oakville-Brooklyn Rd to North River Valley Rd; W on North River Valley Rd to Smith Creek Rd; W on Smith Creek Rd to US 101; N on US 101 to US 12 at the town of Aberdeen and the point of beginning.

**GMU 663-CAPITOL PEAK (Grays Harbor and Thurston counties):**

Beginning at US Hwy (US) 12 and State Route (SR) 8 at the town of Elma; E on SR 8 to US 101; E on US 101 to Delphi Rd SW; S on Delphi Road SW to 110th Ave SW; E on 110th Ave SW to Littlerock Rd; S on Littlerock Rd to US 12; NW on US 12 to SR 8 at the town of Elma and the point of beginning.

**GMU 666-DESCHUTES (Thurston County):**

Beginning on US Hwy (US) 101 at the Mason-Thurston county line southeast of Oyster Bay; NE on the Mason-Thurston county line, through Totten Inlet, Squaxin Passage and Dana Passage, to the Pierce-Thurston county line in the Nisqually Reach; SE through the Nisqually Reach along the Pierce-Thurston county line to the mouth of the Nisqually River; SE on the Nisqually River to State Route (SR) 507; SW on SR 507 to Old Hwy 99 SE at the town of Tenino; SW on Old Hwy 99 SE to SR 12 at Interstate Hwy-5; W on SR 12 to Littlerock Rd; N on the Littlerock Rd to 110th Ave SW; W on 110th Ave SW to Delphi Rd SW; N on Delphi Rd SW to US 101; NW on US 101 to the Mason-Thurston county line southeast of Oyster Bay and the point of beginning.

**GMU 667-SKOOKUMCHUCK (Thurston and Lewis counties):**

Beginning at the State Route (SR) 507 bridge on the Nisqually River; SE up the Nisqually River (Pierce-Thurston county line) to SR 7 bridge at the town of Elbe on Alder Lake; S on SR 7 to Main St at the town of Morton; S on Main St to SR 508; W on SR 508 to the Centralia-Alpha Rd; W and N on the Centralia-Alpha Rd to Salzer Valley Rd; W on Salzer Valley Rd to Summa St at the town of Centralia; W on Summa St to Kresky Rd; N on Kresky Rd to Tower St; N on Tower St to SR 507; W on SR 507 (Cherry St, Alder St, and Mellen St) to Interstate Hwy (I)-5; N on I-5 to Old Hwy 99 SE; NE on Old Hwy 99 SE to SR 507; NE on SR 507 to the Nisqually River bridge and the point of beginning.

**GMU 672-FALL RIVER (Pacific, Lewis, and Grays Harbor counties):**

Beginning at the intersection of US Hwy (US) 101 and State Route (SR) 6 at the town of Raymond; N on US 101 to Smith Creek Rd; NE on Smith Creek Rd to North River Valley Rd; E on North River Valley Rd to Oakville-Brooklyn Rd; E on the Oakville-Brooklyn Rd to Garrard Creek Rd; S on Garrard Creek Rd to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) C line at mile post 5; W on the Weyco C line to Weyco 723 line; S on the Weyco 723 line to Weyco 720 line; W on the Weyco 720 line to Weyco 7800 F line; S on Weyco 7800 F line to Weyco 7800 line; S and SE on Weyco 7800 line to Weyco 7000 line; SW on Weyco 7000 line to Weyco 7050 line; S on Weyco 7050 line to Weyco 7400 line; S and E on Weyco 7400 line to Weyco 7000 line; E on Weyco 7000 line to Elk Creek Rd; E on Elk Creek Rd to Stevens Rd at the town of Doty; E on Stevens Rd to SR 6; S, W and NW on SR 6 to US 101 at the town of Raymond and the point of beginning.

**GMU 673-WILLIAMS CREEK (Pacific County):**

Beginning at US Hwy (US) 101 bridge crossing the Willapa River at the town of Raymond; S on US 101 to State Route (SR) 6; SE on SR 6 to the Trap Creek A line; S and W on the Trap Creek A line to power transmission lines; S and SW on the power transmission lines to Weyerhaeuser (Weyco) 5800 line (Section 22, T11N, R8W); SW along the Weyco 5800 line to ((~~Weyco 5000 line (Deep River main line); SW on the Weyco 5000 line to~~) the Salmon Creek Rd; SW along the Salmon Creek Rd to SR 4; W on SR 4 to US 101 at Johnson's Landing; W on US 101 to the Naselle River bridge; W down the Naselle River to Willapa Bay; N along the east shore of Willapa Bay to the Willapa River; SE and NE up the Willapa River to the US 101 bridge and the point of beginning.

**GMU 681-BEAR RIVER (Pacific and Wahkiakum counties):**

Beginning at the US Hwy (US) 101 bridge at the Naselle River; E on US 101 to State Route (SR) 4; SE on SR 4 to Deep River bridge; S down the Deep River to the Columbia River; W along the shore of the Columbia River to the mouth of the Wallacut River (including all islands in the Columbia both north of the Washington-Oregon state line and between the Deep River and the Wallacut River); N up the Wallacut River to US 101; NW on US 101 to alternate US 101, north of the Ilwaco Airport; N on alternate US 101 to US 101; E and NE on US 101 to Bear River; N down Bear River to Willapa Bay; N along the eastern shore of Willapa Bay to the mouth of the Naselle River; SE up the Naselle River to the US 101 bridge and the point of beginning.

**GMU 684-LONG BEACH (Pacific County):**

Beginning at the mouth of Bear River on Willapa Bay; S up Bear River to US Hwy (US) 101; W and SW on US 101 to alternate US 101, north of the Ilwaco Airport; S on alternate US 101 to US 101; W on US 101 to the Wallacut River; S along the Wallacut River to the Columbia River; W down the Columbia River to its mouth on the Pacific Ocean (including all islands in the Columbia River both north of the Washington-Oregon state line and between the Wallacut River and the mouth of the Columbia River); N, E, S, and E along the shoreline of the Long Beach peninsula to Bear River and the point of beginning.

**GMU 699-LONG ISLAND (Pacific County):**

Includes all of Long Island.

## **Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:**

WAC 220-410-050 Game Management Units (GMUs) Boundary Descriptions–Region Five  
WAC 220-410-060 Game Management Units (GMUs) Boundary Descriptions–Region Six.

### **Supporting Comments:**

The Department received eight comments in support of the proposal, but none of them were related to the proposal.

### **Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:**

The Department received three comments in opposition to the proposal, but two were not related to the proposal. The one comment that was related expressed a sentiment that the number of GMUs was excessive.

The Department received ten neutral comments, but nine were not related to the proposal. One respondent indicated they were neutral because they did not hunt in this area.

### **Direction and Rationale:**

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as originally proposed. This change represents a minor adjustment to the boundary that will have little to no effect on hunters.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-10-011, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19)

**WAC 220-413-180 Special closures and firearm restriction areas.**

(1) **RESTRICTED HUNTING AREAS.**

It is unlawful to hunt in the following restricted hunting areas unless otherwise provided:

(a) Parker Lake (GMU 117, Pend Oreille County): All lands south of Ruby Creek Road (USFS Road 2489), north of Tacoma Creek Road (USFS Road 2389), and west of Bonneville Power Administration power lines are designated as "CLOSED AREA" to hunting wild animals and wild birds year-round except for special hunts adopted by the fish and wildlife commission. The Parker Lake closure provides a protected area for the U.S. Air Force Military Survival Training Program.

(b) Columbia River: The Columbia River, all islands except privately owned, in the river, the Benton County shoreline below the high water mark, Central Hanford Department of Energy property, and any peninsula originating on the Benton County shoreline, between Vernita Bridge on Highway 24 downstream to the Richland city limits are designated as a "CLOSED AREA" to hunting wild animals and wild birds

except waterfowl hunting is open below the high water mark between the old Hanford townsite power line crossing (~~((wooden towers))~~) in Section 24, T 13 N, R 27 E, and the Richland city limits.

(c) Green River (GMU 485): Except for special permit hunters, who may also take a black bear and/or cougar with the appropriate license/tag options, all lands within GMU 485 are designated as a "CLOSED AREA" to hunting big game year-round. During the general westside elk season and general and late deer seasons, all lands within GMU 485 year-round are also designated as a "CLOSED AREA" to hunting all wild animals, including wild birds, year-round. The city of Tacoma enforces trespass within GMU 485 year-round on lands owned or controlled by the city.

(d) McNeil Island (part of GMU 652): Closed to hunting all wild animals, including wild birds, year-round.

(e) Loo-wit (GMU 522): Closed to hunting and trapping, except for elk and mountain goat hunting by special permit holders during established seasons and in designated areas.

(2) A violation of subsection (1) of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.400, 77.15.410, or 77.15.430, depending on the species hunted.

