

Deer General Seasons and Special Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing

220-415-020 and 220-415-030

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Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

3/26/2021

Agenda item:

Deer General Seasons and Special Permits—Briefing and Public Hearing

Presenter(s):

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Background summary:

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to WACs:

- 220-415-020 2021-2023 Deer general seasons and definitions.
- 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain general season and special permit deer hunting opportunities for 2021-2023. It also provides opportunities in accordance with the current status of deer populations and attempts to balance hunting opportunity among user groups. More specifically, amendments include:

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- Changing season dates for the late white-tailed deer season in GMUs 105-121 to a 9-day season that would occur November 11-19.
- Reductions in general season opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer in GMUs 127-142 to promote population increases.
- Reductions in general season opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer in GMUs 127-142 to promote population increases.
- Reductions in general season opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer in GMU 124 (Mount Spokane).
- Increasing opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer during general muzzleloader seasons in GMUs 247 (Entiat), 254 (Saint Andrews), 262 (Withrow), 266 (Badger), and 269 (Moses Coulee).
- Continuing to promote recovery of mule deer populations in the East Columbia Gorge Mule Deer Management Zone by eliminating opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer during the early general archery season in GMUs 382 (East Klickitat) and 388 (Grayback).

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- Adding a Quality special permit opportunity for modern firearm hunters in GMU 136 (Harrington).
- Adding special permit opportunities to harvest antlerless deer in GMUs 127-142 to offset some of the opportunity lost by reducing general season opportunities.
- Increasing the number of special permits for antlerless black-tailed deer on Puget Sound islands and standardizing season dates of August 1-December 31 for Any

- Weapon to assist with reducing deer numbers.
- Adding a special permit opportunity in the Youth category for black-tailed deer in GMU 485 (Green River).

Staff recommendation:

Briefing only.

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

- Maximize recreational deer hunting opportunity.
- Continue sustainable hunting season for deer.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The Department conducted an extensive public involvement process to develop the 2021-2023 hunting season proposals. WDFW held seven virtual public meetings by topic in August and September of 2020, to discuss a variety of issues with constituents. Concurrently, the public was asked to provide input on hunting seasons via the department website for a six-week period. The department emailed over 199,000 hunters notifying them of the website survey and encouraging them to participate. Using that information, the department determined which recommendations would move forward.

In preparation for this meeting, notification was made to individuals and organizations informing them of the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed regulation amendments. Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the upcoming March 25-27, 2021 Commission meeting online.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Take public comment. Adoption is planned for April 9, 2021 Webinar Conference.

Draft motion language:

Briefing only.

Post decision communications plan:

Briefing only.

Form revised 8-4-20

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-415-020 ((~~2018-2020~~)) 2021-2023 **Deer general seasons and definitions.** It is unlawful to fail to comply with the bag, possession, and season limits described below. Violations of this section are punishable under RCW 77.15.410 Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

Bag Limit: One (1) deer per hunter during the license year except where otherwise permitted by department rule.

Hunting Method: Hunters must select one of the hunting methods: Modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader.

Any Buck Deer Seasons: Open only to the taking of deer with visible antlers (buck fawns illegal).

Antler Point: To qualify as an antler point, the point must be at least one inch long, measured on the longest side.

Antler Restrictions: APPLIES TO ALL HUNTERS DURING ANY GENERAL SEASON AND DESIGNATED SPECIAL PERMIT SEASONS. Buck deer taken in antler restricted game management units (GMUs) must meet minimum antler point requirements. Minimum antler

point requirements are antler points on one side only. Eye guards are antler points when they are at least one inch long.

3-point Minimum GMUs: All mule deer in 100, 200, and 300 series GMUs; white-tailed deer in GMUs 127, 130, 133, 136, 139, 142, 145, 149, 154, 162, 163, 166, 169, 172, 175, 178, 181, 186, and black-tailed deer in GMU 578.

Permit-only Units: The following GMUs require a special permit to hunt deer: (~~157 (Mill Creek Watershed),~~) 290 (Desert), 329 (Quilomene), 371 (Alkali), and 485 (Green River).

GMUs Closed to Deer Hunting: 157 (Mill Creek Watershed), 490 (Cedar River) and 522 (Loo-wit).

Types of deer that a person may legally hunt in Washington:

Black-tailed Deer: Any member of black-tailed/mule deer (species *Odocoileus hemionus*) found west of a line drawn from the Canadian border south on the Pacific Crest Trail and along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary in Yakima County to the Klickitat River; south down Klickitat River to the Columbia River.

Mule Deer: Any member of black-tailed/mule deer (species *Odocoileus hemionus*) found east of a line drawn from the Canadian border south on the Pacific Crest Trail and along the Yakama Indian Reservation

boundary in Yakima County to the Klickitat River; south down Klickitat River to the Columbia River.

White-tailed Deer: Any white-tailed deer (member of the species *Odocoileus virginianus*), except the Columbian whitetail deer (species *Odocoileus virginianus leucurus*).

MODERN FIREARM DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: A valid modern firearm deer tag for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Modern firearm deer tag hunters may use rifle, handgun, shotgun, bow, crossbow, or muzzleloader, but only during modern firearm seasons.

Hunt Season	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
HIGH BUCK HUNTS					
	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Mount Baker, Glacier Peak, Pasayten, Olympic Peninsula, and Henry Jackson Wilderness Areas and Lake Chelan Recreation Area	3 pt. min.
GENERAL SEASON					
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Oct. 13-26)) Oct. 16-29	((Oct. 12-25)) Oct. 15-28	((Oct. 17-30)) Oct. 14-27	101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, 121, 124	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	((Oct. 13-23)) Oct. 16-26	((Oct. 12-22)) Oct. 15-25	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 14-24	203 through 284	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	((Oct. 13-23)) Oct. 16-26	((Oct. 12-22)) Oct. 15-25	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 14-24	127 through 154, 162 through 186 ((except Deer Area 4040))	((White-tailed;)) 3 pt. min.
	((Oct. 13-23)) Oct. 16-26	((Oct. 12-22)) Oct. 15-25	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 14-24	373, 379, 381	Any ((white-tailed)) deer

Hunt Season	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Oct. 13-23)) Oct. 16-26	((Oct. 12-22)) Oct. 15-25	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 14-24	101 through 154, 162 through ((169, 172 (except Deer Area 4040), 175 through)) 186, 203 through 284, 328, 330 through 368, 372, 373, 379, 381, 382 (except closed in Deer Area 5382), 388	((Mule-deer,)) 3 pt. min.
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Oct. 13-31)) Oct. 16-31	((Oct. 12-31)) Oct. 15-31	((Oct. 17-Nov. 1)) Oct. 14-31	407, 418, 426, 437, 448, 450, 454, 460, 466, 501 through 520, 524 through 556, 560, 568, 572, 574, 601 through 621, 624 (except Deer Area 6020), 627 through 654, 658 through 699	Any buck
	((Oct. 13-31)) Oct. 16-31	((Oct. 12-31)) Oct. 15-31	((Oct. 17-Nov. 1)) Oct. 14-31	410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 564, 655, Deer Area 6020	Any deer
	((Oct. 13-31)) Oct. 16-31	((Oct. 12-31)) Oct. 15-31	((Oct. 17-Nov. 1)) Oct. 14-31	578	3 pt. min
LATE GENERAL SEASON					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Nov. 15-18)) Nov. 18-21	((Nov. 14-17)) Nov. 17-20	((Nov. 19-22)) Nov. 16-19	407, 454, 466, 501 through 520, 524 through 560, 568, 572, 601 through 621, 624 (except Deer Area 6020), 627 through 654, 658 through 699	Any buck
	((Nov. 15-18)) Nov. 18-21	((Nov. 14-17)) Nov. 17-20	((Nov. 19-22)) Nov. 16-19	410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 564, 655, Deer Area 6020	Any deer
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Nov. 10-19)) Nov. 11-196-19	((Nov. 9-19)) Nov. 11-195-19	((Nov. 7-19)) Nov. 11-19	105, 108, 111, 113, 117, 121, 124 ((, 124))	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	Nov. 6-19	Nov. 5-19	Nov. 11-19	124	Any buck
HUNTERS 65 AND OVER ((,)) AND DISABLED ((, AND YOUTH)) GENERAL SEASONS					
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Oct. 13-26 and Nov. 10-19))	Oct. 12-25 and Nov. 9-19	Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 7-19	124	Any white-tailed deer))
	((Oct. 13-23)) Oct. 23-26	((Oct. 12-22)) Oct. 22-25	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 21-24	((127 through 142,)) 145, 149, 154, Deer Area 1010, and 178	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless
YOUTH GENERAL SEASONS					
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	Oct. 23-29	Oct. 22-28	Oct. 21-27	124	Any deer
	Oct. 23-26	Oct. 22-25	Oct. 21-24	127 through 142	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Oct. 16-26	Oct. 15-25	Oct. 14-24	145, 149, 154, Deer Area 1010, and 178	3 pt. min. or antlerless

ARCHERY DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: A valid archery deer tag for the area hunted.

Special Notes: Archery tag holders can only hunt during archery seasons with archery equipment (WAC 220-414-070).

Hunt Area	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
EARLY ARCHERY GENERAL DEER SEASONS					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Sept. 1-28)) Sept. 1-24	((Sept. 1-27)) Sept. 1-23	((Sept. 1-25)) Sept. 1-29	407 through 426, 437, 448, 450, 454, 466, 501, 504, 505, 554, 564, 568, 621 through 636, 648 through 652, 654 through 673, 684	Any deer
				460, 503, 574, 601 through 618, 638, 642, 653, 681 and 699	Any buck
				578	3 pt. min.
	((Sept. 1-23)) Sept. 1-19	((Sept. 1-22)) Sept. 1-25	((Sept. 1-20)) Sept. 1-24	510, 513, 516, 520, 524, 530, 556	Any deer
506, 550, 560, 572				Any buck	
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Sept. 1-28)) Sept. 1-24	((Sept. 1-27)) Sept. 1-23	((Sept. 1-25)) Sept. 1-29	101 through ((121)) 136, 166 ((,169,172 (except Deer Area 4040),)) through 175, 181, 243, 334, 382 (except closed in Deer Area 5382), 388	3 pt. min.
				((124 through)) 139, 142, 145, 149, 186, 244 through 247, 249, 250, 260, ((372,)) 284, 372, 373, 379, 381, ((382 (except closed in Deer Area 5382), 388,)) Deer Area 3334	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	((Sept. 1-23)) Sept. 1-19	((Sept. 1-22)) Sept. 1-25	((Sept. 1-20)) Sept. 1-24	((154, 162,)) 163, 178	3 pt. min. or antlerless
				154, 162, 251, 328, 335, 336, 340, 346, 352, 356, 360, 364, 368	3 pt. min.
	Sept. 1-15	Sept. 1-15	Sept. 1-15	204 through 242, 248, 254, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278	3 pt. min.
	((Sept. 16-28)) Sept. 16-24	((Sept. 16-27)) Sept. 16-23	((Sept. 16-25)) Sept. 16-29	204 through 242, 248, 254, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278	3 pt. min. or antlerless
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Sept. 1-28)) Sept. 1-24	((Sept. 1-27)) Sept. 1-23	((Sept. 1-25)) Sept. 1-29	101 through ((121)) 124	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	((Sept. 1-28))	Sept. 1-27	Sept. 1-25)	((124,)) 204 through 250, 254 through 284, 373, 379, 381	Any ((white-tailed)) deer
				((127 through)) 145, 149, 172 ((except Deer Area 1040)) , 181, 186	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless

Hunt Area	((2018)) <u>2021 Dates</u>	((2019)) <u>2022 Dates</u>	((2020)) <u>2023 Dates</u>	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
				127 through 142, 166, 169, 175	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min.
	((Sept. 1-23)) <u>Sept. 1-19</u>	((Sept. 1-22)) <u>Sept. 1-25</u>	((Sept. 1-20)) <u>Sept. 1-24</u>	154, 162, 163, 178	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless
LATE ARCHERY GENERAL DEER SEASONS					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Nov. 21-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 15</u>	437, 466, 510 through 520, 524	Any deer
	((Nov. 21-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 15</u>	448, 460, 506, 530, 560, 572, 601, 603 through 618, 638, 642, 681, and 699	Any buck
	((Nov. 21-Dec. 31)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 31</u>	((Nov. 27-Dec. 31)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 31</u>	((Nov. 25-Dec. 31)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 31</u>	407, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 454, 505, 564, 624, 627, 636, 648, 652, 654, 655, 660 through 672	Any deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Nov. 21-30)) <u>Nov. 24-30</u>	((Nov. 21-30)) <u>Nov. 23-30</u>	((Nov. 21-30)) <u>Nov. 22-30</u>	209, 215, 233, 243, 250	3 pt. min.
	((Nov. 21-Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	((Nov. 27-Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 8</u>	((Nov. 25-Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 8</u>	336, 342, 346, 352, 364, 388, Deer Area 3682	3 pt. min.
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	145, 163, 178, 272, 278, 373, Deer Area 3372	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	((Dec. 9-31))	<u>Dec. 9-31</u>	<u>Dec. 9-31</u>	<u>Deer Area 1021</u>	<u>Antlerless only</u>))
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	101	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	105, 108, 117, 121, 124	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	((Nov. 25-Dec. 15))	<u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 15</u>	<u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 15</u>	124	Any white-tailed deer))
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	127	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. ((or antlerless))
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	145, 163, 178, 272, 278, 373	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	((Nov. 21-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 27-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 15</u>	((Nov. 25-Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 22 - Dec. 15</u>	204, 209, 215, 233, 243 ((, 373))	Any white-tailed deer
	<u>Nov. 20-Dec. 8</u>	<u>Nov. 20-Dec. 8</u>	<u>Nov. 20-Dec. 8</u>	<u>373</u>	<u>Any white-tailed deer</u>

MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASONS

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

Tag Required: A valid muzzleloader deer tag for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Muzzleloader only.

Special Notes: Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during muzzleloader seasons and must hunt with muzzleloader equipment (WAC 220-414-060) or archery equipment (WAC 220-414-070).