(3) **CLOSED BIG GAME HUNTING AREAS.**

It is unlawful to hunt big game in the following closed areas, unless otherwise specified:

(a) Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific, and Wahkiakum counties: Closed to hunting for Columbian whitetail deer.

(b) Cathlamet: Except for special permits issued by the department for nonendangered deer and elk, this area is closed to all deer and elk hunting to protect the Columbian whitetail deer. This area's boundaries are described as:

Beginning in the town of Skamokawa; then east along SR 4 to Risk Road; then south and east along Risk Road to Foster Road; then south along the Foster Road to the Elochoman River; then upstream along the Elochoman River to Elochoman Valley Road (old SR 407); then west along the Elochoman Valley Road to SR 4; then east along SR 4 to SR 409; then south along SR 409 to the Cathlamet Channel of the Columbia River; then east along the north shore of the Cathlamet Channel to Cape Horn; then south in the Columbia River to the state line; then west along the state line to a point directly south of the mouth of Skamokawa Creek; then north on Skamokawa Creek to SR 4 and the point of beginning.

(c) Walla Walla Mill Creek Watershed (GMU 157): All lands in the Mill Creek Watershed are designated as a "CLOSED AREA" to hunting all wild

animals, including wild birds. The only exception is for deer or elk hunting by holders of GMU-157 special deer or elk permits during the established open season. These permit holders must have a U.S. Forest Service permit to enter the hunt area, and the area is closed to motorized vehicles. No entry into the Mill Creek Watershed is allowed at other times.

(d) Westport: Closed to hunting all big game animals on the part of Westport Peninsula lying north of State Highway 105 from the Elk River Bridge west end and the Schafer Island Road to the ocean beach.

(e) Cottonwood and Howard islands (GMU 564): Closed to all deer hunting.

(4) A violation of subsection (3) of this section is a gross misdemeanor or a class C felony punishable under RCW 77.15.410, depending on the circumstances of the violation.

(5) **FIREARM RESTRICTION AREAS .**

(a) It is unlawful to hunt wildlife in the following firearm restriction areas with centerfire or rimfire rifles, or to fail to comply with additional firearm restrictions, except as established below:

COUNTY	AREA
Chelan	That portion of GMU 251 (Mission) beginning at the intersection of the Duncan Road and Highway 2; south on Duncan Road to Mountain Home Road; south along Mountain Home Road to the

COUNTY	AREA
	Icicle Irrigation Ditch; south and west along the Icicle Irrigation Ditch to the Snow Lake Trail; west and north along the Snow Lake Trail and across the Icicle River to Icicle River Road; east and north along Icicle River Road to the Wenatchee River; northwest along the Wenatchee River to Highway 2; north and east on Highway 2 to Duncan Road and the point of beginning.
Clallam	That portion of GMU 624 (Coyle) located within Clallam County.
Clark	GMU 564 (Battle Ground). That portion of GMU 554 (Yale) in Clark County.
Cowlitz	GMU 554 (Yale). GMU 504 (Stella). That portion of GMU 564 (Battle Ground) in Cowlitz County.
Grays Harbor	The following restriction applies only during modern firearm general elk seasons:  That portion of GMU 658 (North River) beginning at Bay City; then west along Highway 105 to Twin Harbors State Park; then south along Highway 105 to Cranberry Road; then east on Cranberry Road to Turkey Road; then east and north on Turkey Road to Bayview Logging Road; then north and east along Bayview Logging Road to Mallard Slough; then east and south along the Bayview Road to Andrews Creek; then north along main channel of Andrews Creek to Grays Harbor; then north and west along the main navigation channel to Bay City and point of beginning.
Grays Harbor	The following restriction applies only during modern firearm general elk seasons:  That portion of GMU 660 (Minot Peak) described as follows: Beginning at Highway 12 and Highway 107 junction near Montesano; east and south on Highway 12 to State Street in Oakville; south on State Street to its merge with Oakville Road; west on Oakville Road to its merge with South Bank Road; northwest along South Bank Road to Wakefield Road; north on Wakefield Road to the Chehalis River; west along the Chehalis River to Highway 107 bridge; north on Highway 107 to Highway 12 to the point of beginning.
Island	GMUs 421 (Camano) and 420



COUNTY	AREA
	(Whidbey).
Jefferson	Indian and Marrowstone islands.
King	The area west of Highway 203 (Monroe-Fall City, then Fall City-Preston Road) to Interstate 90 (I-90), I-90 to Highway 18, Highway 18 to Interstate 5 (I-5), I-5 to the Pierce-King County line; and GMU 422 (Vashon-Maury).
King	This area is restricted to archery only during general season hunts (agency directed damage permit hunts exempt): The following portion of GMU 652 (Puyallup): Beginning at the intersection of State Highway 410 and the southeast Mud Mountain Dam Road near the King/Pierce County line north of Buckley; then east along the southeast Mud Mountain Road to 284th Avenue Southeast; then north along 284th Avenue Southeast to State Highway 410; then west along Highway 410 to the point of the beginning.
Kitsap	East of State Highway 16 originating at the Tacoma Narrows Bridge to Gorst, and east of Highway 3 to ( ( <del>Newbury</del> ) ) <u>Newberry Hill Road</u> , north of ( ( <del>Newbury</del> ) ) <u>Newberry Hill Road</u> and the Bremerton-Seabeck Highway to Big Beef Creek Bridge; all of Bainbridge Island, and Bangor Military Reservation.
<del>Kittitas</del>	<del>GMU 334 (Ellensburg) Closed to centerfire rifles during deer and elk seasons except for those areas designated in writing by WDFW wildlife conflict staff.</del>
Klickitat	Elk Area 5062 (Trout Lake) closed to centerfire rifles, handguns, and muzzleloaders October 1 to January 30.
Mason	GMU 633 (Mason Lake) south of Hammersley Inlet; and all of Harstine Island.
Pacific	GMU 684 (Long Beach) the following Long Beach Peninsula restriction applies only during modern firearm general deer and elk seasons: Beginning at the end of Outer Harbor Way in the City of Ilwaco to U.S. Highway 101, west and north on Highway 101 to Sandridge Road; north on Sandridge Road to 95th Street; west on 95th Street to Tarlatt Slough; out Tarlatt Slough to Willapa Bay, north along the shoreline of Willapa Bay, then west to the Pacific Ocean. South along

COUNTY	AREA
	<p>the west coast of the peninsula to Cape Disappointment State Park; east along state park boundary to Baker Bay; east along Baker Bay to the point of beginning.</p> <p>The portion of GMU 658 (North River) south and west of State Highway 105 and Airport Road between Raymond and North River Bridge.</p> <p>GMU 681 (Chinook Valley) beginning at confluence of Wallacut River, east along the Columbia River to the Astoria-Megler bridge; west along U.S. Highway 101 to Houtchen Road, north on Houtchen Road to the Chinook River; west on the Chinook River to the Chinook Valley Road; west on the Chinook Valley Road to Highway 101 and Wallacut River bridge; southwest on Wallacut River to point of beginning.</p>
Pierce	<p>Ketron Island in GMU 652 limited to archery, shotgun, and muzzleloader.</p> <p>GMU 655 (Anderson) limited to archery, shotgun, and muzzleloader. McNeil Island closed to hunting.</p> <p>See GMU 652 restriction area outlined for King County.</p> <p>GMU 627 (Kitsap) south of Highway 302 on the Key (Longbranch) Peninsula is a firearm restriction area.</p>
San Juan	<p>All San Juan County, including GMUs 411 (Orcas), 412 (Shaw), 413 (San Juan), 414 (Lopez), 415 (Blakely), 416 (Decatur), and those portions of GMU 410 (Islands) that occur in San Juan County.</p>
Snohomish	<p>All areas west of Highway 9, until the intersection of Highway 9 and Highway 2, then east along Highway 2 to Highway 203, then all areas west of Highway 203 to the Snohomish/King County line.</p>
Skagit	<p>All mainland areas and islands, including GMU 419 (Guemes), in Skagit County west of I-5 and north of the Skagit/Snohomish County line, except Cypress Island. This restriction applies to big game hunting only.</p>
Skamania	<p>That portion of GMU 564 (Battle Ground) in Skamania County.</p>
Thurston	<p>GMU 666 (Deschutes) north of U.S. Highway 101 and Interstate 5 between Oyster Bay and the mouth of the Nisqually River.</p>

COUNTY	AREA
Whatcom	All mainland areas and islands of Whatcom County that are west of I-5. This restriction applies to big game hunting only.

(b) Archery tag holders may only hunt during established archery seasons with archery equipment as defined under WAC 220-414-070.

(c) Muzzleloader tag holders may only hunt during established muzzleloader seasons with muzzleloader equipment or archery equipment as defined by department rule.

(d) Modern firearm tag holders may hunt during established modern firearm seasons with bows and arrows; crossbows; muzzleloaders; revolver-type handguns; semiautomatic handguns of .40 (10 mm) caliber or larger; or shotguns, so long as the equipment and ammunition complies with department rules.

(6) A violation of subsection (5) of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.400, 77.15.410, or 77.15.430, depending on the species hunted.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-413-180, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090,

77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-413-180, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-413-180, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-248, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-059 (Order 15-98), § 232-28-248, filed 4/30/15, effective 5/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-248, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-248, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. 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), § 232-28-248, 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), § 232-28-248, filed 4/15/09, effective 5/16/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 06-11-032 (Order 06-92), § 232-28-248, filed 5/8/06, effective 6/8/06; WSR 06-02-063 (Order 05-271), § 232-28-248, filed 1/3/06, effective 2/3/06;

WSR 05-11-022 (Order 05-89), § 232-28-248, filed 5/10/05, effective 6/10/05; WSR 05-02-046 (Order 04-327), § 232-28-248, filed 1/3/05, effective 2/3/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047 and 77.12.020.

WSR 04-11-036 (Order 04-98), § 232-28-248, filed 5/12/04, effective 6/12/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 03-13-047 (Order 03-129), § 232-28-248, 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), § 232-28-248, 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), § 232-28-248, 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), § 232-28-248, filed 5/23/00, effective 6/23/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.040. WSR 99-10-102 (Order 99-40), § 232-28-248, filed 5/5/99, effective 6/5/99; WSR 98-10-018 (Order 98-54), § 232-28-248, filed 4/22/98, effective 5/23/98; WSR 97-06-052 (Order 97-32), § 232-28-248, filed 2/27/97, effective 3/30/97. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.010 and 77.12.040. WSR 96-04-027, § 232-28-248, filed 2/1/96, effective 3/3/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.040. WSR 95-11-036, § 232-28-248, filed 5/10/95, effective 6/10/95; WSR 95-03-038 (Order 94-150), § 232-28-248, filed 1/10/95, effective 2/10/95.]

## WAC 220-413-180 Special Closure and Firearm Restriction Areas.

### RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

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- Change: Delete Kittitas County and associated reference to GMU 334 from the list of Firearm Restriction Areas.

Rationale: The Department has received several inquiries from county commissioners, representatives of the field and stream club, and other constituents related to WAC 220-413-180 Special Firearm closure within GMU 334. This closure and GMU 334 were originally established to provide for some consistency with Kittitas County Code related to using high powered firearms during deer and elk hunting seasons. However, it has become increasingly difficult for the Department to define a GMU which only covers the firearm closure identified by County Code, while at the same time meeting our management needs. The county closure areas encompass a good portion of GMU 334; however, there are areas outside of the county closure where our rules extend the closure because of our GMU definition. The other complaint centered around our rule prevents the use of centerfire varmint calibers during the deer and elk seasons. We have been advised by members from the cattle industry that they wanted to be able to control nuisance species while utilizing their hunting licenses out of expedience, but our rule prevents them from doing that.

## **Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:**

### WAC 220-413-180 Special Closures and Firearm Restriction Areas.

#### **Supporting Comments:**

The Department received three comments in support of the proposal, but none were related to the proposal.

#### **Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:**

We received one comment in opposition to the proposal with the respondent advocating that the rule should read “the Hanford Town Site”.

The Department received three neutral comments. One respondent advocated for clearly marking the boundary, while the other two comments were not related to the proposal.

#### **Direction and Rationale:**

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as originally proposed. The proposed deletion of the reference to the “wooden towers” was made following consultation with local wildlife biologists, local fish biologists, and local law enforcement officers. All agreed this was the simplest change to make in response to the wooden towers being torn down and the boundary was still readily discernable because the power lines would remain.

**WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.**

The following areas are defined as elk areas:

**Elk Area No. 1008 West Wenaha (Columbia County):** That part of GMU 169 west of USFS trail 3112 from Tepee Camp (east fork of Butte Creek) to Butte Creek, and west of Butte Creek to the Washington-Oregon state line.

**Elk Area No. 1009 East Wenaha (Columbia, Garfield, Asotin counties):** That portion of GMU 169 east of USFS trail 3112 from Tepee Camp (east fork Butte Creek) to Butte Creek, and east of Butte Creek to the Washington-Oregon state line.

**Elk Area No. 1010 (Columbia County):** GMU 162 excluding National Forest land and the Rainwater Wildlife Area.

~~((Elk Area No. 1011 (Columbia County): That part of GMU 162 east of the North Touchet Road, excluding National Forest land.~~

~~Elk Area No. 1012 (Columbia County): That part of GMU 162 west of the North Touchet Road, excluding National Forest land and the Rainwater Wildlife Area.))~~

**Elk Area No. 1013 (Asotin County):** GMU 172, excluding National Forest lands and the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area.

**Elk Area No. 1015 Turnbull (Spokane County):** Located in GMU 130, designated areas within the boundaries of Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge.

**Elk Area No. 1016 (Columbia County):** GMU-162 Dayton, excluding the Rainwater Wildlife Area.

**Elk Area No. 1040 (Asotin County):** That area within GMU 172 designated as the WDFW-owned lands managed as the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area.

**Elk Area No. 1075 (Asotin County):** Private land (excluding WDFW lands) within GMU 175 within the following area: From the intersection of the South Fork Asotin Creek Rd and Campbell Grade Rd, continuing south until the South Fork Asotin Creek Rd crosses the South Fork of Asotin Creek. South along the South Fork of Asotin Creek until it intersects with the USFS property line, due south along the USFS boundary until it reaches the Cloverland Rd. NE along the Cloverland Rd to the intersection of the Parsons Rd (Back Rd), north along the Parsons Rd (Back Rd) to Campbell Grade Rd, west on Campbell Grade Rd to the intersection with South Fork Asotin Creek Rd and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 1081 (Asotin County):** All of GMU 181 Couse, including the portion of GMU 172 starting at the intersection of Mill Road and Highway 129 in Anatone, south along Hwy 129 to Smyth Rd, west and then north on Smyth Rd to the intersection of E Mountain Rd, west along E Mountain Rd to the intersection of W Mountain Rd, north along W Mountain Rd to Mill Road, east on Mill Rd to the starting point.

~~((Elk Area No. 1082 George Creek (Asotin County): That portion of GMU 181 owned by WDFW and designated as the George Creek Wildlife Unit of the Asotin Creek Wildlife Area.))~~



**Elk Area No. 2032 Malaga (Kittitas and Chelan counties):** Beginning at the mouth of Davies Canyon on the Columbia River; west along Davies Canyon to the cliffs above (north of) the North Fork Tarpiscan Creek; west and north along the cliffs to the Bonneville Power Line; southwest along the power line to the North Fork Tarpiscan Road in Section 9, Township 20N, Range 21E; north and west along North Fork Tarpiscan Road to Colockum Pass Road (Section 9, Township 20N, Range 21E); south and west on Colockum Pass Road to section line between Sections 8 & 9; north along the section line between Sections 8 and 9 as well as Sections 4 & 5 (T20N, R21E) & Sections 32 & 33 (T21N, R21E) to Moses Carr Road; west and north on Moses Carr Road to Jump Off Road; south and west on Jump Off Road to Shaller Road; north and west on Shaller Road to Upper Basin Loop Road; north and west on Upper Basin Loop Road to Wheeler Ridge Road; north on Wheeler Ridge Road to the Basin Loop Road (pavement) in Section 10 (T21N, R20E); north on Basin Loop Road to Wenatchee Heights Road; west on Wenatchee Heights Road to Squilchuck Road; south on Squilchuck Road to Beehive Road (USFS Rd 9712); northwest on Beehive Road to USFS Rd 7100 near Beehive Reservoir; north and west on USFS Rd 7100 to Peavine Canyon Road (USFS Rd 7101); north and east on Peavine Canyon Road to Number Two Canyon Road; north on Number Two Canyon Road to Crawford Street in Wenatchee; east on Crawford Street to the Columbia River; south and east along the Columbia River to Davies Canyon and point of beginning. (Naneum Green Dot, Washington Gazetteer, Wenatchee National Forest)