Hunt Area	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
High Buck Hunts	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, Pasayten, Mount Baker, Olympic Peninsula, and Henry Jackson Wilderness areas, and Lake Chelan Recreation Area	3 pt. min.
EARLY MUZZLELOADER GENERAL DEER SEASONS					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Sept. 29–Oct. 7)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	((Sept. 28–Oct. 6)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 8	407, 418, 426, 437, 448, 450, 501, 503, 504, 505, 506, 510, 513, 516, 520, 530, 550, 554, 560, 568, 572, 574, 603, 607, 612, 615, 624 (except Deer Area 6020), 621, 633 through 651, 660, 663, 672, 673	Any buck
				410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 454, 564, 627, 652, 655, 666, 684, and Deer Area 6020	Any deer
				578	3 pt. min.
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Sept. 29–Oct. 7)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	((Sept. 28–Oct. 6)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 8	101 through 124, 203, 204, 209, 215, 231, 233, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 250, 251, 254, 260, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284	((White-tailed;)) Any buck
				((101 through 124	Any white-tailed buck))
				((124	Any white-tailed deer))
				((127, 142;)) 145, 149	((White-tailed;)) 3 pt. min. or antlerless
				127, 130, 133, 136, 139, 142, 175, 181, 186	((White-tailed;)) 3 pt. min.
373, 379	Any ((white-tailed)) deer				
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Sept. 29–Oct. 7)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	((Sept. 28–Oct. 6)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 8	101 through 149, 175, 181, 186, 203, 204, 209, 215, 231, 233, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 248, 250, 251, 254, 260, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284, 328, 330 through 342, 352 through 368, 373, 379	((Mule-deer;)) 3 pt. min.

Hunt Area	((2018)) 2021 Dates	((2019)) 2022 Dates	((2020)) 2023 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Sept. 29–Oct. 7)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	((Sept. 28–Oct. 6)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 8	Deer Areas 3334 and 3372	3 pt. min. or antlerless
LATE MUZZLELOADER GENERAL DEER SEASONS					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	((Nov. 21–Dec. 15)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	((Nov. 27–Dec. 15)) Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	((Nov. 25–Dec. 15)) Nov. 22 - Dec. 15	407, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 454, 504, 564, 633, 654, 666, 667, and 684	Any deer
				448, 460, 501, 602, 621, 651, 658, and 673	Any buck
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	((Nov. 21–Dec. 8)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	((Nov. 27–Dec. 8)) Nov. 23 - Dec. 8	((Nov. 25–Dec. 8)) Nov. 22 - Dec. 8	113	Any ((white-tailed)) buck
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	130, 133, 136, 139, 142	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. ((or antlerless))
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	172 ((except Deer Area 4040)) , 181	((White-tailed,)) 3 pt. min. ((or antlerless))
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	379, 381	Any ((white-tailed)) deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	((Nov. 25–Dec. 8))	Nov. 25–Dec. 8	Nov. 25–Dec. 8	130	Antlerless))
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	379, 381	3 pt. min.
	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	382 (except closed in Deer Area 5382)	3 pt. min.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-415-020, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. 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), § 220-415-020, 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), § 220-415-020, 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 § 220-415-020, 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, 77.32.155. WSR 16-15-045 (Order 16-182), § 232-28-357, filed 7/14/16, effective 8/14/16.

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), § 232-28-357, 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), § 232-28-357, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-357, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-357, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12.]

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: Under modern firearm late general seasons, for Eastern Washington white-tailed deer, we changed the season dates for Game Management Units (GMU) 105-121 from Nov. 11-19 to Nov. 6-19 in 2021 and Nov. 5-19 in 2022.

Rationale: The Department had initially proposed a standard nine-day season with season dates of Nov. 11-19 in response to requests from some hunters to manage for more mature white-tailed bucks. However, we received 45 comments in opposition to this proposal and only 3 in support. This recommendation reverts the season dates for the late general season back to what they were in 2018-2020, with a closing date of Nov. 19 and opening date on the Saturday that ensures the season includes two full weekends.

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- Change: Under archery late general deer seasons for Eastern Washington white-tailed deer, we removed the reference to white-tailed deer under legal deer.

Rationale: In our original proposal, we intended to remove all references to deer species under legal deer, but inadvertently fail to delete this one.

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- Change: Under archery late general deer seasons for Eastern Washington white-tailed deer, we changed the legal deer in GMU 373 from 3-pt. min or antlerless to any deer.

Rationale: The primary intent was to have the late general season for white-tailed deer overlap the late general season for mule deer. However, the legal deer in other Game Management Units with season dates of Nov. 20 - Dec. 8 is 3-pt. min. or antlerless and we want a legal deer to remain any deer in GMU 373. Allowing the harvest of any deer is consistent with other seasons for white-tailed deer in GMU 373.

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

WAC 220-415-020 2021-2023 Deer general seasons and definitions.

We received 384 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but 13 (email/letter) came through our online survey. Twenty-five of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,861 respondents to our online survey 56% (1,051) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Five comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 19 comments indicated support for specific aspects of the proposal.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Twenty-three percent (420) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 21% (390) indicated they were neutral. Eleven comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 83 comments indicated opposition to specific aspects of the proposal. Other comments in opposition but were not directly related to proposed changes included concerns about predators (64 comments), APRs (91 comments), and eliminating or reducing antlerless harvest in NE Washington (17 comments). Three of the comments we received as an email or letter indicated support for antler-point restrictions (APRs) for white-tailed deer, while two others indicated opposition.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition or were not directly related during the online survey:

- There are too many predators
- Don't reduce length of the late general white-tailed deer season in GMUs 105-121
- Implement a 4-pt. APR for white-tailed deer in NE Washington
- Reduce or eliminate antlerless harvest in NE Washington
- Opposed to reductions in antlerless harvest in GMU 124 and GMUs 127-142

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will present a recommended adjustment to the Fish and Wildlife Commission that would retain the current season structure for the late general modern firearm season for white-tailed deer. This includes having a standard closing date of November 19th and opening the season on whichever Saturday ensures the season includes two full weekends. Resulting season dates would be Nov. 6-19 in 2021, Nov. 5-19 in 2022, and Nov. 11-19 in 2023.

During a meeting with the Fish and Wildlife Commission's Wildlife Committee on January 7, 2021 to discuss a variety of options that could be implemented to manage for more mature white-tailed deer bucks, they recommended considering a standard 9-day late modern firearm season for white-tailed deer. Although 56% of respondents indicated agreement with the full proposal for Deer General Seasons, we only received 77 comments related to this specific proposal, of which, 44 expressed opposition. Moreover, when we conducted a survey of approximately 13,000 white-tailed deer hunters in collaboration with Washington State University in early summer 2020, 93% of respondents indicated opposition to shortening the length of general seasons.

The Department will move forward with all other recommendations to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses related to other proposals were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and common themes not directly related to the proposal and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: There are too many predators

WDFW's Game Management Plan identifies guidelines to determine when a particular population meets the criteria of an "at-risk" ungulate population and whether carnivore management actions are needed to promote recovery. In some areas, populations meet that criteria and we have initiated efforts to determine if carnivore management actions are warranted. In addition, we have liberalized bear and cougar hunting seasons in eastern Washington in response to concerns that carnivore populations are too high.

Comment: Implement a 4-pt. APR for white-tailed deer in NE Washington

Although several respondents provided comment on this topic, proposed changes did not include a 4-pt. APR in northeast Washington. WDFW considered implementing a 4-pt. APR, but the proposal was not broadly supported. In early summer 2020, a survey of approximately 13,000 white-tailed deer hunters was conducted in collaboration with Washington State University and 70% of respondents indicated opposition to a 4-pt. APR. When we presented the option again in late summer while gathering input for the development of our proposals, only 20% of the 1,437 respondents indicated support. Lastly, we met with the Fish and Wildlife Commission's Wildlife Committee on January 7, 2021 to discuss a variety of options that could be implemented to manage for more mature white-tailed deer bucks, and they chose not to consider the option as part of the CR-102.

Comment: Reduce or eliminate antlerless deer harvest in NE Washington

With exception to harvest in response to damage complaints, WDFW removed all recreational opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer in GMUs 101-121 in

2019. Proposed changes for 2021-2023 include substantial reductions in the harvest of antlerless deer in GMU 124. Thus, we have already implemented this recommendation.

Comment: Opposed to reductions in antlerless harvest in GMU 124 and/or GMUs 127-142

WDFW regulates antlerless harvest relative to the status of deer populations and specific management objectives within a particular area. It is the primary tool used to manage population growth rates. Deer numbers have declined substantially in GMUs 124 and 127-142, so we are reducing opportunities to harvest antlerless deer with the objective of promoting an increase in deer numbers. Opportunities will increase after populations have recovered.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-12-080, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20)

WAC 220-415-030 ((2020)) 2021 Deer special permits. It is unlawful to fail to comply with the bag, possession, and season limits described below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410 Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

Deer Special Permit Hunting Seasons (Open to Permit Holders Only)

Hunters must purchase a deer hunting license prior to purchasing a permit application. Hunters may only apply for permits consistent with the tag required for the hunt choice; however, Multiple Season Permit holders may apply for archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm permit hunts. Hunters drawn for a special permit hunt must comply with weapon restrictions, dates, and other conditions listed for the hunt. Hunters drawn for a special permit designated "**Any tag**" under the "**Weapon/Tag**" restriction must use equipment consistent with the requirements of their transport tag and license.

Bag Limit: One (1) deer per hunter during the license year except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one deer hunt category.

Quality

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Kelly Hill White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 105	5
Kelly Hill Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 105	1
Douglas White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 108	5
Douglas Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 108	1
Aladdin White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 111	5
Aladdin Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 111	1
Selkirk Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 113	1
49 Degrees North White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 117	5
49 Degrees North Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 117	1
Huckleberry White-tailed Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, Any buck	GMU 121	5
Huckleberry Mule Deer Buck	Modern	Any	Nov. 3-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 121	1
Mt. Spokane	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	Any buck	GMU 124	5
Mica Peak	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 127	5
Cheney	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 130	5
Roosevelt	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 133	5
<u>Harrington</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Nov. 1-24</u>	<u>3 pt. min.</u>	<u>GMU 136</u>	<u>5</u>
Step toe	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 139	5
Almota	Modern	Any	((Nov. 20-24)) <u>Nov. 1-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 142	5
Dayton	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 162	5
Tucannon	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 166	2
Wenaha West	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-15	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1008	2
Wenaha East	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-15	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1009	5
((Ten-Forty	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-15	White-tailed deer, 3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1040	4))
Grande Ronde	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 186	1
East Okanogan	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 204	10
Sinlahekin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 215	10
Chewuch	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 218	15
Pearrygin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 224	15
Gardner	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 231	10
Pogue	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 233	15
Alta	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 242	15
Manson	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 243	7
Chiwawa	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 245	2 19
Slide Ridge	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 246	8
Entiat	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 247	15
Swakane	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 250	9

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Mission	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 251	7
Desert	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-25)) <u>Oct. 23-31</u>	Any buck	GMU 290	1819
Desert	Modern	Any	((Nov. 7-15)) <u>Nov. 6-14</u>	Any buck	GMU 290	5
Naneum	Modern	Any	((Nov. 16-22)) <u>Nov. 15-21</u>	Any buck	GMU 328	1514
Quilomene	Modern	Any	((Nov. 9-22)) <u>Nov. 8-21</u>	Any buck	GMU 329	1819
Teanaway	Modern	Any	((Nov. 16-22)) <u>Nov. 15-21</u>	Any buck	GMU 335	2726
L.T. Murray	Modern	Any	((Nov. 16-22)) <u>Nov. 15-21</u>	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	5
Bethel	Modern	Any	((Nov. 9-22)) <u>Nov. 8-21</u>	Any buck	GMU 360	5
Cowiche	Modern	Any	((Nov. 9-22)) <u>Nov. 8-21</u>	Any buck	GMU 368	10
Alkali	Modern	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 15)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 14</u>	Any buck	GMU 371	8
Grayback	Modern	Any	((Nov. 9-24)) <u>Nov. 8-23</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 388	20
Nooksack	Modern	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 11)) <u>Nov. 1-12</u>	Any buck	GMU 418	25
Skagit	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 426	10
Sauk	Modern	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 11)) <u>Nov. 1-12</u>	Any buck	GMU 437	25
Stillaguamish	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 448	12
Snoqualmie	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 460	10
Green River	Any tag	Any	((Oct. 17-23)) FBD <u>Nov. 13-19</u>	Any buck	GMU 485	((5)) FBD <u>5</u>
Lincoln	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 501	4
Mossyrock	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 505	2
Willapa Hills	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 506	4
Stormking	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 510	1
South Rainier	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 513	1
Packwood	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 516	1

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Winston	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 520	4
Ryderwood	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 530	4
Coweeman	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 550	4
Toutle	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 556	1
Lewis River	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 560	1
Washougal	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 568	2
Siouxon	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 572	1
Wind River	Modern	Any	((Nov. 19-25)) <u>Nov. 18-25</u>	Any buck	GMU 574	20
West Klickitat	Modern	Any	((Nov. 19-25)) <u>Nov. 18-25</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	15
Mason	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 633	10
Wynoochee	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 648	8
Satsop	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 651	10
White River	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 653	10
Mashel	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 654	10
Minot Peak	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 660	5
Capitol Peak	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 663	8
Skookumchuck	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 667	10
Fall River	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 672	5
Chiliwist	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Any buck	GMU 239	10
Chiwawa	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 245	8
Slide Ridge	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 246	2
Entiat	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Any buck	GMU 247	30
Desert	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-30	Any buck	GMU 290	10
Desert	Archery	Any	((Nov. 21—Dec. 6)) <u>Nov. 20 - Dec. 5</u>	Any buck	GMU 290	10
Naneum	Archery	Any	((Nov. 23—Dec. 8)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	Any buck	GMU 328	67
Quilomene	Archery	Any	((Nov. 23—Dec.))	Any buck	GMU 329	7

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			g)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 8			
Teanaway	Archery	Any	((Nov. 23 - Dec. 8)) Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMU 335	29 42
Kitsap	Archery	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) Nov. 1-17	Any buck	GMU 627	10
Skokomish	Archery	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) Nov. 1-17	Any buck	GMU 636	10
Skookumchuck	Archery	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) Nov. 1-17	Any buck	GMU 667	10
Blue Mtns. Foothills	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 149, 154, 162, 166	70
Alta	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 242	10
Chiwawa	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 245	2
Slide Ridge	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 246	1
Mission	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 251	9
Desert	Muzzleloader	Any	((Oct. 3-11)) Oct. 2-10	Any buck	GMU 290	2
Teanaway	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 9-15)) Nov. 8-14	Any buck	GMU 335	4 3
L.T. Murray	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 9-15)) Nov. 8-14	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	1
Bald Mountain	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 9-22)) Nov. 8-14	Any buck	GMUs 342, 346	2
Naneum	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 9-15)) Nov. 8-14	Any buck	GMU 328	1
Quilomene	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	Any buck	GMU 329	2
Olympic	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) Nov. 1-17	Any buck	GMU 621	10