**Elk Area No. 2033 Peshastin (Chelan County):** Starting at the Division St bridge over the Wenatchee River in the town of Cashmere; S on Applets Way then Division St to Pioneer St; W on Pioneer St to Mission Creek Rd; S on Mission Creek Rd to Binder Rd; W on Binder Rd to Mission Creek Rd; S on Mission Creek Rd to Tripp Canyon Rd; W on Tripp Canyon Rd to where Tripp Canyon Rd stops following Tripp Creek; W on Tripp Creek to its headwaters; W up the drainage, about 1000 feet, to US Forest Service (USFS) Rd 7200-160; W on USFS Rd 7200-160 to Camas Creek Rd (USFS Rd 7200); W on Camas Creek Rd (USFS 7200 Rd) (excluding Camas Land firearm closure\*) to US Hwy 97; N on US Hwy 97 to Mountain Home Rd (USFS 7300 Rd); N on Mountain Home Rd to the Wenatchee River in the town of Leavenworth; S on the Wenatchee River to the Division St bridge in Cashmere and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 2051 Tronsen (Chelan County):** All of GMU 251 except that portion described as follows: Beginning at the junction of Naneum Ridge Road (WDFW Rd 9) and Ingersol Road (WDFW Rd 1); north and east on Ingersol Road to Colockum Road (WDFW Rd 10); east on Colockum Road and Colockum Creek to the intersection of Colockum Creek and the Columbia River; south on the Columbia River to mouth of Tarpiscan Creek; west up Tarpiscan Creek and Tarpiscan Road (WDFW Rd 14) and North Fork Road (WDFW Rd 10.10) to the intersection of North Fork Road and Colockum Road; southwest on Colockum Road to Naneum Ridge Road; west on Naneum Ridge Road to Ingersol Road and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 3681 Ahtanum (Yakima County):** That part of GMU 368 beginning at the power line crossing on Ahtanum Creek in T12N, R16E, Section 15; west up Ahtanum Creek to South Fork Ahtanum Creek; southwest up South Fork Ahtanum Creek to its junction with Reservation Creek; southwest up Reservation Creek and the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the main divide between the Diamond Fork drainage and Ahtanum Creek drainage; north along the crest of the main divide between the Diamond Fork drainage and the Ahtanum Creek drainage to Darland Moun-

tain; northeast on US Forest Service Trail 615 to US Forest Service Road 1020; northeast on US Forest Service Road 1020 to US Forest Service Road 613; northeast on US Forest Service Road 613 to US Forest Service Trail 1127; northeast on US Forest Service Trail 1127 to US Forest Service Road 1302 (Jump Off Road), southeast of the Jump Off Lookout Station; northeast on US Forest Service Road 1302 (Jump Off Road) to Highway 12; northeast on Highway 12 to the Naches River; southeast down the Naches River to Cowiche Creek; west up Cowiche Creek and South Fork Cowiche Creek to Summitview Avenue; northwest on Summitview Avenue to Cowiche Mill Road; west on Cowiche Mill Road to the power line in the northeast corner of T13N, R15E, SEC 13; southeast along the power line to Ahtanum Creek and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 3721 Corral Canyon (Benton and Yakima counties):** That part of GMU 372 beginning at the Yakima River Bridge on SR 241 just north of Mabton; north along SR 241 to the Rattlesnake Ridge Road (mile post #19); east on Rattlesnake Ridge Road to the Hanford Reach National Monument's (HRNM) southwest corner boundary; east and south along the HRNM boundary to SR 225; south on SR 225 to the Yakima River Bridge in Benton City; west (upstream) along Yakima River to point of beginning (SR 241 Bridge).

**Elk Area No. 3722 Blackrock (Benton and Yakima counties):** That part of GMU 372 beginning at southern corner of the Yakima Training Center border on Columbia River, northwest of Priest Rapids Dam; southeast on southern shore of Columbia River (Priest Rapids Lake) to Priest Rapids Dam; east along Columbia River to the Hanford Reach National Monument's (HRNM) western boundary; south along the HRNM boundary to the Rattlesnake Ridge Road; west on Rattlesnake Ridge Road to SR 241; south on SR 241 to the Yakima River Bridge just north of Mabton; west along Yakima River to SR 823 (Harrison Road) south of town of Pomona; east along SR 823 (Harrison Road) to SR 821; southeast on SR 821 to Firing Center Road at I-82; east on Firing Center Road to main gate of Yakima Training Center; south and east along Yakima Training Center boundary to southern corner of Yakima Training Center boundary on Columbia River and point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 3911 Fairview (Kittitas County):** Beginning at the intersection of the BPA Power Lines in T20N, R14E, Section 36 and Interstate 90; east along the power lines to Highway 903 (Salmon La Sac Road); northwest along Highway 903 to Pennsylvania Avenue; northeast along Pennsylvania Avenue to No. 6 Canyon Road; northeast along No. 6 Canyon Road to Cle Elum Ridge Road; north along Cle Elum Ridge Road to Carlson Canyon Road; northeast along Carlson Canyon Road to West Fork Teanaway River; east along West Fork Teanaway River to North Fork Teanaway River; north along North Fork Teanaway River to Teanaway Road; southeast on Teanaway Road to Ballard Hill Road; east on Ballard Hill Rd and Swauk Prairie Road to Hwy 970; northeast on Hwy 970 to Hwy 97; south on Hwy 97 to the power lines in T20N, R17E, Section 34; east on the power lines to Naneum Creek; south on Naneum Creek approximately 1/2 mile to power lines in T19N, R19E, Section 20; east along BPA power lines to Colockum Pass Road in T19N, R20E, Section 16; south on Colockum Pass Road to BPA power lines in T18N, R20E, Section 6; east and south along power lines to the Yakima Training Center boundary; south and west along the Yakima Training Center boundary to I-82; north on I-82 to Thrall Road; west on Thrall Road to Wilson Creek; south on Wilson Creek to Yakima River; north on Yakima River to gas pipeline crossing in T17N, R18E, Section 25; south and west on the gas

pipeline to Umtanum Creek; west on Umtanum Creek to the Durr Road; north on the Durr Road to Umtanum Road; north on Umtanum Road to South Branch Canal; west on South Branch Canal to Bradshaw/Hanson Road; west on Bradshaw Road to the elk fence; north and west along the elk fence to power line crossing in T19N, R16E, Section 10; west along the power line (south branch) to Big Creek; north on Big Creek to Nelson Siding Road; west and north on Nelson Siding Road to I-90; east on I-90 to point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 3912 Old Naches (Yakima County):** Starting at the elk fence and Roza Canal along the south boundary T14N, R19E, Section 8; following the elk fence to the bighorn sheep feeding site in T15N, R16E, Section 36; south on the feeding site access road to the Old Naches Highway; west and south on the Old Naches Highway to State Route 12 and the Naches River; down the Naches River to the Tieton River; up the Tieton River approximately 2 miles to the intersection of the metal footbridge and the elk fence at the south end of the bridge in T14N, R16E, Section 3; south along the elk fence to the top of the cliff/rimrock line; southwest along the top of the cliff/rimrock line to the irrigation canal in T14N, R16E, Section 9; southwest along the irrigation canal to the elk fence in T14N, R16E, Section 8; south along the elk fence to the township line between T12N, R15E and T12N, R16E; south along the township line to the South Fork Ahtanum Creek; downstream along the South Fork Ahtanum Creek and Ahtanum Creek to the Yakima River; upstream along the Yakima River to Roza Canal and point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 4601 North Bend (King County):** That portion of GMU 460 beginning at the interchange of State Route (SR) 18 and I-90; W on I-90 to SE 82nd St, Exit 22, at the town of Preston; N on SE 82nd Street to Preston Fall City Rd SE (Old SR 203); N on Preston Fall City Rd SE to SE Fall City Snoqualmie Rd (SR 202) at the town of Fall City; E on SE Fall City Snoqualmie Rd to the crossing of Tokul Creek; N and E up Tokul Creek to its crossing with Tokul Rd SE; S on SE Tokul Rd to SE 53rd Way; E on SE 53rd Way where it turns into 396th Dr SE then S on 396th Dr SE to SE Reinig Rd; E on SE Reinig Rd to 428th Ave SE; N on 428th Ave SE to where it turns into North Fork Rd SE; N and E on North Fork Rd SE to Ernie's Grove Rd; E on Ernie's Grove Rd to SE 70th St; N on SE 70th St to its ends at Fantastic Falls on the North Fork Snoqualmie River; SW down the North Fork Snoqualmie River to Fantastic Falls and the Mt Si Natural Resource Conservation Area boundary then S and E along the southern boundary of the Mt Si NRCA to the "School Bus" turnaround at SE 114th St; S on 480th Ave SE to SE 130th St; S and E on SE 130th St to its end; SSE overland from the end of SE 130th St, over the Middle Fork Snoqualmie River, to the end of 486th Ave SE; S on 486th Ave SE to the intersection with SE Middle Fork Road; Due S, from said intersection, up Grouse Mountain toward its peak, to the logging road adjacent to Grouse Mountain Peak; S down the logging road to Grouse Ridge Access Rd; W on Grouse Ridge Access Road which becomes SE 146th St; W on SE 146th St to I-90 then east along I-90 to the W boundary of Olallie/Twin Falls State Park; then along the westerly and northerly boundaries of Olallie/Twin Falls/Iron Horse state parks to the boundary of the Rattlesnake Lake Recreation Area; W along the boundary of the Rattlesnake Lake Recreation Area to Cedar Falls Rd SE; N along the Cedar Falls Rd to SE 174th Way; W on SE 174th Way to SE 174th St; W on SE 174th St to SE 173rd St; W on SE 173rd St to SE 170th Pl; W on SE 170th Pl to SE 169th St; W on SE 169th St to 424th Ave SE; N on 424th Ave SE to SE 168th St; W on SE 168th St to 422 Ave

SE; N on 422 Ave SE to 426th Way SE; S on 426th Way SE to SE 164th St; E on SE 164th St to Uplands Way SE; W on Uplands Way SE to the crossing with the Power Transmission Lines; W along the Power Transmission Lines to the Winery Rd; NW on the Winery Rd to SE 99th Rd; W and N on SE 99th Rd to the I-90 interchange, at Exit 27; SW on I-90 to the interchange with SR 18 and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 4941 Skagit River (Skagit County):** That portion of GMU 437 beginning at the intersection of State Route 9 and State Route 20; east on State Route 20 to Concrete-Sauk Valley Road; south on Concrete-Sauk Valley Road over The Dalles Bridge (Skagit River) to the intersection with the South Skagit Highway; west on South Skagit Highway to State Route 9; north on State Route 9 and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5029 Toledo (Lewis and Cowlitz counties):** Beginning at the Cowlitz River and State Highway 505 junction; east along the Cowlitz River to the Weyerhaeuser 1800 Road; south along Weyerhaeuser 1800 Road to Cedar Creek Road; east along Cedar Creek Road to Due Road; south on Due Road to Weyerhaeuser 1823 Road; south along Weyerhaeuser 1823 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1945 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1945 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road to the North Fork Toutle River; west along the North Fork Toutle River to the Toutle River; west on the Toutle River to the Cowlitz River; North along the Cowlitz River to the junction of State Highway 505 and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5049 Ethel (Lewis County):** That part of GMU 505 beginning at the intersection of Jackson Highway and Highway 12; south along Jackson Highway to Buckley Road; south on Buckley Road to Spencer Road; east on Spencer Road to Fuller Road; north on Fuller Road to Highway 12; east on Highway 12 to Stowell Road; north on Stowell Road to Gore Road; west on Gore Road to Larmon Road; west on Larmon Road to Highway 12; west on Highway 12 to Jackson Highway and point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5050 Newaukum (Lewis County):** That part of GMU 505 beginning at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Highway 12; east on Highway 12 to Larmon Road; east on Larmon Road to Leonard Road; north on Leonard Road through the town of Onalaska to Deggler Road; north on Deggler Road to Middle Fork Road; east on Middle Fork Road to Beck Road; north on Beck Road to Centralia-Alpha Road; west on Centralia-Alpha Road to Logan Hill Road; south then west on Logan Hill Road to Jackson Highway; south on Jackson Highway to the Newaukum River; west along the Newaukum River to Interstate 5; south on Interstate 5 to Highway 12 and point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5051 Green Mountain (Cowlitz County):** Beginning at the junction of the Cowlitz River and the Toutle River; east along the Toutle River to the North Fork Toutle River; east along the North Fork Toutle River to the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1910 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1910 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 2410 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 2410 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4553 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 4553 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4500 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 4500 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4400 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 4400 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4100 Road; east along the Weyerhaeuser 4100 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road; west along the

Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4730 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 4730 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4732 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 4732 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4790 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 4790 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1390 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1390 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1600 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 1600 Road to the Weyerhaeuser Logging Railroad Tracks at Headquarters; west along the Weyerhaeuser Logging Railroad Track to Ostrander Creek; west along Ostrander Creek to the Cowlitz River; north along the Cowlitz River to the Toutle River and point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5052 Mossyrock (Lewis County):** Beginning at the intersection of Winston Creek Road and State Highway 12; east on State Highway 12 to the Cowlitz River; east on the Cowlitz River to Riffe Lake; southeast along the south shore of Riffe Lake to Swofford Pond outlet creek; south on Swofford Pond outlet creek to Green Mountain Road; west on Green Mountain Road to Perkins Road; west on Perkins Road to Longbell Road; south on Longbell Road to Winston Creek Road; north on Winston Creek Road to State Highway 12 and the point of beginning. (All lands owned and managed by the Cowlitz Wildlife Area are excluded from this Elk Area.)

**Elk Area No. 5053 Randle (Lewis County):** Beginning at the town of Randle and the intersection of U.S. Highway 12 and State Route 131 (Forest Service 23 and 25 roads); south on State Route 131 to Forest Service 25 Road; south on Forest Service 25 Road to the Cispus River; west along the Cispus River to the Champion 300 line bridge; south and west on the Champion 300 line to the Champion Haul Road; north along the Champion Haul Road to Kosmos Road; north on Kosmos Road to U.S. Highway 12; east on U.S. Highway 12 to Randle and point of beginning. (All lands owned and managed by the Cowlitz Wildlife Area are excluded from this Elk Area.)

**Elk Area No. 5054 Boistfort (Lewis County):** Beginning at the town of Vader; west along State Highway 506 to the Wildwood Road; north along the Wildwood Road to the Abernathy 500 line gate (Section 20, T11N, R3W, Willamette Meridian); northwest along the 500, 540, and 560 lines to the Weyerhaeuser 813 line; northwest along the 813, 812, 5000J, 5000 and 4000 lines to the Pe Ell/McDonald Road (Section 15, T12N, R4W); west along the Pe Ell/McDonald Road to the Lost Valley Road; northeast along the Lost Valley Road to the Boistfort Road; north along the Boistfort Road to the King Road; east along the King Road to the town of Winlock and State Highway 603; south along Highway 505 to Interstate 5; south along Interstate 5 to State Hwy 506; west along State Hwy 506 to the town of Vader and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5056 Grays River Valley (Wahkiakum County):** That area in GMU 506 on or within 1.5 miles of agricultural land in the Grays River Valley and Eden Valley within the following sections: T11N, R08W, Section 36; T11N, R07W, Sections 31, 32, 33; T10N, R7W, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32; T10N, R8W, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36; T09N, R08W, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15; T09N, R07W, Sections 5, 6, 7, 8.

**Elk Area No. 5057 Carlton (Lewis County):** That part of 513 (South Rainier) lying east of Highway 123 and north of Highway 12.

**Elk Area No. 5058 West Goat Rocks (Lewis County):** Goat Rocks Wilderness west of the Pacific Crest Trail.

**Elk Area No. 5059 Mt. Adams Wilderness (Skamania and Yakima counties):** The Mt. Adams Wilderness.

**Elk Area No. 5060 Merwin (Cowlitz County):** Begin at the State Route 503 and the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 junction; north and west on the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 to Day Place Road; west on Day Place Road to Dubois Road; south on Dubois Road to State Route 503; east on State Route 503 to the State Route 503 and the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 junction and point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5061 Wildwood (Lewis County):** Beginning at the junction of the Pacific West Timber (PWT) 600 Road and the Wildwood Road (SE1/4 S29 T11N R3W); southwest on the 600 Road to the 800 Road (NW1/4 S36 T11N R4W); southwest on the 800 Road to the 850 Road (SW1/4 S3 T10N R4W); northwest on the 850 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road (S20 T11N R4W); north on the Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road (S17 T11N R4W); east on the Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 5822 Road (NW1/4 S16 T11N R4W); east on the Weyerhaeuser 5822 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 5820 Road (NW1/4 S10 T11N R4W); southeast on the Weyerhaeuser 5820 Road to the PWT 574 Road (SE1/4 S10 T11N R4W); south on the PWT 574 Road to the 570 Road (NW1/4 S14 T11N R4W); south on the 570 Road to the 500 Road (NW1/4 S14 T11N R4W); northeast on the 500 Road to the 560 Road (SW1/4 S12 T11N R4W); east on the 560 Road to the 540 Road (SE1/4 S12 T11N R4W); east and south on the 540 Road to the 500 Road (SE1/4 S18 T11N R3W); east on the PWT 500 Road to the Wildwood Road (N1/2 S20 T11N R3W); south on the Wildwood Road to the point of beginning, the PWT 600 Road junction (SE1/4 S29 T11N R3W).