Bucks						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Palouse	Modern	Any	((Nov. 7-19)) Nov. 6-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 127-142	((750)) 650
Blue Mtns. Foothills West	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 149, 154, 162, 163, 166	110
Blue Mtns. Foothills East	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 145, 172 ((except Deer Area 1040))), 178, 181	50
Mayview	Any tag	Any	Nov. 16-19	3 pt. min.	GMU 145	25
((Ten Forty	Modern	Any	Oct. 17-25	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1040	2))
Lick Creek	Modern	Any	Nov. 20-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 175	1
East Okanogan	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 204	40
Sinlahekin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 215	40
Chewuch	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 218	15
Pearygin	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 224	15

Bucks						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Gardner	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 231	15
Pogue	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 233	15
Chiliwist	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 239	15
Alta	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed deer	GMU 242	15
Ritzville	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 284	910
Simcoe	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 5382	5
Hoko	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 601	5
Sol Duc	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 607	5
Goodman	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 612	5
Clearwater	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 615	5
Quinault Ridge	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 638	2
North River	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 658	5
Williams Creek	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 673	5
Bear River-Long Beach	Modern	Any	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMUs 681, 684	2
Parker Lake	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-30 and Nov. 19 - Dec. 1	Any white-tailed buck	Deer Area 1031	5
((Ten-Forty))	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-15	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1040	2))
Big Bend	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 248	10
Ritzville	Archery	Any	((Dec. 1-13)) <u>Dec. 1-19</u>	Any buck	GMU 284	4011
Alkali	Archery	Any	((Sept. 1-20)) <u>Sept. 1-24</u>	Any buck	GMU 371	2
Ringold	Archery	Any	Nov. 15-24	3 pt. min.	GMU 379	5
Whitcomb	Archery	Any	Oct. 1-10	Any buck	Deer Area 3071	10
Paterson	Archery	Any	Oct. 1-10	Any buck	Deer Area 3072	10
Simcoe	Archery	Any	((Sept. 1-25)) <u>Sept. 1-24</u> and Dec. 1-8	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 5382	3
West Klickitat	Archery	Any	Nov. 26 - Dec. 2	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	20
Parker Lake	Muzzleloader	Any	Oct. 1-31 and Dec. 2-14	Any white-tailed buck	Deer Area 1031	5
Blue Creek	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26-Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 154	10
Dayton	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26-Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 162	15
Marengo	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26-Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 163	10

Bucks						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Tucannon	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 166	10
Wenaha	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 169	20
Mountain View	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 172 ((except Deer Area 1040))	15
((Ten-Forty))	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 1040	2))
Peola	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 178	10
Ritzville	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 21–29)) <u>Nov. 20-28</u>	Any buck	GMU 284	1
Alkali	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 21–Oct. 14)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 15</u>	Any buck	GMU 371	1
Kahlotus	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Any buck	GMU 381	20
Whitcomb	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 19-27	Any buck	Deer Area 3071	5
Paterson	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 19-27	Any buck	Deer Area 3072	5
Simcoe	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 20-30	3 pt. min.	Deer Area 5382	3
West Klickitat	Muzzleloader	Any	Dec. 3-8	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	20
Dickey	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 2–18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 602	5
Copalis-Matheny	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 2–18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMUs 618, 642	5

Antlerless						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Mayview	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 145	40
((Mayview))	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 145	25))
Prescott	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 149	50
((Prescott))	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 149	20))
Blue Creek	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 154	50
Dayton	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 162	100
Ten Ten	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	Antlerless	Deer Area 1010	15
Marengo	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 163	50
Marengo	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 163	5
Peola	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 178	40
((Couse))	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 181	25))
Lincoln	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 501	15
Mossyrock	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. 4))	Antlerless	GMU 505	30

Antlerless						
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			((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>			
Winston	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	20
Ryderwood	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	10
Olympic	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 621	15
Coyle	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 624	15
Kitsap	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 627	10
Mason	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 633	20
Skokomish	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 636	5
Wynoochee	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 648	30
Satsop	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 651	15
Mashel	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 654	10
North River	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	15
Minot Peak	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 660	20
Capitol Peak	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 663	15
Skookumchuck	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 667	20
Williams Creek	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17–Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 673	5
Mashel	Archery	Any	((Oct. 24-31))	Antlerless	GMU 654	10

Antlerless						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Oct. 23-30</u>			
Whitcomb	Archery	Any	Oct. 20-30	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	10
Paterson	Archery	Any	Oct. 20-30	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	10
Whitcomb	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 29 - Dec. 5	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	10
Paterson	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 29 - Dec. 5	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	10
Washtucna	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	GMUs 139, 142, 284, 381	200
<u>Mayview</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 145</u>	<u>15</u>
Prescott	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	25
Blue Creek	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	20
Ten Ten	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 1010	20
Marengo	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 163	10
Peola	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 178	10
Mossyrock	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	10
Winston	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	5
Ryderwood	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	10
Coweeman	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	10
Yale	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 554	2
Olympic	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 621	30
Coyle	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 624	20
Mason	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 633	35
Skokomish	Muzzleloader	Any	((<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>))	Antlerless	GMU 636	15

Antlerless						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>			
Wynoochee	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 648	25
Satsop	Muzzleloader	Any	((Nov. 25 - Dec. 15)) <u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 15</u>	Antlerless	GMU 651	20
Mashel	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 654	20
North River	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	15
Minot Peak	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 660	10
Capitol Peak	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 663	20
Williams Creek	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 673	10

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Benge	Any	Any	((Dec. 14-31)) <u>Dec. 20-31</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 2010	30
Lakeview	Any	Any	Jan. 1-30, ((2021)) <u>2022</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	15
Methow	Any	Any	Sept. 7 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	Deer Area 2012	10
North Okanogan	Any	Any	Sept. 7 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	Deer Area 2013	10
Central Okanogan	Any	Any	Sept. 7 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	Deer Area 2014	10
Omak	Any	Any	Sept. 7 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	Deer Area 2015	10
Conconully	Any	Any	Sept. 7 - Oct. 4	Antlerless	Deer Area 2016	10
Lake Chelan North	Any	Any	Aug. 1-31	Antlerless	Deer Area 2017	45
North Issaquah	Any	Any	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) <u>Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 4541	10
Mt. Spokane	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 7-19)) <u>Oct. 16-29 and Nov. 6-19</u>	Antlerless	GMU 124	((350)) <u>5</u>
Mica Peak	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 127	((100)) <u>5</u>
Cheney <u>Mule Deer</u>	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	GMU 130	((150)) <u>90</u>

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Cheney White-tailed Deer	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 130	5
Roosevelt Mule Deer	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Mule deer, antlerless	GMU 133	((75)) 100
Roosevelt White-tailed Deer	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 133	5
Harrington	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 136	((150)) 65
Steptoe	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 139	5
Almota	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 142	5
Washtucna	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Mule deer, antlerless	GMUs 139, 142, 284, 381	((300)) 350
((Mayview	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 145	15
Blue Creek	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 154	30
Ten-Ten	Modern	Any	Nov. 9-19	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1010	15))
East Okanogan	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 204	45
Sinlahekin	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 215	40
Chewuch	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 218	10
Pearygin	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 224	10
Gardner	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 231	10
Pogue	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 233	10
Chiliwist	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 239	10
Alta	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 242	10
Big Bend	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 248	20
St. Andrews	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 254	15
Foster Creek	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 260	15
Withrow	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 262	15
Badger	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 266	15
Desert	Modern	Any	((Dec. 12-27)) Dec. 11-26	Antlerless	GMU 290	25
Kahlotus	Modern	Any	Dec. 9-17	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
Orcas	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 411	((70)) 135

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Shaw	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 412	((30)) 40
San Juan	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 413	((60)) 120
Lopez	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 414	((70)) 130
Blakely	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 415	((40)) 60
Decatur	Modern	Any	Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22	Antlerless	GMU 416	5
Cypress	Modern	Any	Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22	Antlerless	GMU 417	30
Guemes	Modern	Any	Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22	Antlerless	GMU 419	20
Whidbey	((Modern)) Any	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 420	((175)) 275
Camano	Modern	Any	Oct. 17 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22	Antlerless	GMU 421	30
Vashon-Maury	Any	Any	Aug. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 422	200
Anderson	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Antlerless	GMU 655	((40)) 30
Deschutes	Modern	Any	((Oct. 17-30 and Nov. 19-22)) Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Antlerless	GMU 666	40
Mt. Spokane	Archery	Any	((Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 15)) Sept. 1-24 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 124	((100)) 5
Mica Peak	Archery	Any	((Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 15)) Sept. 1-24 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 127	((75)) 5
((Clarkston	Archery	Any	Nov. 20 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 1021	20
Oreas	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 411	45
Shaw	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 412	20
San Juan	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 413	40
Lopez	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 414	40
Blakely	Archery	Any	Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 – Dec. 31	Antlerless	GMU 415	20))

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
<u>Cheney Mule Deer</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Cheney White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Roosevelt Mule Deer</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>30</u>
<u>Roosevelt White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Harrington</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 136</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Step toe</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 139</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Almota</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 142</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Decatur</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 416</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Cypress</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 417</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>Guemes</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 419</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>((Whidbey</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 420</u>	<u>75))</u>
<u>Camano</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 421</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Miller</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Dec. 16-31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Deer Area 6020</u>	<u>40</u>
<u>Anderson</u>	<u>Archery</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 1-25 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 31)) <u>Sept. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31</u></u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 655</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Mt. Spokane</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u></u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 124</u>	<u>((125)) <u>5</u></u>
<u>Mica Peak</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 127</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Cheney Mule Deer</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u></u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>((25)) <u>10</u></u>
<u>Cheney White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Roosevelt Mule Deer</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u></u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>((25)) <u>10</u></u>
<u>Roosevelt White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Harrington</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u></u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 136</u>	<u>((25)) <u>5</u></u>
<u>((Mayview</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 4</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 145</u>	<u>40))</u>
<u>Step toe</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 139</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Almota</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 142</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Foster Creek</u>	<u>Muzzleloader</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u></u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 260</u>	<u>10</u>

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Moses Coulee	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 269	10
Lakeview	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 1-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	5
((Oreas	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 411	20
Shaw	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 412	20
San Juan	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 413	20
Lopez	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 414	20
Blakely	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 415	10))
Decatur	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 416	5
Cypress	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 417	20
Guemes	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 419	10
((Whidbey	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 420	25))
Camano	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 421	20
Anderson	Muzzleloader	Any	((Sept. 26–Oct. 4 and Nov. 25–Dec. 15)) Sept. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 655	5

Youth						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Washtucna	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Any deer	GMUs 139, 142, 284, 381	100
Blue Mtns. Foothills West	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMUs 149, 154, 163, Deer Area 1010	60
Blue Mtns. Foothills East	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 172 ((except Deer Area 1040))) , 178,181	40
Mayview	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Any deer	GMU 145	15
Prescott	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Any deer	GMU 149	20

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Peola	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any deer	GMU 178	20
Tucannon	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 166	10
((Ten-Forty	Modern	Youth	Oct. 17-25	Antlerless	Deer Area 1040	2))
Couse	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-25)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 181	15
Couse	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-25)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any deer	GMU 181	5
Grande Ronde	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-25)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any deer	GMU 186	3
East Okanogan	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 204	20
Wannacut	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 209	10
Sinlahekin	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 215	10
Chewuch	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 218	10
Pearygin	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 224	10
Gardner	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 231	10
Pogue	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 233	10
Chiliwist	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 239	10
Alta	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 242	10
Chiwawa	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 245	3
Entiat	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 247	3
Swakane	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 250	3
Mission	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 251	5
Bridgeport	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	20
Palisades	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	20
Beezley	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 272	50
Benge	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 8)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 7</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 2010	30
Desert	Modern	Youth	((Dec. 7-31))	Antlerless	GMU 290	((8))

Youth						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Dec. 6-31</u>			<u>12</u>
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Ringold	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 379	10
Simcoe	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any deer	Deer Area 5382	3
East Klickitat	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any buck	GMU 382 (except CLOSED in Deer Area 5382)	5
East Klickitat	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 382 (except CLOSED in Deer Area 5382)	5
Grayback	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Any buck	GMU 388	5
Grayback	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 388	5
<u>Green River</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Youth</u>	TBD <u>Nov. 13-19</u>	<u>Any buck</u>	<u>GMU 485</u>	TBD <u>5</u>
Lincoln	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 501	10
Randle	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 503	5
Mossyrock	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	10
Stormking	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 510	5
South Rainier	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 513	5
Packwood	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 516	5
Winston	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	10
Ryderwood	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	10
Coweeman	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	10
Yale	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 554	((5)) <u>3</u>
Toutle	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±))	Antlerless	GMU 556	((40))

Youth						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>			<u>15</u>
Lewis River	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Washougal	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	5
Siouxon	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 572	5
Wind River	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	5
West Klickitat	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Any buck	GMU 578	5
West Klickitat	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 578	5
Pysht	Modern	Youth	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 603	5
Olympic	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 621	20
Coyle	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 624	10
Kitsap	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 627	10
Mason	Modern	Youth	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any deer	GMU 633	25
Skokomish	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 636	10
Wynoochee	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 648	20
Satsop	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 651	10
Mashel	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 654	15
North River	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. ±)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	10

Youth						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Minot Peak	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 660	10
Minot Peak	Modern	Youth	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 660	4
Capitol Peak	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any deer	GMU 663	15
Skookumchuck	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 17 – Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 667	15
Skookumchuck	Modern	Youth	((Oct. 10 – Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 9-31</u>	Any buck	GMU 667	20
East Okanogan	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Pogue	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 239	5
Alta	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Mission	Muzzleloader	Youth	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 251	3
Whitcomb	Muzzleloader	Youth	Nov. 1-13	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	5
Paterson	Muzzleloader	Youth	Nov. 1-13	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	5
Region 3	Modern, Muzzleloader	Youth	((Aug. 1, 2020 – Mar. 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 3	10 ^{HC}
Region 5	Modern, Muzzleloader	Youth with mentor	((Aug. 1, 2020 – Mar. 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	5 ^{HC}