**Elk Area No. 5062 Trout Lake (Klickitat County):** Those portions of GMU 578 (West Klickitat) beginning at the intersection of SR 141 and Sunnyside Road; north on Sunnyside Road to Mount Adams Recreational Area Road; (including agricultural land on the Trout Lake Valley floor north of Sunnyside Road within T06N R10E in Sections 13 and 14); south on Mount Adams Recreational Area Road to the intersection of SR 141 and south on SR 141 and Sunnyside Road to the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5063 Pumice Plain (Cowlitz and Skamania counties):** That part of GMU 522 beginning at the confluence of the N. Fork Toutle River and Castle Creek; East along the N. Fork Toutle River to USFS trail 207; south along USFS trail 207 to USFS trail 216E; southwest along USFS trail 216E to USFS trail 216; west along USGS trail 216 to USGS 216G; northwest along USFS trail 216G to USGS trail 221; north along USFS 221 to Castle Creek; northwest along Castle Creek to N. Fork Toutle River and point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5064 Upper Smith Creek (Skamania County):** That part of GMU 522 beginning at the U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99 and U.S. Forest Service Trail 225 (Smith Creek Trail) junction; south on Trail 225 to Ape Canyon Creek; south and west up Ape Canyon Creek to U.S. Forest Service Trail 216 (Loowit Trail); north on Trail 216 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 216D (Abraham Trail); north on Trail 216D to U.S. Forest Service Trail 207 (Truman Trail); north and east on Trail 207 to U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99; north and east on U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99 to the junction of U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99 and U.S. Forest Service Trail 225 and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5065 Mount Whittier (Skamania County):** That part of GMU 522 beginning at the U.S. Forest Service Trail 1 (Boundary Trail) and

U.S. Forest Service Trail 214 (Whittier Ridge Trail) junction; west on the U.S. Forest Service Trail 1 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 230 (Coldwater Trail); north on U.S. Forest Service Trail 230 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 211 (Lakes Trail); east on Trail 211 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 214; south on U.S. Forest Service Trail 214 to the junction of U.S. Forest Service Trail 214 and U.S. Forest Service Trail 1 and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5066 Norway Pass (Lewis and Skamania counties):** That part of GMU 524 beginning at the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Trail 211 (Lakes Trail) and USFS Trail 230 (Coldwater Trail) junction; NE to Minnie Peak; W to the USFS property boundary in the SE 1/4 of Section 20, T10N, R5E; N along the USFS property boundary to the Green River; E up the Green River to the USFS Rd 2612; E on the USFS Rd 2612 to USFS Rd 26; S on USFS Rd 26 to USFS Trail 1 (Boundary Trail); W on USFS Trail 1 to USFS Trail 214 (Whittier Trail); N on USFS Trail 214 to USFS Trail 211 (Lakes Trail); W on USFS Trail 211 to the USFS Trail 211, Trail 230 junction and point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5090 JBH (Wahkiakum County):** The mainland portion of the Julia Butler Hansen National Wildlife Refuge, as administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as described: Beginning at the junction of State Route 4 and Steamboat Island Slough Road, northwest on Steamboat Island Slough Road to Brooks Slough Road, east on Brooks Slough Road to State Route 4, south on State Route 4 to Steamboat Slough Road and point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 5099 Mudflow (Cowlitz County):** That part of GMU 522 beginning on the North Fork Toutle River at the mouth of Hoffstadt Creek; SE up the North Fork Toutle River to Deer Creek; SE up Deer Creek to Rd 3020; NW along 3020 to Rd 3000; E along Rd 3000 to US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 216G; SE along USFS Trail 216G to USFS Trail 221 (Castle Lake Trail); N on USFS Trail 221 to Castle Creek; N along Castle Creek to the confluence with the North Fork Toutle River; W down the North Fork Toutle River to the North Fork Toutle River, Coldwater Creek confluence; North from the North Fork Toutle River, Coldwater Creek confluence on unnamed ridgeline, to Castle Lake viewpoint on SR 504; W on SR 504 to Hoffstadt Creek Bridge on Hoffstadt Creek; S and W down Hoffstadt Creek to the North Fork Toutle River and point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 6010 Mallis (Pacific County):** That part of GMUs 506, 672, and 673 within one and one-half mile either side of SR 6 between the east end of Elk Prairie Rd and the Mallis Landing Rd, and all lands within a half mile of Elk Creek Rd bounded on the south by Monohon Landing Rd.

**Elk Area No. 6011 Centralia Mine (Lewis County):** That portion of GMU 667 within Centralia Mine property boundary.

**Elk Area No. 6013 (Pierce County):** That part of GMU 652 beginning at the intersection of Highway 167 and Highway 410; north on Highway 167 to Highway 18; east on Highway 18 to Highway 164; southeasterly on Highway 164 to intersection with power transmission line in T20 R6 Section 18. West along power transmission line to intersection with 226th Ave E. South on 226th Ave East to intersection with 40th St E, east on 40th St E to 230th Ave E, South on 230th Ave E to Radke Road. Southwest on Radke to Barkubine Road, South on Barkubine Road to Connells Prairie; West on Connells Prairie Rd to 214th Ave E, South on

214th Ave E to Highway 410; westerly on Highway 410 to Highway 167 and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 6014 (Pierce County):** Starting at Highway 164 intersection with power transmission line in T20 R6 Section 18; W along power transmission line to intersection with 226th Ave E; S on 226th Ave E to intersection with 40th St E; E on 40th St E to 230th Ave E; S on 230th Ave E to Radke Rd; SW on Radke to Barkubine Rd; S on Barkubine Rd to Connells Prairie; W on Connells Prairie Rd to 214th Ave E; S on 214th Ave E to South Prairie Rd; SE on South Prairie Rd to Highway 162; E on Hwy 162 to Hwy 165; S on Hwy 165 to the power transmission lines at T19 R6 Section 21, NE along the power transmission lines to the White River, N along the White River to the power transmission lines at T19 R7E; NE on power transmission lines to intersection with Hwy 410 West on SR 410 to Hwy 164; NW on Hwy 164 to starting point.

**Elk Area No. 6054 Puyallup River (Pierce County):** That portion of GMU 654 beginning at the intersection of Mount Rainier National Park's western boundary and the Nisqually River; W down the Nisqually River to the mouth of the Mashel River; E and SE along the Mashel River to its headwaters; SE from the Mashel River headwaters to the Mashel River-Puyallup River watershed divide ridge; SE along the Mashel River-Puyallup River watershed divide ridge to a point due west of the headwaters of Big Creek; NE along Big Creek to its confluence with Deer Creek; N along Deer Creek to its confluence with the Puyallup River; SE up the Puyallup River to Mount Rainier National Park's western boundary; S on Mount Rainier National Park's western boundary to the Nisqually River and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 6061 Twin Satsop Farms (Mason County):** That portion of GMU 651 starting at the junction of the Deckerville Road and the Brady-Matlock Road; southwest to the junction with the West Boundary Road; north on West Boundary Road to the Deckerville Road; east on the Deckerville Road to the junction of Brady-Matlock Road and point of beginning. In addition, the area within a circle with a radius of two miles centered on the junction of State Route 108 and the Eich Road.

**Elk Area No. 6064 Quinault Valley (Grays Harbor and Jefferson counties):** That portion of GMU 638 (Quinault) within the Quinault River watershed east of Gatton Creek and Lake Quinault excluding US Forest Service (USFS) Colonel Bob Wilderness Area beginning at the mouth of the Quinault River; NE on the Olympic National Park boundary, which is along the Quinault River, to the intersection with USFS Colonel Bob Wilderness Area; then SW along the Colonel Bob Wilderness Area Western boundary to its intersection with Haas Creek; then downstream along Haas Creek to its intersection with USFS Olympic National Forest boundary; then SW along USFS boundary to the Lake Quinault shoreline; then N along the East shore of Lake Quinault to the mouth of Quinault River and the point of the beginning.

**Elk Area No. 6069 Hanaford (Lewis and Thurston counties):** That part of GMU 667 (Skookumchuck) beginning at the intersection of Salzer Valley Rd and S Pearl St (Centralia); N on S Pearl St to N Pearl St; N on N Pearl St to State Hwy 507; W and N on State Hwy 507 to Skookumchuck Rd; E on Skookumchuck Rd to the first bridge over the Skookumchuck River; E along the Skookumchuck River to the Skookumchuck Rd bridge; E on Skookumchuck Rd to the steel tower power line; SW along the power line to Big Hanaford Rd; E and S along Big Hanaford Rd to the intersection with the main stem of Hanaford Creek; SE along Hanaford Creek



to the range line between Range 1W and Range 1E of Township 14N; S on the range line between Range 1W and Range 1E of Township 14N to Mitchell Creek; SW on Mitchell Creek to the North Fork of the Newaukum River; SW on the North Fork of the Newaukum River to North Fork Rd; W on North Fork Rd to Centralia-Alpha Rd; W on Centralia-Alpha Rd to Salzer Valley Rd and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 6071 Dungeness (Clallam County):** Portions of GMUs 621 (Olympic) and 624 (Coyle) beginning at the mouth of the Dungeness River; east and south along the coast of the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the mouth of Dean Creek on Sequim Bay; south and west up Dean Creek to the power transmission line; west on the power transmission line to the Dungeness River; north down the Dungeness River to its mouth and the point of beginning.

**Elk Area No. 6612 Forks (Clallam County):** That part of GMUs 607 and 612 excluding the city of Forks and Bogachiel state park; starting at the confluence of Calawah River and the Bogachiel River; upstream on the Bogachiel River to the Hwy 101 Bridge north along Hwy 101 to Sportsman Club Rd; E on Sportsman Club Rd to DNR FR-F-1000; E on DNR FR-F-1000 to DNR FR-F-1200; N on DNR FR-F-1200 to its end; from the end of DNR FR-F-1200 N approximately 500' to Elk Creek; down Elk Creek to its confluence with the Calawah River; down the Calawah River to its confluence with the Bogachiel River.

## **Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:**

### WAC 220-415-040 Elk Area Descriptions.

#### **Supporting Comments:**

We received six comments in support of the proposal, but none were related to the proposal.

#### **Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:**

The Department received five comments in opposition to the proposal. One comment advocated for keeping the Elk Areas, while the other four comments were not related to the proposal.

The Department received one neutral comment. Although neutral the respondent supported the removal of these Elk Areas and advocated for removing even more.

#### **Direction and Rationale:**

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as originally proposed. Elk damage issues associated with these Elk Areas have declined subsequent to substantial declines in elk numbers. Moreover, Elk Area 1011 and Elk Area 1012 have not been used since 2008 and are redundant to an existing larger Elk Area.



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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**Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 20-01-123 on December 16, 2019 ; 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); or**

**Proposal is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (describe subject) The department seeks to adopt rules concerning the 2020-2021 season setting.

WAC 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region five.

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WAC 220-415-130 2019 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

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WAC 220-416-060 2019-2020 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations.

WAC 220-440-060 Killing wildlife causing private property damage.

**Hearing location(s):**

**Date:**                      **Time:**                      **Location:** (be specific)                      **Comment:**

March 13-14, 2020	8:00 a.m.	Red Lion Columbia Center 1101 N. Columbia Center Blvd. Kennewick, Washington 99336	
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**Date of intended adoption:** April 10-11, 2020 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

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

WAC 220-410-050 Game management unit (GMU) boundary descriptions—Region five.

The purpose of this proposal is to correct any errors in the boundary descriptions for game management unit 506.

WAC 220-410-060 Game management unit (GMU) boundary descriptions—Region six.

The purpose of this proposal is to correct any errors in the boundary descriptions for game management unit 673.

WAC 220-412-050 Landowner raffle hunts.

The purpose of this proposal is to alter the adjustment of annual report submission date requirements from December 31 to May 1, to coincide with WAC 220-412-100. This also allows enrolled landowners to submit all required reports at the same time.

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

This proposal adds game management units (GMUs) 186 and portions of GMU 181 (south of the line made by starting at Montgomery Ridge Road and Highway 129, to the Sherry Grade Road, to the Couse Creek Road, to the Snake River) to the legal hunt area for the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Raffle Permit.

WAC 220-412-090 Multiple season big game permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to clarify language.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to further develop the standard operating procedure for the Landowner Hunting Permit (LHP) Program. The Landowner Hunting Permit WAC has been adjusted to reflect the new proposed requirements for the LHP program, as outlined in the standard operating procedure. The revised standard operating procedure anticipates better management, monitoring, and an improved experience for the general public, while recreating on properties enrolled in the Landowner Hunting Permit.

WAC 220-413-180 Special closures and firearm restriction areas.

The proposed administrative changes remove the reference to “wooden towers” from the description for the Columbia River Restricted Hunting Area. Corrections are made to the spelling of Newberry (from Newbury) Hill Road for the Firearm Restriction Area in Kitsap County.

WAC 220-413-200 Reducing the spread of hoof disease—Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

The purpose of this proposal is to abolish the rule.

WAC 220-415-020 2018-2020 Deer general seasons and definitions.

The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season deer hunting opportunities for 2020. It also aims to balance the hunting opportunities between user groups. The proposal also increases opportunities when deer populations allow and reduces opportunities when declining deer numbers warrant a change.

WAC 220-415-030 2019 Deer special permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit for deer hunting opportunities for 2020. It also balances hunting opportunities between user groups, increases opportunities when deer populations allow, and reduces opportunities when declining deer numbers warrant a change. Lastly, it adds language that clarifies the bag limit is one deer, except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one deer hunt category.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

The purpose of the proposed changes would eliminate Elk Area No. 1011 (Columbia County), Elk Area No. 1012 (Asotin County), and Elk Area No. 1082 (Asotin County).

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions.

The purpose of the proposed change is to retain general season elk hunting opportunities for 2020. It also balances hunting opportunities between user groups, increases opportunities when elk populations allow, and reduces opportunities when declining elk numbers warrant a change.

The department will not develop specific recommendations regarding opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during the early archery general elk seasons in the Colockum (GMUs 328, 329) and Yakima (GMUs 336, 340, 352, 356, 364) elk herd areas until population surveys are completed in February and/or March. If population surveys indicate it is warranted, the department may also consider reducing opportunities for archery hunters to harvest antlerless elk during the late archery general elk seasons, and reducing modern firearm, and muzzleloader special permit opportunities. A general overview of the recommendations that may be considered dependent of herd status are provided below. Recommendations developed in response to surveys indicating a population decline will also depend on the severity of the decline.

Colockum Elk Herd: (GMUs 249, 251, 328, 329, 330, 334, 335)

<u>Herd Status</u>	<u>General Overview of Recommendation</u>
Decline	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during archery seasons, except for those associated with addressing damage issues, and in areas where the department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMU 334, 335). Also, reduce opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Stable	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during archery seasons, except for those associated with addressing damage issues and in areas where the department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMU 334, 335). Replace some of the lost opportunities with a limited number of permits to harvest antlerless elk. Retain opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Increase	Retain current general and special permit seasons.

Yakima Elk Herd: (GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346, 352, 356, 360, 364, 368, 371, 372)

<u>Herd Status</u>	<u>General Overview of Recommendation</u>
Decline	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk, except for those associated with addressing damage issues and in areas where the department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMUs 371 and 372). Replace some of the lost opportunities with a limited number of permits to harvest antlerless elk. If warranted, also reduce opportunities during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Stable	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk, except for those associated with addressing damage issues and in areas where the department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMU 371 and 372). Replace some of the lost opportunities with a limited number of permits to harvest antlerless elk. Retain current opportunities during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Increase	Retain current general and special permit seasons.

WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to retain elk special permit hunting opportunities for 2020. It also balances elk hunting opportunities between user groups, increases elk hunting opportunities when elk populations allow, and reduces opportunities when declining elk numbers warrant a change. Lastly, it adds language that clarifies the bag limit is one elk, except where otherwise allowed by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one elk hunt category.

WAC 220-415-070 2019 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

This proposal adds language that clarifies the bag limit is one moose, except where otherwise allowed by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one moose hunt category. It also adjusts moose hunt permit limits to reflect population changes and recent harvest.

WAC 220-415-100 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Cougar.

The proposed changes are designed to give the Commission four options to choose from relating to recreational cougar harvest guidelines. The non-status quo options are intended to extend seasons in areas where harvest has been historically high, and where cougar human conflict is also high. The intended result of the longer season is to shift a proportion of the cougar removal, currently carried out by agency personnel, to hunters:

- The first option is status quo with one caveat, the density we used to set the guideline is the median of five research projects that were conducted in Washington. The median is a better measure because it is not affected by outliers in the data. In the past we used the mean.

- The second option also uses a median density that is calculated using only adult cougars that are 24 months or older. This option reduces the guideline slightly, but sub-adult cougars harvested under this option would not count toward the guideline for season closure.
- The third option adjusts the guideline upward for units that exceeded the guideline by December 31 at least once in the past five years. The new guideline is based on the highest harvest in the past five years. In this option there is the assumption that density is higher in these areas. In two PMUs, the guidelines in this option were adjusted, so they did not exceed an assumed density 4.15 cougars per 100 square kilometers. This was intended to keep the density within an acceptable range based on research conducted in the western United States. This guideline includes adults and sub-adults.
- The fourth option is like option three, but only uses a density based on adult cougars and only counts adult cougars towards the guideline.

WAC 220-415-120 2019 Bighorn sheep seasons and permit quotas.

This proposal adds language that clarifies the bag limit is one bighorn sheep, except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one bighorn sheep category. It also adjusts bighorn sheep hunt permit limits to reflect population changes and recent harvest. Lastly, this proposal creates separate permit opportunities for adult ewes and juvenile rams in the Selah Butte, Mount Baldy, and Umtanum hunt areas (collectively referred to as the Yakima Canyon herd).

WAC 220-415-130 2019 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

This proposal adds language that clarifies the bag limit is one mountain goat, except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one goat hunt category. It also adjusts mountain goat hunt permit limits to reflect population changes and recent harvest.

WAC 220-416-010 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

The purpose of this proposal is to increase the number of hunter education incentive turkey permits from two to four.

WAC 220-416-040 Hunting predatory birds.

Removes the depredation part of the rule because it already exists in WAC 220-440-060.

WAC 220-416-060 2019-2020 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.

The proposal amends the rule to specify legal season dates, and bag limits for the 2020-2021 season.