Senior 65+						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
<u>Mt. Spokane</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-29 and Nov. 6-19</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 124</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Mica Peak</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 127</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Cheney Mule Deer</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Cheney White-tailed</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>5</u>

Senior 65+						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
<u>Deer</u>						
Roosevelt Mule Deer	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	Mule deer, antlerless	GMU 133	15
Roosevelt White-tailed Deer	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 133	5
Harrington	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 136	10
Step toe	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 139	5
Almota	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-26	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 142	5
Washtucna	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Mule deer, antlerless	GMUs 139, 142, 284, 381	20
Blue Mtns. Foothills	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 149, 154, 163, Deer Area 1010, 178, 181	30
East Okanogan	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Sinlahekin	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 215	5
Chewuch	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 218	5
Pearygin	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 224	5
Gardner	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 231	5
Pogue	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 239	5
Alta	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Chiwawa	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 245	5
Entiat	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 247	5
Swakane	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 250	5
Mission	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 251	5
Bridgeport	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	5
Palisades	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	5
Rattlesnake Hills	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 372	10
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17-27)) Oct. 16-26	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
North Issaquah	Any	65+	((Oct. 17- Nov. 1 and Nov. 19-22)) Oct. 16-31 and Nov.	Antlerless	Deer Area 4541	10

Senior 65+						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>18-21</u>			
Lincoln	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 501	5
Mossyrock	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	5
Winston	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	5
Yale	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 554	2
Toutle	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 556	5
Washougal	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	2
Olympic	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 621	15
Coyle	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 624	5
Kitsap	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 627	5
Mason	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 633	20
Skokomish	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 636	10
Wynoochee	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 648	15
Satsop	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 651	10
Mashel	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 654	10
North River	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	15
Minot Peak	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1))	Antlerless	GMU 660	15

Senior 65+						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Oct. 16-31</u>			
Capitol Peak	Modern	65+	((Oct. 17–Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 663	15

Hunters with Disabilities						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
<u>Mt. Spokane</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-29 and Nov. 6-19</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 124</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Mica Peak</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 127</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Cheney Mule Deer</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Cheney White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 130</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Roosevelt Mule Deer</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Roosevelt White-tailed Deer</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 133</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Harrington</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 136</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Steptoe</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 139</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Almota</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>White-tailed, antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 142</u>	<u>5</u>
Washtucna	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	<u>Mule deer, antlerless</u>	GMUs 139, 142, 284, 381	20
Blue Mtns. Foothills	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 149, 154, 163, Deer Area 1010, 178, 181	20
East Okanogan	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Sinlahekin	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 215	5
Chewuch	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 218	5
Pearygin	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 224	5
Gardner	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 231	5
Pogue	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 239	5
Alta	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Chiwawa	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 245	3
Entiat	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 247	3
Mission	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 251	3

Hunters with Disabilities						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Saint Andrews	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 254	5
Bridgeport	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	5
Palisades	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	5
Beezley	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 272	10
((Ritzville	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 17-27	Antlerless	GMU 284	10))
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17-27)) <u>Oct. 16-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Kahlotus	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Nov. 2-8)) <u>Nov. 1-14</u>	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
North Issaquah	Any	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 12-31 and Nov. 14-17)) <u>Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21</u>	Antlerless	Deer Area 4541	10
((Green River	Any	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 17-23	Any buck	GMU 485	5))
Lincoln	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 501	2
Mossyrock	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	3
Winston	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	2
Toutle	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 556	3
Washougal	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	2
Olympic	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 621	15
Skokomish	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 636	15
Satsop	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 651	10
Mashel	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 654	10
North River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	5

Hunters with Disabilities						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Oct. 16-31</u>			
Minot Peak	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 660	5
Capitol Peak	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 663	10
Skookumchuck	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 667	10
Fall River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Oct. 17 - Nov. 1)) <u>Oct. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 672	5
Fall River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	((Nov. 2-18)) <u>Nov. 1-17</u>	Any buck	GMU 672	6
East Okanogan	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Sinlahekin	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 215	5
Gardner	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 231	5
Chiwawa	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 245	3
Entiat	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 247	3
Mission	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 251	3
Saint Andrews	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 254	5
Bridgeport	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	5
Palisades	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	5
Wynoochee	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 648	10
North River	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	3

Hunters with Disabilities						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Capitol Peak	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 663	5
Skookumchuck	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	((Sept. 26 – Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 667	10

Master Hunter - Only master hunters may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt. Additional weapon restrictions may be conditioned by the hunt coordinator for each hunt. For those hunts requiring the purchase of a master hunter second tag, one deer may be killed in the unit under the authorization of the special permit.

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Requirements	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Region 1	Any/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 1	30 ^{HC}
Region 1	Archery/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 1	((20^{HC})) <u>10^{HC}</u>
Region 2	Any/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 2	10 ^{HC}
Region 3	Any/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 3	40 ^{HC}
Region 5	Any/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021)) <u>Aug. 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	5 ^{HC}
Region 6	Any/2nd deer tag	Master Hunter deer tag required	Master Hunter	((July 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021)) <u>July 1, 2021 - Mar. 31, 2022</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	10 ^{HC}

^{HC} This is a damage hunt administered by a WDFW designated hunt coordinator. Successful applicants will be contacted on an as-needed basis to help with specific sites of elk damage on designated landowner's property. Not all successful applicants will be contacted in any given year, depending on elk damage activity for that year.

Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special deer permits will be allocated through a random drawing to those hunter education instructors who qualify. - Permit hunters must use archery equipment during archery seasons, muzzleloader equipment or archery equipment during muzzleloader seasons, and any legal weapon during modern firearm seasons. Hunter orange and/or hunter pink is required during modern firearm seasons. - Except for online class incentive permits and chief instructor incentive permits, qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, inclusive of the year prior to the permit drawing. - Permittees may purchase a second license for use with the permit hunt only. <p>Qualified hunter education instructors may only receive one incentive permit each year.</p>

Area	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
Region 1	All general season and permit seasons established for GMUs included with the permit. Not eligible for seasons and permits for auction hunts; raffle hunts; and hunts for master hunters, youth hunters, hunters with disabilities, or hunters 65 years and older, unless the hunter education instructor legally qualifies for such hunts.	Any white-tailed deer	Any 100 series GMU EXCEPT GMU 157	3
Region 2		Any white-tailed deer	GMUs 204, 215, 233, 239	1
Region 2		Any white-tailed deer	GMUs 218, 224, 231, 242	1
Region 2		Any deer	GMUs 218, 231	1
Region 2		Any deer	GMUs 245, 247	1
Region 2		Any deer	GMU 290	1
Region 3		Any deer	GMUs 335-368	2
Region 4		Any deer	Any 400 series GMU EXCEPT GMUs 485 and 490	4
Region 5		Any deer	All 500 series GMUs EXCEPT GMUs 522 and 578	((4)) <u>3</u>
Region 6		Any deer	Any 600 series GMU	4

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 20-12-080 (Order 20-76), § 220-415-030, filed 6/1/20, effective 7/2/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.020. WSR 19-20-078 (Order 19-245), § 220-415-030, filed 9/27/19, effective 10/28/19. 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), § 220-415-030, 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), § 220-415-030, 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 § 220-415-030,

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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: Under the quality deer, Chiwawa hunt choice, modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 21 to 19.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under the quality deer, Desert hunt choice, modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 18 to 19.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the quality deer, Naneum hunt choice, modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 15 to 14.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the quality deer, Quilomene hunt choice, modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 18 to 19.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the quality deer, Teanaway hunt choice, modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 27 to 26.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the quality deer, Green River hunt choice, modern firearm, the department changed the season dates from TBD to Nov. 13-19 and permit numbers from TBD to 5.

Rationale: Permit numbers are developed in collaboration with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and managers of the Green River Watershed and those meeting did not occur prior to the CR-102 being filed.

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- Change: Under the quality deer, Naneum hunt choice, archery, the department changed the permit numbers from 6 to 7.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under the quality deer, Teanaway hunt choice, archery, the department changed the permit numbers from 29 to 42.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the quality deer, Teanaway hunt choice, muzzleloader, the department changed the permit numbers from 1 to 3.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under the bucks, Ritzville hunt choice, Modern, the department changed the permit numbers from 9 to 10.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: Under the bucks, Ritzville hunt choice, archery, the department changed the permit numbers from 10 to 11.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2020 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: Under the youth, Green River hunt choice, any, the department changed the hunt dates from TBD to Nov. 13-19 and permit numbers from TBD to 5.

Rationale: Permit numbers are developed in collaboration with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and managers of the Green River Watershed and those meeting did not occur prior to the CR-102 being filed.

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

WAC 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.

We received 147 total comments on the proposed rule changes, and all but three (email/letter) came through our online survey. Twenty of the online respondents did not indicate if they agreed or disagreed.

Written Supporting Comments:

Of the 1,820 respondents to our online survey 65% (1,189) indicated they agreed with the proposed rule changes. Six comments indicated general support of the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 13 comments indicated support for specific aspects of the proposal.

Written Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

Only 11% (196) of the respondents indicated they disagreed with the proposed rule changes and 24% (435) indicated they were neutral. Twelve comments indicated general disagreement with the proposed changes but did not specify why, while 34 comments indicated opposition to specific aspects of the proposal. There were 25 topics addressed by the other 63 comments.

Below are the common themes identified from comments that indicated opposition or were not directly related during the online survey:

- Expressed concerns about access to private property on islands
- There are too many predators
- Opposed to reducing opportunity in GMUs 127-142
- Should increase opportunities for youth, senior, and disabled hunters
- Opposed to special permits in general
- Should remove all opportunities to harvest antlerless deer

Rationale-Agency Action Regarding Comments:

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as proposed.

Most responses were in favor of the proposed rule changes. Those that were opposed had several reasons. We have outlined the most prominent reasons for being opposed and common themes not directly related to the proposal and WDFW's consideration in response to those comments.

Comment: Expressed concerns about access to private property on islands

WDFW agrees that access to private property is the main issue limiting our ability to control deer populations on islands in the Puget Sound. Our local District Wildlife Biologists, Private Lands Biologists, and Conflict Staff are continuously striving to

identify creative ways to improve access and will continue to do so. All we can do in the meantime is provide as much opportunity as possible to assist with alleviating the issue.

Comment: There are too many predators

WDFW's Game Management Plan identifies guidelines to determine when a particular population meets the criteria of an "at-risk" ungulate population and whether carnivore management actions are needed to promote recovery. In some areas, populations meet that criteria and we have initiated efforts to determine if carnivore management actions are warranted. In addition, we have liberalized bear and cougar hunting seasons in eastern Washington in response to concerns that carnivore populations are too high.

Comment: Opposed to reducing opportunity in GMUs 127-142

WDFW regulates antlerless harvest relative to the status of deer populations and specific management objectives within a particular area. It is the primary tool used to manage population growth rates. Deer numbers have declined substantially in GMUs 127-142, so we are reducing opportunities to harvest antlerless deer with the objective of promoting an increase in deer numbers. Opportunities will increase after populations have recovered.

Comment: Should increase opportunities for youth, senior, and disabled hunters

Providing opportunities for youth, senior, and disabled hunters is important to WDFW and to our efforts to recruit, retain, and reactivate hunters. Although we attempt to provide as much opportunity as possible for these groups, we also must be mindful of the status of a given population and balancing those opportunities with the opportunities for other user groups. As such, we increase opportunities when we can and decrease opportunities when harvest needs to be reduced.

Comment: Opposed to special permits in general

Special permits allow the Department the ability to regulate hunting opportunities that are not sustainable using a general season format. Some examples include opportunities to harvest females, to hunt during the peak breeding season, and to hunt big-game species that occur in low numbers (e.g., bighorn sheep, moose, and mountain goats). Hunters consistently express a desire to have these types of opportunities and a special permit system allows WDFW to do that without having a negative effect on the population.

Comment: Should remove all opportunities to harvest antlerless deer

WDFW regulates doe harvest relative to the status of deer populations and specific management objectives within a particular area. It is the primary tool used to manage population growth rates. For example, in some areas we have substantially reduced or eliminated opportunities to harvest antlerless deer with the objective of increasing the

overall population. In other areas, we maintain modest levels of doe harvest to reduce conflict with private landowners.

PROPOSED RULE MAKING



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Supplemental Notice to WSR _____

Continuance of WSR _____

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 20-23-122 on November 18, 2020 ; 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) |

- WAC 220-400-020 Classification of wild animals.
- WAC 220-410-010 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region one.
- WAC 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region four.
- 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 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve (Whatcom County).
- WAC 220-411-210 Game Stratford Game Reserve.
- WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.
- WAC 220-412-080 Special hunting season permits.
- WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.
- WAC 220-413-060 Hunting restrictions.
- WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife – Evidence of sex – Definitions.
- WAC 220-414-010 Hunting equipment restrictions.
- WAC 220-414-020 Unlawful methods for hunting – Firearms.
- WAC 220-414-040 Nontoxic shot requirements.
- WAC 220-414-050 Shotgun shell restriction areas.
- WAC 220-414-060 Muzzleloading firearms.
- WAC 220-414-070 Archery requirements.
- WAC 220-414-090 Use of decoys and calls.
- WAC 220-414-100 Crossbow requirements.
- WAC 220-415-010 Deer area descriptions.
- WAC 220-415-020 2021-2023 Deer general seasons and definitions.
- WAC 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.
- WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.
- WAC 220-415-050 2021-2023 Elk general seasons and definitions.
- WAC 220-415-060 2021 Elk special permits.
- WAC 220-415-070 2021 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.
- WAC 220-415-090 2019-2020 Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations.
- WAC 220-415-120 2020 Bighorn sheep seasons permit quotas.
- WAC 220-415-130 2021 Mountain goat seasons permit quotas, and areas.
- WAC 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.
- WAC 220-416-060 2020-2021 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.
- WAC 220-416-070 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures.
- WAC 220-416-080 Lynch Cove and Union River hunting area restriction (Mason County).
- WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations.
- WAC 220-417-030 Wild animal trapping.

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
March 25-27, 2021	8:00 a.m.	Webinar and/or conference call.	This meeting will take place by webinar. The public may participate in the meeting. Visit our website at http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/commission/meetings or contact the Commission office at (360) 902-2267 or

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Date of intended adoption: April 9, 2021 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

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By (date) March 18, 2021

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

WAC 220-400-020 Classification of wild animals.

The purpose of this proposal is to add eastern cottontail, Nuttall's cottontail, and snowshoe hare to the identified furbearer game species list. This change will offer new and expanded recreational hunting and trapping opportunities.

WAC 220-410-010 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region one.

This proposal is a minor administrative change to clarify that the boundary for GMUs 175 (Lick Creek) and 178 (Peola) follows the elk drift fence to where it meets the section line, rather than where the fence ends. There are no anticipated effects associated with this proposal other than making it clearer to hunters.

WAC 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region four.

Specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. Establishing Henry Island (GMU 423) and Stuart Island (GMU 424) in the Puget Sound as standalone GMUs, rather than including them as part of GMU 410 (Islands). Anticipated effects of this proposal would be reductions in hunter confusion and improvements in harvest estimates. 2. Making a minor adjustment to the boundary description for GMUs 407 (North Sound) and 454 (Issaquah) to establish a more easily identified boundary. Anticipated effects of this amendment would be reductions in hunter confusion and resulting enforcement issues.

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

Specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. Making a minor adjustment to the boundary description for GMUs 568 (Washougal) and 572 (Siouxon) to establish a more easily identified boundary. Anticipated effects associated with this amendment include reductions in hunter confusion. 2. Adding that portion of GMU 554 (Yale) that is north of State Route 503 to GMU 556 (Toutle). Anticipated effects associated with this amendment include reducing hunter confusion and resulting in less enforcement issues. 3. Formally adopting a change to the boundary description for GMUs 506 (Willapa Hills) and 673 (Williams Creek) that was implemented as an emergency rule on September 1, 2020. There are no anticipated effects associated with this amendment.

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

Formally adopting a change to the boundary description for GMUs 506 (Willapa Hills) and 673 (Williams Creek) that was implemented as an emergency rule on September 1, 2020. There would be no anticipated effects associated with this amendment.

WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve (Whatcom County).

Rule changes are needed to this rule for technical adjustment under area description to align intent with legal description. This does not change how users have understood this Game Reserve.

WAC 220-411-210 Stratford Game Reserve.

The proposed rule changes for WAC 220-411-210 is for the same reason as the rule change to 220-411-140. The changes are needed to this rule for technical adjustment under area description to align intent with legal description. This does not change how users have understood this Game Reserve.

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

The purpose of this proposal is to change the bag limit for auction and raffle moose permits from one moose of either sex to one bull moose, as well as, to expand the hunt area for moose raffle permits to include any open moose unit, instead of being limited to GMUs 101-121 and 204. Nearly all auction and raffle permit holders harvest bulls, so there are no anticipated effects beyond reducing the potential for antlerless harvest in the future. The only anticipated effect associated with amending the hunt area for raffle permits is that harvest may occur in different GMUs.

WAC 220-412-080 Special hunting season permits.

Specific amendments associated with this proposal include:

1. Allowing successful applicants for all big game special permits to return their permit to the Department for any reason two weeks prior to the opening day of the season and to have their points restored. Whether this proposal will result in more

permits being returned is difficult to predict. It will, however, simplify the process of returning permits and reduce situations where hunters could not participate in a hunt, but lose their preference points within that specific hunt category.

Providing an exception to the once-in-a-lifetime restriction for hunters that participate in mountain goat conflict reduction hunts. The anticipated effects would be allowing hunters who have previously harvested a mountain goat, to participate in efforts to remove mountain goats from the Olympic Peninsula.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

The purpose of the proposal is to present the new properties for enrollment into the Landowner Hunt Permits Program (LHP) and their corresponding permit allocations and season dates. In addition, staff proposes slight wording changes to the WAC 220-412-100 that will provide further clarification within the standard operating procedure.

WAC 220-413-060 Hunting restrictions.

The specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. A minor administrative change to rule language that clarifies it is unlawful to hunt any wildlife at night and that it is unlawful to hunt wild animals, except rabbits and hares, with hounds during established modern firearm general deer and elk seasons during the months of October and November. There are no anticipated effects associated with this amendment other than reducing confusion that potentially exists. 2. Allowing hunters to use one dog controlled by leash during lawful hunting hours and within 72 hours of shooting a big game animal, except bear and cougar, to assist with recovering wounded big game. Anticipated effects of this proposal would be a reduction in the number of big game animals that are mortally wounded, but not recovered.

WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife – Evidence of sex – Definitions.

The purpose of this proposal is to clarify language regarding turkey identification - evidence of sex until processed and/or stored for consumption and clarify requirements for falconry efforts. Its anticipated effect is to provide clarity for hunters.

WAC 220-414-020 Unlawful methods for hunting – Firearms.

The purpose of this proposed rule is to add legal methods for hunting dusky grouse, sooty grouse, spruce grouse, ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, and turkey and to maintain humane methods of harvest. We anticipate expanded and new recreational hunting opportunities will assist with the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

WAC 220-414-010 Hunting equipment restrictions.

This proposal clarifies that it is unlawful to hunt all big game, not just deer and elk, with the aid of infrared night vision equipment or with laser sights. There are no anticipated effects associated with this proposal other than eliminating any confusion that potentially exists.

WAC 220-414-040 Nontoxic shot requirements.

The changes proposed to rule 220-414-040 are: Adjust Wildlife Area and Unit naming conventions under subsection two to reflect current relationships.

All adjustments are related to Wildlife Area Units with significant wetlands occurring within boundaries.

WAC 220-414-050 Shotgun shell restriction areas.

The proposed changes to rule 220-414-050 are: Technical adjustment under subsection 1d-Johnson/DeBay's Slough Hunt Unit area description fixing GPS-coordinates to align intent with legal description; Technical adjustment under subsection 1e-Dungeness Unit in Clallam County due to a change in a previous contract agreement; Addition of subsection 1f – Samish River Unit of Skagit Wildlife Area in Skagit County, as a technical adjustment required from differentiating from the Samish Unit.

Addition of subsection 1g – South Padilla Bay Unit of Skagit Wildlife Area in Skagit County, to align with current management of waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting on this Unit.

WAC 220-414-060 Muzzleloading firearms.

Specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. Allowing the use of 1x or red dot scopes on muzzleloading firearms. Anticipated effects associated with this amendment would be increased hunter participation, increased hunter retention, and ensuring a clean and ethical kill. 2. Allowing video-cameras to be mounted to muzzleloading firearms. There are no anticipated effects associated with this proposal other than hunters who wish to video their hunt being allowed to do so. Clarifies that the term "load" refers to the powder charge and projectile and that both must be loaded from the muzzle. Anticipated effects associated with this amendment would be hunters having a clearer understanding of the muzzleloading firearms that are legal to use during established muzzleloader seasons.

WAC 220-414-070 Archery equipment.

Currently, it is unlawful for hunters to have any electrical equipment or electric device(s) attached to archery equipment. The purpose of this proposal is to allow the use of specific electronic equipment. Specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. Allowing the use of range-finding bow sights. 2. Allowing the use of breadcrumb nocks. 3. Allowing the use of verifiers for peep sights. 4. Allowing video-cameras to be mounted to archery equipment.

Anticipated effects associated with amendments 1-3 would be increased hunter participation, increased hunter retention, and ensuring a clean and ethical kill. There are no anticipated effects associated with allowing video-cameras to be mounted to archery equipment other than hunters who wish to video their hunt being allowed to do so.

WAC 220-414-090 Use of decoys and calls.

The proposed change to WAC 220-414-090 is:

Under subsection 2, provide an exception allowing the use of electronic calls during a white goose-only (snow, Ross', and blue phase geese) season segment; this aligns state regulations with federal allowances.

WAC 220-414-100 Crossbow requirements.

The purpose of this proposal is to allow the use of crossbows during established muzzleloader seasons. The only anticipated effect associated with this proposal would be increased participation during established muzzleloader seasons, but that effect is expected to be minor.

WAC 220-415-010 Deer area descriptions.

The purpose of this proposal is to eliminate Deer Areas 1040 (4-O Ranch Wildlife Area) and 1021-Clarkston (Asotin Co.). Anticipated effects associated with this proposal include increasing hunter opportunities to harvest deer on the 4-O Wildlife Area and reducing opportunities for hunters to harvest antlerless mule deer in areas adjacent to the city of Clarkston, WA.

WAC 220-415-020 2021-2023 Deer general seasons and definitions.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain general season deer hunting opportunities for 2021-2023. It also provides opportunities in accordance with the status of deer populations and attempts to balance hunting opportunity among user groups. More specifically, amendments include: 1. Changing season dates for the late white-tailed deer season in GMUs 105-121 to a nine-day season with season dates of November 11-19. 2. Reducing general season opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer in GMUs 127-142 to promote population increases. 3. Reducing general season opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer in GMUs 127-142 to promote population increases. 4. Reducing general season opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer in GMU 124 (Mount Spokane). 5. Increasing opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer during general muzzleloader seasons in GMUs 247 (Entiat), 254 (Saint Andrews), 262 (Withrow), 266 (Badger), and 269 (Moses Coulee).

Eliminating opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer during the early general archery season in GMUs 382 (East Klickitat) and 388 (Grayback).

WAC 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit deer hunting opportunities for 2021. It also provides opportunities in accordance with the status of deer populations and attempts to balance hunting opportunity among user groups. Specific amendments include: 1. Adding a special permit opportunity for modern firearm hunters in GMU 136 (Harrington) in the Quality permit category. 2. Establishing special permit opportunities for antlerless deer in GMUs 127-142 to offset some of the opportunity lost by reducing general season opportunities. 3. Increasing the number of special permits for antlerless black-tailed deer on Puget Sound islands and standardizing season dates of August 1-December 31 for Any Weapon to assist with reducing deer numbers.

Adding a special permit opportunity in the Youth category for black-tailed deer in GMU 485 (Green River).

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

Specific amendments associated with this proposal include: 1. Eliminating Elk Area 1040 and opening the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area Unit during general elk seasons. Anticipated effects associated with this proposal include increasing hunter opportunities to harvest elk on the 4-O Wildlife Area. 2. Making a minor adjustment to the boundary description for Elk Area 2032 (Malaga) to establish a more easily identified boundary. There are no anticipated effects other than making it easier for hunters to identify the boundary. 3. Adding Elk Area 5066 (Norway Pass) to GMU 522 (Loo-Wit). Anticipated effects include reductions in hunter confusion and resulting enforcement issues. Other anticipated effects include the elimination of opportunities to hunt other game species in Elk Area 5066. However, these effects are anticipated to be minor because very few hunters report hunting activity for other game species in Elk Area 5066.

Establishing a new Elk Area in GMU 603 (Pysht) near the town of Joyce to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints.

Anticipated effects are increased opportunities for elk hunters and reductions in elk damage complaints.

WAC 220-415-050 2021-2023 Elk general seasons and definitions.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain general season elk hunting opportunities for 2021-2023. It also provides opportunities in accordance with the status of elk populations and attempts to balance hunting opportunity among user groups. More specifically, amendments include: 1. Increasing opportunity in Game Management Units (GMUs) 249 (Alpine) and 251 (Mission) during general archery and muzzleloader elk seasons. Anticipated effects associated with these amendments include increases in hunter opportunity and harvest of bull elk, but not at levels that would represent a resource concern. 2. Increasing opportunity in GMUs 272 (Beezley), 278 (Wahluke), 284 (Ritzville), 382 (East Klickitat) and 379 (Ringold) during general archery and muzzleloader elk seasons. Anticipated effects associated with these amendments include increases in hunter opportunity and elk harvest, but those increases would be minimal given that elk already occur at very low densities. 3. Limiting the Master Hunter season in GMU 371 (Alkali) to the month of August and increasing opportunity in GMU 371 during general archery elk seasons. Anticipated effects associated with these amendments include a reduction in opportunity for Master Hunters and an increase in opportunity for general elk hunters. Harvest rates for elk are anticipated to be similar. 4. Removing the "True Spike Bull" restriction during general archery seasons in GMUs 328 (Naneum), 329 (Quilomene), 334 (Ellensburg), and 335 (Teanaway). Anticipated effects associated with these amendments include increases in hunter opportunity, with minimal changes to the harvest rate of yearling bull elk. 5. Changing the legal elk in GMU 448 (Stillaquamish) during general elk seasons from Any Elk to 3-pt. minimum. Anticipated effects associated with this amendment include a reduction in antlerless harvest, which may lead to increases in the elk population within this GMU. 6. Modifying season dates for late general archery and muzzleloader seasons in GMU 407 (North Sound). Anticipated effects associated with this amendment include simplifying the hunting regulations, decreasing the potential for hunter safety concerns, and potentially increasing the quality of the hunt experience.

Eliminating the late general muzzleloader elk season in GMU 578 (West Klickitat). The anticipated effects associated with this proposal would be a reduction in opportunity and subsequent harvest of antlerless elk, which will minimize the likelihood of harvesting antlerless elk at a rate that is not sustainable.

WAC 220-415-060 2021 Elk special permits.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit elk hunting opportunities for 2021. It also provides opportunities in accordance with the status of elk populations and attempts to balance hunting opportunity among user groups. Specific amendments include: 1. Establishing special permit opportunities for Master Hunters in 500 and 600 series GMUs to harvest elk displaying clinical signs of elk hoof disease such as limping, lameness, or hoof abnormalities.

Anticipated effects include increased harvest of antlerless elk that have elk hoof disease, but not at levels that would result in a population decline. 2. Establishing special permit opportunities in Elk Area 2033 (Peshastin) for antlerless and antlered elk to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints. Anticipated effects include increased harvest of antlered and antlerless elk and subsequent reductions in elk numbers and elk damage complaints within the Elk Area. 3. Modifying the hunt area for special permits in Elk Area 4941 (Skagit River) to include all of GMU 437 (Sauk). Anticipated effects are minimal. Harvest levels are expected to remain the same but distributed more broadly within the GMU. 4. Establishing special permit opportunities for muzzleloader hunters in GMU 578 (West Klickitat) to offset some of the opportunity lost with the elimination of the late general season. Anticipated effects are associated with ensuring harvest rates for antlerless elk are sustainable. 5. Shifting special permits for bulls in GMU 371 (Alkali) from the Bull special permit category to the Quality category. This amendment would increase the application fee for hunters from \$7.10 to \$13.70, which could potentially increase revenue by ~\$23,000. 6. Establishing special permit opportunities for antlerless elk in the Yakima elk herd area for archery hunters in the Youth and 65 and Older special permit categories. Anticipated effects are limited to balancing opportunity among user groups. Changes in antlerless harvest are expected to be minor.