Changes include:

- Adjusting season dates relative to 2020-2021 calendar dates.
- Maintain one-pintail per day bag-limit and associated possession limit per the USFWS Northern Pintail Harvest Strategy.
- Lowering scaup bag-limit to two-scaup per day and associated possession limits, while keeping an 86-day season length by the optimal regulatory alternative described in the Adaptive Harvest Management protocol.
- Shifting seven-days from the beginning of the first season segment to the end of the third season segment for white geese in Goose Management Area 4 (Columbia Basin).

WAC 220-440-060 Killing wildlife causing private property damage.

The proposed amendment to the rule intends to make our rule consistent with federal rules that pertain to crows and magpies.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

WAC 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region five.

The proposed change will make the boundaries more discernable for hunters.

WAC 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region six.

The proposed change will make the boundaries more discernable for hunters.

WAC 220-412-050 Landowner raffle hunts.

This proposal simplifies the requirements for landowners that operate raffle drawings. It also aligns annual report submission dates with WAC 220-412-100.

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

Bighorn sheep populations have increased in these areas, which warrants an expansion of the hunt area.

WAC 220-412-090 Multiple season big game permits.

The proposal clarifies the language and reduces hunter confusion regarding this rule.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

Over the past year, the department has held public meetings and active stakeholder/landowner meetings to assess the current views of the program. These comments have been taken into consideration as well as input from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) staff which has resulted in the development of the new standard operating procedure for the landowner hunting permit (LHP) program. The proposed changes reflect the comments received from the public, WDFW staff and landowners. Historically, there haven't been many changes to the LHP program. However, due to the lack of consistency and the expansive variation in management styles across the state, this program has proven to be difficult to manage at a program level. These reasons were the main driving factor behind taking the appropriate steps to revise and make changes to the program.

WAC 220-413-180 Special closures and firearm restriction areas.

The "wooden towers" referenced in the Columbia River Restricted Hunting Area boundary description were torn down recently. As such, they could no longer be used as a discernable landmark to describe the boundary. Correcting the spelling of Newberry Hill Road will eliminate confusion for hunters.

WAC 220-413-200 Reducing the spread of hoof disease—Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

This rule, originally adopted in 2014, attempted to reduce the risk of inadvertently spreading the causative agents of treponeme associated hoof disease (TAHD) in elk. Since that time, however, TAHD has been confirmed throughout western Washington, east of the Cascade Mountains near the town of Trout Lake, and in the Blue Mountains of southeast Washington. The continued expansion of this disease appears to indicate this rule was ineffective at preventing disease expansion. Other reasons for supporting this rule are:

1. For surveillance purposes, we want to encourage elk hunters in eastern Washington to submit suspicious hooves.
2. The current rule is not being enforced, but rather used by Enforcement Officers as an educational opportunity.
3. We have no scientific findings that support the implementation of this rule.
4. The Department is working on developing management strategies that will be proposed during the next 3-year season cycle, which would incentivize elk hunters in western Washington to target limping elk but would also require them to submit their hooves to the Department for inspection.
5. Neighboring states (Idaho and Oregon), where TAHD has been detected, do not have a similar rule.

Although the Department is proposing to abolish this rule, we would still encourage hunters to leave hooves from the elk they harvest on site.

WAC 220-415-020 2018-2020 Deer general seasons and definitions.

This proposal provides recreational deer hunting opportunities and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal would also maintain sustainable general deer hunting season opportunities for 2020. The proposal helps address deer agricultural damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed.

WAC 220-415-030 2019 Deer special permits.

This proposal provides recreational deer hunting opportunities and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal would also maintain sustainable deer special permit hunting season opportunities for 2020. The proposal helps address deer agricultural damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed.

Situations have occurred in the past that involved hunters who successfully drew a permit in more than one hunt category for the same species. Because the current language does not specify a bag limit, some hunters interpret this to mean they can shoot one deer per permit or one deer in addition to their general season harvest, which is incorrect. Amending this rule as proposed, would clarify the rule and avoid confusion in the future.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

All three elk areas were created to address issues related to elk causing damage to agricultural crops. Damage issues in all three areas have declined following the substantial declines in elk numbers. As such, these elk areas are no longer needed and there is not an anticipated need in the foreseeable future.

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions.

Overall, the proposal provides recreational elk hunting opportunities, helps address elk agricultural damage problems, and provides elk population control when needed. The department is postponing the development of specific recommendations for the Colockum and Yakima elk herds. These two herds have experienced substantial declines since 2015, with late-winter surveys in 2019 showing the Yakima herd was approximately 13% below objective and the Colockum herd approximately 8% below. Declines have been the result of increased antlerless harvest, severe drought and winter conditions, and depressed recruitment of calves. Moreover, preliminary counts of elk on feed sites for the Yakima elk herd in January 2020, show calf recruitment rates are likely to be lower than normal for the fourth consecutive year. The department is concerned about the status of both herds and plans to develop recommendations that are likely to promote population growth.

WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits.

This proposal provides recreational elk hunting opportunities and protects elk from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable elk special permit hunting opportunities for 2020. The proposal helps address elk agricultural damage problems and provides for elk population control when needed.

Situations have occurred in the past that involved hunters who successfully drew a permit in more than one hunt category for the same species. Because the current language does not specify a bag limit, some hunters interpret this to mean they can shoot one elk per permit or one elk in addition to their general season harvest, which is incorrect. Amending this rule as proposed, would clarify the rule and avoid confusion in the future.

WAC 220-415-070 2019 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

Situations have occurred in the past that involved hunters who successfully drew a permit in more than one hunt category for the same species. Because the current language shows the bag limit is one moose, some hunters interpret this to mean one moose per permit, which is incorrect. Amending this rule as proposed, would clarify the rule and avoid confusion in the future.

Permits for 'Any Antlered Bull Moose' in Spokane West A were increased because surveys showed a good bull to cow ratio. Permits for 'Antlerless Only' were reduced in Mt Spokane South B, Mt Spokane North B, and Mica Peak because surveys showed calf recruitment rates and the overall number of moose biologists observed were lower than normal.

WAC 220-415-100 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Cougar.

The proposal gives the Commission biologically sustainable options for the cougar hunting seasons.

WAC 220-415-120 2019 Bighorn sheep seasons and permit quotas.

Situations have occurred in the past that involved hunters who successfully drew a permit in more than one hunt category for the same species. Because the current language indicates the bag limit is one bighorn ram, except in designated adult ewe hunts the limit is one bighorn adult ewe, some hunters interpret this to mean one sheep per permit, which is incorrect. Amending this rule as proposed, would clarify the rule and avoid confusion in the future.

The department is proposing to develop unique permit opportunities for adult ewes and juvenile rams for the Yakima Canyon herd. This proposal is in association with our efforts to reduce the size of the herd and eliminate *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (M. Ovi.) from this herd. The department first implemented these permits during the 2019 season with special restriction identified as an Adult Ewe or Juvenile Ram, but most resulting harvest consisted of rams, including rams that were not juveniles. As such, very few ewes were harvested as intended, which calls for the proposed change.

WAC 220-415-130 2019 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

Situations have occurred in the past that involved hunters who successfully drew a permit in more than one hunt category for the same species. Because the current language shows the bag limit is one adult goat of either sex with horns four inches or longer, some hunters interpret this to mean one adult goat per permit, which is incorrect. Amending this rule as proposed, would clarify the rule and avoid confusion in the future.

WAC 220-416-010 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

This change increases the incentive for hunter education instructors without harm to turkey populations.

WAC 220-416-040 Hunting predatory birds.

Reduces redundancy and simplifies the rule.

WAC 220-416-060 2019-2020 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.

Migratory waterfowl and other gamebird (coot, dove, band-tailed pigeon, and snipe) seasons and regulations are developed based on cooperative management programs among states of the Pacific Flyway and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, considering population status and other biological parameters. The rule establishes waterfowl seasons and regulations to provide recreational opportunity, control waterfowl damage, and conserve the migratory waterfowl resources of Washington.

WAC 220-440-060 Killing wildlife causing private property damage.

This proposal makes our rule consistent with federal rule.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240

**Statute being implemented:** RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240



**Is rule necessary because of a:**

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

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**Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under RCW 28A.305.135?**  Yes  No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

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No: Please explain:

**Regulatory Fairness Act Cost Considerations for a Small Business Economic Impact Statement:**

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see chapter 19.85 RCW). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.061 because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by RCW 34.05.313 before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of RCW 15.65.570(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3). Check all that apply:

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b)  
(Internal government operations)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c)  
(Incorporation by reference)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d)  
(Correct or clarify language)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e)  
(Dictated by statute)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f)  
(Set or adjust fees)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g)  
((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit)

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025 (4).

Explanation of exemptions, if necessary:

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF NO EXEMPTION APPLIES**

If the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

No Briefly summarize the agency's analysis showing how costs were calculated. \_\_\_\_\_

Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses, and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert statement here:

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