Establishing special permit opportunities for archery hunters to harvest antlerless elk in the Colockum and Yakima elk herd areas and removing opportunities in the Colockum herd area within the Youth, Hunters 65 Years or Older, and Hunters with Disabilities categories.

WAC 220-415-070 2021 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit hunting opportunities for moose that are in accordance with the status of moose populations. Specific amendments include: 1. Increasing bull moose permits in GMU 108. 2. Reducing bull moose permits in GMUs 117 and 121. 3. Eliminating the Hunter Education Instructor incentive permit for one antlerless moose. - Administrative changes to remove hunt notes that were not needed.

WAC 220-415-090 2019-2020 Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations.

The purpose of this proposal is to replace the season date table with a single sentence which identifies a standard time-period each year for black bear hunting across all game units. Also clearly identify the three game management units that are closed for fall black bear hunting. These units contain either watersheds or monument areas which are closed to public access, closed to hunting, or only allow limited hunting opportunity by permit for species other than bear. The anticipated effect will reduce redundancy within the WAC and minimize need for editorial changes during each three-year cycle; continue sustainable species management and hunting and trapping seasons; and assist with the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

WAC 220-415-120 2021 Bighorn sheep seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit hunting opportunities for bighorn sheep that are in accordance with the status of bighorn sheep populations. Specific amendments include: 1. Reducing the number of bighorn ram permits in the Yakima Canyon and Cleman Mountain herds. 2. Establishing new hunts for bighorn rams in the Wenaha and Mountain View sub-herd areas in the Blue Mountains. 3. Clarifying the criteria used to define a juvenile ram.

Administrative changes to clarify permits within the Youth and Hunters with Disabilities categories and to remove hunt notes that were not needed.

WAC 220-415-130 2021 Mountain goat seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

The primary purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit hunting opportunities for mountain goats that are in accordance with the status of mountain goat populations. Specific amendments include: 1. Reinstating the mountain goat conflict reduction special permits in the Olympic Mountains and establishing a bag limit of two mountain goats of any sex or age to assist with efforts to remove mountain goats from this range. 2. Reducing the number of permits in the Naches Pass, Bumping River, and Goat Rocks West hunt areas. 3. Establishing an opening season date of September 1 for all weapon types. - Administrative changes to hunt area descriptions to make them consistent.

WAC 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

The purpose of this proposal is to amend the season dates, restrictions, and regulations for small game and other species hunted. In addition, the proposal is to display information in table format to provide a user-friendly presentation.

WAC 220-416-060 2020-2021 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.

This proposal amends WAC 220-416-060 2020-2021 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations are: Adjust season dates relative to 2021-2022 calendar dates; Maintain one-pintail per day bag-limit and associated possession limit per the USFWS Northern Pintail Harvest Strategy; Maintain two-scaup per day bag-limit and associated possession limits, while maintaining an 86-day season length per the optimal regulatory alternative described in AHM protocol; Adjust the boundaries of Goose Management Area 1 to include Skagit and Whatcom counties, and that portion of Snohomish County west of Interstate 5. All regions previously within GMA 1 will be part of Goose Management Area 3; Increase white goose (snow, Ross', blue phased) in all Goose Management Areas to ten white geese per day bag-limit and associated possession limits.

Increase white goose (snow, Ross', blue phased) to 20 white geese per day bag-limit and associated possession limits during white goose-only season segments (GMA 1 and GMA 4), when electronic callers would be allowed.

WAC 220-416-070 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures.

The proposed rule will update closures to reflect current management considerations. The Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures: Under subsection 4, removes reference to the "Wooden Tower" which has been removed from the landscape. Eliminates subsection 7; Would now allow waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting during approved season dates.

WAC 220-416-080 Lynch Cove and Union River hunting area restriction (Mason County).

Proposed changes to WAC 220-416-080 Lynch Cove and Union River hunting area restrictions (Mason County) [Regulated Access Area restrictions for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting] will: Adjusts the title of this WAC to include several Wildlife

Area Units where restrictions exist to regulate access for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting; Provides specification of current management restrictions for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting access consistent with purposes articulated in WAC 220-500-040 Regulating public access.

There are several cases, highlighted in the proposed WAC 220-416-080 Regulated access area restriction for waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunting, where department managed lands are left to relay and enforce these restrictions through posted notice (signs), but specifying these restrictions would provide greater clarity to users and reinvigorate the rationale behind those management considerations on particular units.

WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations.

The purpose of this proposal is to change the season dates for marten trapping, add season dates for eastern cottontail, Nuttall's cottontail, and snowshoe hare, and include trapping restrictions for each of these species. Further, clarify license requirements by adding language stating a trapping license is required. The anticipated effect to this rule is to continue sustainable species management and hunting and trapping seasons.

WAC 220-417-030 Wild animal trapping.

The purpose of this rule is to clarify language regarding authorized take and use of furbearer animals. The change will allow eastern cottontail, Nuttall's cottontail, and snowshoe hare to be used for consumption.

Reasons supporting proposal:

WAC 220-400-020 Classification of wild animals.

This proposal will provide greater understanding of the identified species. Expand recreational harvest opportunity as well as continue sustainable species management and allow for sustainable hunting and trapping seasons. Also, the proposal will assist with the recruitment, retention, and reactivation of hunters.

WAC 220-410-010 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region one.

This is a minor change in the current boundary description that does not result in an actual change to the GMU boundary.

WAC 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region four.

Currently, Stuart Island and Henry Island are included with GMU 410 which includes all islands in San Juan and Skagit counties except Orcas, San Juan, Lopez, Shaw, Blakely, Decatur, and Cypress islands. Often hunters are confused about which islands are included under the description of GMU 410 and report their harvest incorrectly. Stuart and Henry islands represent two of the larger islands in the Puget Sound that are not currently standalone GMUs. This proposal would lessen hunter confusion and improve harvest estimates. When presented to the public for initial comment, 62% of the ~1,100 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

The current boundary description for GMU 407 is defined by traveling south from the town of Monroe on State Route (SR) 203 to NE Woodinville-Duvall Road at the town of Duvall; West on NE Woodinville-Duvall Road to the Snohomish River and then north down the Snohomish River. The current boundary description results in a very narrow portion of GMU 407 that is bordered to the east by GMU 460 (Snoqualmie) and to the west by GMU 454. This small area of GMU 407 causes confusion and frequent enforcement issues. When presented to the public for initial comment, 81% of the ~1,100 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

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

1. The current boundary language is unclear because there is confusion about road names at the point where NE Healy Road crosses Canyon Creek. This proposal represents a minor adjustment to the current boundary language. Instead of the boundary following NE Healy Road to National Forest (NF) Road 54 from the point where NE Healy Road crosses Canyon Creek the boundary would continue approximately 1.4 miles upstream until NF Road 54 crosses Canyon Creek. This would result in approximately 75 acres being removed from GMU 572 and added to GMU 568. When presented to the public for initial comment, 77% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. Currently GMU 554 is a firearm restriction area (FRA), even though the area north of State Route 503, which represents approximately 6,400 acres, is almost entirely forested. A large proportion of this area is also public land owned by the Department of Natural Resources. Because of these facts many hunters unintentionally hunt in the area not realizing they are in an FRA, which has resulted in a long-standing enforcement issue. This amendment would alleviate this confusion and appropriately remove a large tract of mostly forested public land from an FRA. When presented to the public for initial comment, 79% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 3. Amendments to the boundary descriptions for GMUs 506 and 673 that were presented to and adopted by the Commission in 2020 were done so in error. As such, the Department implemented an emergency rule on September 1, 2020 that nullified those amendments and reverted the boundary description back to its original language. This proposal formalizes that emergency rule.

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

Amendments to the boundary descriptions for GMUs 506 and 673 that were presented to and adopted by the Commission in 2020 were done so in error. As such, the Department implemented an emergency rule on September 1, 2020 that nullified those amendments and reverted the boundary description back to its original language. This proposal formalizes that emergency rule.

WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve (Whatcom County).

Game Reserves are defined as a closed area where hunting for all wild animals and wild birds is prohibited, per RCW 77.08.010 subsection 32, Chapter 220-411 provide descriptions of all Game Reserves in Washington. In reviewing spatial boundaries of these areas closed to all hunting for consistency with user maps, it was identified that in WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve and WAC 220-411-210 Stratford Game Reserve, the legal description did not portray the approved intent. This will give greater clarity to waterfowl hunters and other users of department lands.

WAC 220-411-210 Stratford Game Reserve.

Game Reserves are defined as a closed area where hunting for all wild animals and wild birds is prohibited, per RCW 77.08.010 subsection 32, Chapter 220-411 provide descriptions of all Game Reserves in Washington. In reviewing spatial boundaries of these areas closed to all hunting for consistency with user maps, it was identified that in WAC 220-411-140 Lake Terrell Game Reserve and WAC 220-411-210 Stratford Game Reserve, the legal description did not portray the approved intent. This will give greater clarity to waterfowl hunters and other users of department lands.

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

Moose populations in some GMUs have declined in recent years. In response to those declines, the Department substantially reduced opportunities to harvest antlerless moose in 2018. Reducing opportunities for auction and raffle permit holders is consistent with previous reductions and only reduces the potential for future antlerless harvest as nearly all auction and raffle permit holders harvest bulls. Amendments to adjust the hunt areas associated with the raffle permits are supported because there is no clear justification for why raffle permit holders should be limited to GMUs 101-121 and 204.

WAC 220-412-080 Special hunting season permits.

1. Every year the Department receives multiple requests from hunters who have drawn a special permit, or multiple special permits, and are unable to go on their hunt for reasons that are beyond their control. We currently only offer point restoration to hunters under certain circumstances (e.g., medical, death, moved, etc.) and do not attempt to reissue the permit. Losing their points reduces their chances of drawing in the future. This proposal will allow people to return their permits and have their points restored regardless of the reason, if they do so two weeks before the season opens. This proposal would simplify the process for returning permits and reduce situations where hunters are unable to participate in a hunt but lose their preference points within that specific hunt category. When presented to the public for initial comment, 87% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

2. Following an increase in conflicts between humans and mountain goats in the Olympic Mountains, the Department created special permit opportunities that were designed to reduce goat numbers in areas where those conflicts occurred. These permit opportunities were not available in 2018 and 2019 to avoid conflicts with efforts to capture and translocate goats from the Olympic Mountains to the North Cascade Mountains. The Department is proposing to reinstate these permits to assist with efforts to lethally remove goats that remain on the Olympic Peninsula following the final translocation effort in 2020 (see proposal for WAC 220-415-130). Biologists believe less than 100 mountain goats remain within the associated hunt area. Success rates are expected to be low, with the ultimate objective of completely removing mountain goats from this area, rather than provide recreational opportunity. Thus, there is not a strong justification for excluding hunters who have previously harvested a mountain goat.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

The Department completed its first application period since the program revision for the 2021-2023 LHP seasons. Six applications were submitted, and the Department is proposing five of those six be accepted into the program. The Landowner Hunting Permit WAC has been adjusted to reflect the new proposed applicants, the corresponding permit allocations and season dates, as well as some adjustments to wording that will aid in providing clarification to the standard operating procedure.

WAC 220-413-060 Hunting restrictions.

1. This amendment is a minor administrative change that only provides clarification and does not change the intent of the rule. 2. The Department frequently receives requests from hunters to allow the use of dogs for tracking wounded big game, as is allowed in many other states. Those requests are usually associated with deer and elk hunting, but it is likely to be beneficial for recovering other big game species as well. Additionally, the Department does not believe this would result in an increase in hunters that use dogs to hunt big game unlawfully. When presented to the public for initial comment, 71% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife – Evidence of sex – Definitions.

The proposed changes to the rule minimize potential confusion and align with current Department activities, needs, and goals for managing these species for conservation and recreation interests. This proposal will provide greater understanding of evidence of sex for the identified game species. Both users and non-users will benefit from these amendments.

WAC 220-414-020 Unlawful methods for hunting – Firearms.

The proposed changes expand the legal methods of take for turkey and clarify methods of take for several grouse and rabbit species. The proposed changes establish the use of handguns and rimfire rifles as a legal method for harvesting turkeys with exceptions noted.

WAC 220-414-010 Hunting equipment restrictions.

This amendment is a minor administrative change that does not change the intent of the rule. Additionally, it provides language consistent with RCW 77.15.450 (Hunting with artificial lights).

WAC 220-414-040 Nontoxic shot requirements.

The 2021-2022 migratory waterfowl, coot and snipe season will mark the 30th year since prohibiting the use of lead for waterfowl hunting nationwide. These changes provide consistency in naming conventions of our Wildlife Area Units, and address Wildlife Area Units with significant wetlands presenting a high probability for contact with spent shot pellets.

WAC 220-414-050 Shotgun shell restriction areas.

The proposed changes are consistent with current management on these units to improve the presence of waterfowl over the course of the 107-day season, balancing resource and user objectives consistent with Objective 104e in WDFW's Game Management Plan.

WAC 220-414-060 Muzzleloading firearms.

1. Under current rule, sights on muzzleloading firearms must be open, peep, or of other open sight design. Optic sights are allowed, but telescopic sights or sights containing glass are not. The Department routinely receives requests from hunters to

allow the use of 1x scopes on muzzleloading firearms. Common arguments in support of allowing them to be used are related to increased hunter participation, hunter retention, and ensuring a clean and ethical kill. One-power scopes do not magnify the target, but rather provide a clearer sight window, in much the same way eyeglasses correct someone's vision (i.e., they make the target clearer, but don't make it bigger). Common arguments against their use are typically related to the use of scopes not adhering to the spirit of primitive weapons. The Department is not opposed to allowing the use of 1x scopes on muzzleloading firearms because we do not anticipate it would result in more animals being harvested. When presented to the public for initial comment, 65% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. Currently, it is unlawful for hunters to have any electrical equipment or electric device(s) attached to muzzleloading firearms. By rule, this precludes a hunter from mounting a video camera to their weapon for the purpose of filming their hunt. Filming hunts has become a common practice with hunters, but it is difficult for hunters that prefer to hunt without other hunting companions. Allowing video-cameras to be mounted to muzzleloading firearms would make it easier for them to film their hunts and does not present a resource concern. When presented to the public for initial comment, 71% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 3. Recent technological advancements in muzzleloading equipment have resulted in the development of muzzleloading firearms that use an encapsulated propellant charge that loads from the breech and is completely impervious to moisture. The bullet is still loaded from the muzzle. Hunters have begun to inquire as to whether this type of muzzleloading firearm is legal to use in Washington. It is not because the current rule requires that the load be loaded from the muzzle. By amending language to clearly state that the term load includes both the powder charge and bullet, the proposed amendment simply adds language to clarify these new muzzleloading firearms are not lawful during established muzzleloader seasons.

WAC 220-414-070 Archery equipment.

1. The main argument for allowing the use of range-finding bow sights is related to improving the likelihood of a clean and ethical kill. Because the sights do not magnify the target, they also would not qualify as a scope. The sights simply produce a digital reading of the estimated distance that is visible to the shooter while they are looking at the sight pins. The Department is not opposed to the use of range-finding bow sights because we do not feel it will result in more animals being harvested. When presented to the public for initial comment, 57% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. Breadcrumb nocks use Bluetooth technology via a cell-phone app to assist with the recovery of arrows that miss an intended target. Although some may advocate this technology would also assist with recovering wounded game, that is unlikely because the range limit on a breadcrumbnock is 50 yards. The Department is not opposed to the use of breadcrumb nocks because we do not feel it will result in more animals being harvested. When presented to the public for initial comment, 68% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 3. Verifiers are small glass inserts for peep sights that are designed to allow shooters who are farsighted (i.e., unable to see things clearly that are close) to see their sight pins more clearly. They are manufactured with several different magnification powers, to fit the needs of the user. Although they are made of glass and clarify the sight pins, they do not magnify the target. The main argument for allowing the use of verifiers is related to increasing the likelihood that hunters make clean and ethical kills. The current rules defining archery requirements do not specifically address the use of verifiers but do make it unlawful for hunters to hunt wildlife with any bow equipped with a scope, which some would interpret to mean verifiers are also illegal. This proposal seeks to clarify the rule by allowing the use of verifiers because they do not magnify a target in the same way a scope does. The Department is not opposed to the use of verifiers for peep sights because we do not feel it will result in more animals being harvested. When presented to the public for initial comment, 79% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 4. Currently, it is unlawful for hunters to have any electrical equipment or electric device(s) attached to archery equipment, which precludes a hunter from mounting a video camera to their weapon for the purpose of filming their hunt. Filming hunts has become a common practice with hunters, but it is difficult for hunters that prefer to hunt without other hunting companions. Allowing video-cameras to be mounted to archery equipment would make it easier for them to film their hunts and does not present a resource concern. When presented to the public for initial comment, 71% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-414-090 Use of decoys and calls.

Currently WDFW regulations are more restrictive than Federal regulations. Significant increases in the number of wintering white geese have been documented in northwest Washington and portions of the Columbia Basin in eastern Washington. Harvest strategies developed in the Pacific Flyway Council's management for this population of snow geese and the WDFW Game Management Plan provide guidance to increase harvest rates and/or total harvest on snow geese at the winter count estimates now being observed. In recent years, WDFW has allowed separate goose-type bag limits, and shifted days specifically for snow geese into February, while being consistent with the 107-day maximum allowed under federal frameworks and law. Further increases in bag-limit for snow geese are not likely to effectively increase harvest without the assistance of electronic calls, a highly effective tool at attracting this highly gregarious species. Electronic calls can only be allowed under federal law during a white goose only (snow, Ross', blue phase geese) season segments; currently only allowed in Goose Management Area 1 (11 days) and Goose Management Area 4 (19 days). Therefore, all other waterfowl and migratory gamebird species are closed during these dates. Additionally, this is consistent with Objective 103b to utilize recreational harvest as the primary method to address agricultural depredation concerns with this goose population.

WAC 220-414-100 Crossbow requirements.

Currently, hunters can only use muzzleloading firearms as defined under WAC 220-414-060, or bow and arrow, as defined under WAC 220-414-070 during established muzzleloader seasons for deer and elk. This proposal aims to also allow the use of crossbows during established general and special permit muzzleloader seasons for deer and elk because it is considered a "lesser" weapon than a muzzleloading firearm and it does not represent a resource concern. When presented to the public for initial comment, 56% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-415-010 Deer area descriptions.

Deer Area 1040 is the area in Game Management Unit 172 (Mountain View) that is associated with lands managed by the Department as the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area Unit. Since 2014, the Department has provided limited special permit opportunities within the Deer Area and excluded general season opportunities with the intent of providing a quality hunting experience. However, because Deer Area 1040 is within the ceded area of the Nez Perce Tribe, tribal hunters also pursue deer in this area. To ensure opportunities to access this area and hunt deer are similar for state and tribal hunters, the Department is proposing to eliminate Deer Area 1040, expand the hunt area for the special permits to include all of GMU 172, and open the area during general deer seasons. When presented to the public for initial comment, 84% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

Deer Area 1021 was created to assist with mitigating damage complaints caused by resident mule deer near the city of Clarkston. The number of complaints has declined to levels that no longer require a need for this Deer Area. Moreover, preliminary findings from the Department's efforts to radio-collar mule deer in the foothills of the Blue Mountains indicate some of the mule deer within Deer Area 1021 move into this area during winter but migrate back to summer range. As such, the late antlerless opportunities associated with Deer Area 1021 were likely targeting migratory mule deer more so than residents, which was not the intent. When presented to the public for initial comment, 76% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-415-020 2021-2023 Deer general seasons and definitions.

1. Some white-tailed deer hunters have strongly advocated for reinstating a 4-pt minimum antler-point restriction (APR) for white-tailed deer, with the intent of managing for more mature bucks in northeast Washington after that rule was abolished in 2015. The Department committed to considering APRs while developing proposals for the 2021-2023 seasons. We initiated this consideration by partnering with Washington State University to summarize the opinions of deer hunters on the management of white-tailed deer. We specifically targeted white-tailed deer hunters for that survey.

It was clear from this initial survey that a substantial portion of the ~13,000 white-tailed deer hunters that responded to the survey were unsatisfied with their opportunities that related to seeing and harvesting mature white-tailed deer bucks, but they were strongly opposed to any restrictions that would need to be implemented to increase the number of mature bucks in the population. Based on those findings, the Department's proposal that went out for public comment this summer included the following options:

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| 1. No change (retain current Any Buck seasons) | 36% |
| 2. 2-pt. APR with exemption for youth, senior, disabled | 17% |
| 3. 3-pt. APR with exemption for youth, senior, disabled | 29% |
| 4. 4-pt. APR with exemption for youth, senior, disabled | 20% |

Although we provided these four options, we also clearly stated that our recommendation to the Commission would be Option 1 (No change) since there was such strong opposition in the WSU survey. We also retained the APR options in this survey to uphold our commitment that we would consider them in concert with the 2021-2023 season setting process. The percentages provided next to the bulleted options above represent the proportion of respondents that indicated support. 2. Although 'No change' was the preferred option, 64% of the ~1,400 respondents were supportive of at least some level of APR, which indicates most respondents were interested in managing for more mature white-tailed deer bucks. We considered several options and believe the shortened nine-day season with hard calendar dates of November 11-19 is the most amenable because it is the smallest change from status quo. 3. We are presenting this proposal fully acknowledging it will result in only minor changes to buck harvest. One of the primary reasons for making that decision is because the Department does not feel we have requested explicit input from hunters regarding all available options. The only option we specifically asked about in the WSU survey, beyond asking hunters if they supported a general management approach, was APRs (e.g., should it be implemented district-wide or in select GMUs, which GMUs, should there be alternative seasons for youth, etc.). We need to gather more input from hunters before we consider other options that represent a substantial change from status quo.

4. As indicated by trends in general season harvest, white-tailed deer numbers in the Palouse White-tailed Deer Management Zone have substantially declined in recent years and fell more than 25% below the ten-year average harvest in 2019. This trend is driven predominately by declines in the white-tailed deer population in GMUs 127 – 142. If harvest levels are similar in 2020, harvest will have declined more than 25% below the ten-year average in two consecutive years, which would meet the criteria of an "At-Risk" ungulate population. The observed decline began with the 2015 Blue Tongue outbreak and has been further exasperated by several smaller hemorrhagic disease events and multiple hard winters. A more rapid recovery will not be achieved through a reduction in antlerless permits alone because over 70% of the antlerless harvest in these GMUs occurs during the general season. Substantial reductions in general season antlerless harvest in GMUs 127-142 are needed for this population to recover more quickly. Muzzleloader and archery hunters are responsible for ~35% of the general season antlerless harvest, with Youth coming in a close second at ~31%. Senior (≥65yrs old) and Disabled hunters take ~19% and ~16% respectively. When presented to the public for initial comment, 82% of the ~1,400 respondents indicated support for reductions in opportunities to harvest antlerless deer. 5. GMUs 127-142 represent the eastern third of the Columbia Plateau Mule Deer Management Zone where harvest data indicates mule deer numbers across the zone have begun to recover following declines that occurred 2015-2017. However, trends in harvest for GMUs 127-142 indicate mule deer populations have not fully recovered in the eastern portion of the zone. A substantial reduction in damage complaints associated with mule deer also indicates populations remain below historical levels. A reduction in opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer is needed to ensure the Department continues to promote the growth of mule deer populations throughout the Columbia Plateau Mule Deer Management Zone. When presented to the public for initial comment, 73% of the ~1,400 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 6. As indicated by trends in general season harvest, white-tailed deer numbers in GMU 124 (Mount Spokane) have substantially declined in recent years and fell more than 25% below the ten-year average harvest in 2019. If harvest levels are similar in 2020, harvest will have declined more than 25% below the ten-

year average in two consecutive years, which would meet the criteria of an “At-Risk” ungulate population. The observed decline began with the 2015 Blue Tongue outbreak and has been further exasperated by several smaller hemorrhagic disease events and multiple hard winters. A more rapid recovery cannot be accomplished through a reduction in antlerless permits alone because ~75% of the antlerless harvest in GMU 124 occurs during the general season. Substantial reductions in general season antlerless harvest opportunities are needed for this population to recover more quickly. Archery and muzzleloader hunters are responsible for ~34% of the general season antlerless harvest, with Youth coming in a close second at ~30%. Senior (≥65yrs old) and Disabled hunters take ~18% and ~17% respectively. When presented to the public for initial comment, 77% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for reductions in opportunities to harvest antlerless deer.7. Currently, GMUs 247 (Entiat), 254 (Saint Andrews), 262 (Withrow), 266 (Badger), and 269 (Moses Coulee) are not open during early general muzzleloader seasons for any buck white-tailed deer, but there is no biological justification for them not being open. Opening these GMUs would increase opportunity and make opportunity among weapon types more consistent in GMUs with similar white-tailed deer populations. When presented to the public for initial comment, 66% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.8. As indicated by trends in harvest, mule deer numbers in the East Columbia Gorge Mule Deer Management Zone (GMUs 382 and 388) have substantially declined over the past decade and currently meet the criteria of an “At-Risk” ungulate population because harvest has dropped more than 25% below the ten-year average for at least two consecutive years. The Department has removed all other opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer in GMUs Units 382 (East Klickitat) and 388 (Grayback), so this amendment would be consistent with past recommendations. When presented to the public for initial comment, 77% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-415-030 2021 Deer special permits.

1. Most recent estimates of buck to doe ratios in GMU 136 indicate this limited special permit opportunity is sustainable. In addition, it increases hunter opportunity. 2. See above under WAC 220-415-020 for reasons supporting a reduction in general season opportunities to harvest antlerless white-tailed deer. The Department is supportive of offering limited special permit opportunities to harvest antlerless deer to offset some of the opportunity lost during general seasons because we anticipate proposed amendments would result in at least a 70% reduction in antlerless harvest. The elimination of all opportunities to harvest antlerless deer is not needed to promote population increases. 3. Black-tailed deer populations in GMUs 411 (Orcas Island), 412 (Shaw Island), 413 (San Juan Island), 414 (Lopez Island), 415 (Blakely Island), and 420 (Whidbey Island) are at levels that warrant a reduction. Controlling deer numbers on Puget Sound islands has been a long-standing management challenge for the Department because they are dominated by privately owned lands, which makes facilitating hunter access extremely difficult. This amendment is modeled after the approach the Department has implemented in GMU 422 (Vashon Island), which increases opportunity through a longer season and allows more flexibility to hunters relative to the weapon type they can use. When presented to the public for initial comment, 83% of the ~1,300 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 4. Special permit opportunities for youth hunters and hunters with disabilities for black-tailed deer in GMU 485 alternate each year. In 2020, the special permit opportunity was offered in the Hunter with Disabilities category, so it will be offered in the youth category in 2021.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

1. Elk Area 1040 is the area in Game Management Unit 172 (Mountain View) that is associated with lands managed by the Department as the 4-O Ranch Wildlife Area Unit. Since 2014, the Department has provided limited special permit opportunities within the Elk Area and excluded general season opportunities with the intent of providing a quality hunting experience. However, because Elk Area 1040 is within the ceded area of the Nez Perce Tribe, tribal hunters also pursue elk in this area. This amendment ensures opportunities to access this area and hunt elk are similar for state and tribal hunters. When presented to the public for initial comment, 83% of the ~1,000 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. The current boundary description for Elk Area 2032 follows Moses Carr Road beyond a point where this road has been closed and no longer exists, and therefore is no longer a relevant reference point. To improve clarity of the boundary and address enforcement concerns, the Department is proposing to realign the boundary along section lines. This realignment would increase Elk Area 2032 by approximately 130 acres. 3. Currently, Elk Area 5066 represents the eastern portion of GMU 524 (Margaret) and opportunities to hunt elk in this Elk Area are limited to special permit opportunities. Currently, hunters can hunt in GMU 524 during general elk seasons, but not within Elk Area 5066. This causes confusion for some hunters as Enforcement Officers routinely make contacts with elk hunters in Elk Area 5066 that do not have an elk special permit and did not realize that portion of GMU 524 was not open to general season elk hunters. This proposal would assist with clarifying the rule for hunters and enforcement of elk hunting regulations in Elk Area 5066. When presented to the public for initial comment, 58% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 4. Conflicts with elk in the Joyce area have been increasing over the past five years. Currently there are no established seasons in GMU 603 that allow antlerless harvest. The creation of a new Elk Area and offering limited opportunities to harvest antlerless elk within that area would assist the Department with addressing conflicts, while also allowing us to maintain our current management objective of promoting population growth in other parts of the GMU. When presented to the public for initial comment, 83% of the ~1,100 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-415-050 2021-2023 Elk general seasons and definitions.

1. The Colockum elk herd area consists of GMUs 249, 251, 328, 329, 330, 334, and 335. Currently, the only general archery season available in GMUs 249 and 251 is in GMU 249 during the early general archery season for any elk. The only early general muzzleloader season available is associated with Elk Area 2051 (Tronsen) for a “True Spike” bull. Elk Area 2051 (Page 45 in 2020 Hunting Pamphlet) includes most of GMU 251 and a portion of GMU 249. It was originally created to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints, but that need no longer exists. The proposed amendments would provide more opportunity, standardize opportunity within the Colockum elk herd area, and do not present a resource concern. When

presented to the public for initial comment, 63% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. Elk numbers in GMUs 272, 278, 284, 290, 379, and 382 are extremely low because the Department maintains liberal harvest opportunities for elk with the intent of keeping elk populations suppressed because of the potential conflict with agriculture. The proposed amendments would establish general season opportunities that would be consistent with other general elk season opportunities in GMUs where the Department's intent is to maintain low densities of elk. When presented to the public for initial comment, 60-70% of the ~1,100 respondents indicated support for these proposals. 3. Nearly all of GMU 371 is comprised of public lands associated with the Yakima Training Center. The Department has historically offered liberal general season opportunities for Master Hunters to harvest antlerless elk to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints on neighboring private lands. As recently as 2019 the season dates associated with this hunt were Aug. 1–Jan. 20 but were shortened to Aug. 1–Oct. 15 for the 2020 season. The need to mitigate elk conflict issues still exists but given this GMU is mostly public land the Department feels we can use general elk hunters to mitigate elk conflicts just as effectively as we did with Master Hunters. Moreover, because of the status of the Yakima and Colockum elk herds (both below management objective), the Department had to substantially reduce general elk hunter opportunities, and this amendment has the potential to replace some of that lost opportunity. 4. To increase the survival of yearling bulls, harvest of bulls during general modern firearm, archery, and muzzleloader seasons has been limited to "True Spike" bulls in the core Colockum elk herd area (GMUs 328, 329, 334, and 335) since 2009. Since that time, yearling bull survival has increased and consistently meets the Department's management objective. The Department anticipates removing this restriction during general archery seasons would result in only modest effects on yearling bull survival. Moreover, archery hunters no longer have opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during general archery seasons in GMUs 328 and 329. Although the Department replaced some of that lost opportunity with special permit opportunities beginning during the 2020 season, concerns related to equity remain. When presented to the public for initial comment, 71% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 5. A legal elk during general modern firearm, archery, and muzzleloader seasons in GMU 448 has been Any Elk for many years because the Department's intent was to keep elk numbers low to minimize the potential for conflict with private landowners. However, a substantial portion of this GMU is forested public land and elk numbers could potentially increase in those areas without increasing conflict. Providing opportunities to harvest antlerless elk would still be considered to mitigate conflicts when appropriate but would be limited to the areas where conflicts occur. When presented to the public for initial comment, 52% of the ~1,000 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 6. The late general archery (November 25–January 20; 57 days) and general muzzleloader seasons (November 25–December 15; 21 days) in GMU 407 for Any Elk currently overlap and occur for an extended period to assist with elk damage complaints. Elk damage complaints have declined so there is no longer a need for such lengthy seasons. The Department has also received feedback from hunters expressing concerns they have about hunter crowding and overlapping seasons. The proposed amendments simplify the hunting regulations because season dates would be the same as those established for other western Washington GMUs, decreases the potential for hunter safety issues that potentially exist with the current overlap of hunting methods, and potentially increases the quality of the hunt experience for users of each hunting method by reducing the number of hunters in the field during each period. When presented to the public for initial comment, 62% of the ~900 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 7. The general season opportunity for hunters to harvest antlerless elk during the late general muzzleloader season in GMU 578 was first established during the 2018 season. Prior to that, opportunities were limited to the Department's special permit system. This change was made in 2018 to assist with the Department's efforts to mitigate damage complaints. However, this general season opportunity resulted in much more antlerless harvest than was anticipated and at levels that are not sustainable. Antlerless harvest averaged 41 elk 2015-2017 but increased to 95 in 2018 and 69 in 2019. When presented to the public for initial comment, 70% of the ~1,100 respondents indicated support for this proposal.

WAC 220-415-060 2021 Elk special permits.

With no treatments or vaccines available, efforts to reduce the prevalence and distribution of elk hoof disease are limited to lethally removing diseased elk. The proposed amendment is related to the Department's effort to develop a program that can be used to evaluate the potential for using hunters as a tool to assist with managing this disease. Importantly, the goal of this program is to increase the proportion of diseased elk within total harvest, but total harvest is not expected to increase. This program will be evaluated on an annual basis, and if warranted, discontinued before the 2023 hunting season. The two main components of this program include: Incentivizing Elk Hunters to Harvest Diseased Elk: The Department will create a special incentive permit drawing for hunters that harvest an elk with hoof disease. This drawing would be similar to permits offered to incentivize hunters to submit their harvest report early. The specific opportunities (season date, number of permits, hunt area, etc.) will be determined by September 1, 2021, but the Department plans to offer multiple permits to create a legitimate incentive. Any hunter (*except Hoof Disease special permit*) can participate by submitting hooves from their elk harvest at a Department collection location. Hunters that submit a hoof set with at least one hoof indicating a deformity enter the drawing. Hoof Disease Special Permits: The proposed amendment will create special permits within the Master Hunter special permit category that provide an opportunity to harvest diseased elk that are not identified as a legal elk during most general seasons (e.g., antlerless elk) or may otherwise not be targeted. If a Master Hunter successfully harvests a diseased elk under this special permit as their first elk, they will be issued an additional permit that would allow them to harvest a second elk during the established permit season. The Department will require permitted Master Hunters to submit all four hooves from their harvest to evaluate the effectiveness of this permit opportunity. 1. Elk Area 2033 is in GMU 251 (Mission) southeast of Leavenworth, WA. It was originally created to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints. The Department has not offered harvest opportunities in this Elk Area for several years, but conflicts with elk have increased to levels that warrant a reduction in the number of elk using this area, to include antlered elk. When presented to the public for initial comment, 71% of the ~1,200 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. Elk Area 4941 is in the Skagit River Valley and represents the most northerly portions of GMU 437. It was originally created to assist with mitigating elk damage complaints, which currently

includes special permit opportunities for both antlered and antlerless elk. With exception to Elk Area 4941, GMU 437 has been closed during both general and special permit elk seasons for more than two decades. Most of the elk in GMU 437 occur within Elk Area 4941, but they do occur in other parts of the GMU and at levels that could sustain limited special permit opportunities. The Department would continue to mitigate elk damage complaints using antlerless harvest opportunities when deemed appropriate, but those opportunities would be facilitated through the issuance of landowner or Master Hunter permits. When presented to the public for initial comment, 80% of the ~900 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 3. Offering limited special permit opportunities for muzzleloader hunters in GMU 578 would offset some of the opportunity lost by eliminating the general muzzleloader season, while also providing opportunity that is sustainable. 4. When special permit opportunities were first established for GMU 371, there were only small numbers of elk within the GMU. Elk numbers have substantially increased in recent years resulting in a much higher quality experience for hunters. As such, these permits now meet the criteria for the Quality special permit category. 5. When the Department removed all general season opportunities for archery hunters to harvest antlerless elk in 2020, we replaced some of that lost opportunity with special permits. However, we inadvertently failed to establish opportunities for archery hunters in the Youth and 65 Years or Older special permit categories. This proposed amendment establishes those opportunities. 6. These amendments were presented to and adopted by the Commission in April 2020. The permits were issued during the 2020 hunting season and the hunts occurred. However, due to a clerical error, these amendments were not filed with the CR-103 in 2020. As such, they represent an administrative change to correct this error.

WAC 220-415-070 2021 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

1. Aerial survey results in 2019 indicated a high bull to cow ratio and the average antler spread of bulls harvested in GMU 108 indicates most bulls being harvested are mature bulls. As such, the population can likely sustain more bull harvest. 2. Recent studies of moose in GMU 117 indicated populations were declining with very low calf recruitment rates and that cows were experiencing nutritional limitations. It is believed similar trends may be occurring in GMU 121 as well. Even though populations were declining, the Department retained antlerless permit numbers at similar levels in hopes of lowering the population and increasing forage availability, which would result in subsequent improvement in cow body condition and calf recruitment. Hunters are expressing difficulty in finding moose, which may indicate we have reached the equilibrium we were targeting. The Department believes it prudent to reduce antlerless harvest until surveys can be conducted to assess current status of the population. 3. Moose populations in some GMUs have declined in recent years. In response to those declines, the Department substantially reduced opportunities to harvest antlerless moose in 2018. Eliminating the Hunter Education Instructor incentive permit is consistent with previous reductions. 4. These are simple administrative changes that do not change opportunity or hunt area boundaries.

WAC 220-415-090 2019-2020 Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations.

The proposed changes to the fall black bear hunting season rule are intended to adjust the dates and simplify the rule and clearly identify closed areas. This proposal will provide greater understanding of the fall season dates, methods of harvest, and restrictions.

WAC 220-415-120 2021 Bighorn sheep seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

1. The Yakima Canyon bighorn sheep herd has declined to ~120 bighorn sheep. Most recently, those declines have been associated with the Department's efforts to reduce the herd, but those declines are also associated with the establishment of *M.ovi* within the herd and chronically depressed lamb survival because of *M.ovi*. With a very small number of yearling rams being recruited, permits for adult rams must be reduced accordingly. 2. An *M.ovi* outbreak occurred in the Cleman Mountain herd during fall 2020. As has occurred with other outbreaks, the Department anticipated a potential reduction in this herd, although it's difficult to predict how large the die-off event will be. In response to the outbreak, the Department implemented an emergency rule to allow the harvest of five additional rams in fall 2020. Reductions in ram permits are warranted until the Department is better able to assess how large the die-off was. 3. Bighorn sheep herds in the Blue Mountains have started to recover after *M.ovi* was cleared from those populations. Numbers within the Wenaha and Mountain View sub-herds have increased to levels that can sustain limited ram harvest. 4. Some rams harvested under juvenile ram permits are adults. When this occurs, hunters cite a misunderstanding of the criteria used in the field to determine if a ram is a juvenile. This amendment is an administrative change with the intent of reducing hunter confusion or misunderstanding. This amendment is a simple administrative change that clarifies the opportunities that are available for youth hunters and hunters with disabilities.

WAC 220-415-130 2021 Mountain goat seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

1. Following an increase in conflicts between humans and mountain goats in the Olympic Mountains, the Department created special permit opportunities that were designed to reduce goat numbers in areas where those conflicts occurred. This amendment reinstates these permits to assist with efforts to lethally remove mountain goats that remain following efforts to translocate goats from the Olympic Peninsula to the North Cascades. When presented to hunters for initial review, 81% of the ~1,400 respondents indicated support for this proposal. 2. aerial surveys of mountain goats in the Naches Pass, Bumping River, and Goat Rocks West hunt areas in 2020 indicated a decline in the number of goats observed and resulting abundance estimates. This amendment reduces special permits accordingly. 3. Having a clause that allowed permit holders that used archery equipment to start hunting September 1 caused confusion in some instances. The Department originally proposed to establish a standard opening date of September 15. However, when presented to hunters for initial comment, only 51% of the ~1,500 respondents were in support of the proposal. A common theme of the comments received expressed opposition to shortening the season for archery hunters. We adjusted our proposal in response to that feedback and believe a standard opening date of September 1 achieves the same goal of reducing confusion without reducing opportunity. 4. These are simple administrative changes that do not change the hunt area boundaries.

WAC 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

The proposed changes to the furbearer, small game and upland game bird rules are mainly intended to provide clarity for users and to align the regulations with current department activities, needs, and goals for managing these species for conservation and recreation interests. This proposal will provide greater understanding of the identified game species, methods of harvest, and seasons associated with each.

WAC 220-416-060 2020-2021 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.

Migratory game bird seasons and regulations are developed base 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 migratory game bird seasons and regulations to provide recreational opportunity, control waterfowl damage, and conserve the migratory game bird resources of Washington.

Goose Management Area 1 currently includes Skagit, Snohomish and Island counties. This Goose Management Area is designated to assist in management responsibilities for the Wrangell Island population of Lesser Snow Geese that winter in the Skagit-Fraser region. Shifting of season dates into February in Goose Management Area 1 have highlighted differences that exist between Goose Management Area 1 and Goose Management Area 3. This proposal would change the boundary of Goose Management Area 1 (with February white goose-only season dates) and by extension modify the adjacent Goose Management Area 3 (without February goose season dates).

WAC 220-416-070 Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River waterfowl, coot, and snipe closures.

The rule change will update closures to reflect current management and resource considerations. Opening of this 4-miles stretch of the Yakima River will provide increased opportunity to waterfowl, coot, and snipe hunters in the region. Additionally, two Game Reserves exist to the west and east of this river segment, providing safe refuge areas for waterfowl, coot and snipe, allowing birds to shift in distribution and not disperse from the Yakima Valley.

WAC 220-416-080 Lynch Cove and Union River hunting area restriction (Mason County).

The ten Regulated Access Areas are consistent with current management and considerations at these sites. Greater clarity to waterfowl hunters and other users of department lands management and providing enforceable restrictions to achieve increased wildlife use in order to improve hunter success, while managing other uses and safety on particular units of our Wildlife Areas. This is consistent with Objectives 104e and 104f of the WDFW Game Management Plan.

WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations.

The proposed changes to the furbearer and small game trapping seasons and regulations are intended to provide clarity and to align the seasons and regulations with current Department activities, needs, and goals for managing these species for conservation and recreation interests. The changes proposed for marten trapping in coastal counties are intended to minimize potential take of Pacific marten; which was once thought to be extirpated but recently re-discovered on the Olympic Peninsula. The proposed rule changes will provide users with greater understanding of the identified game species, methods of harvest, and season dates for each species.

WAC 220-417-030 Wild animal trapping.

The proposed changes to the wild animal trapping provide clarity to the use of the newly added furbearing species and to align the rule with current Department activities, needs, and goals for managing these species for conservation and recreation interests. Both users and non-users will benefit from these amendments.

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Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?

Yes No

Federal Court Decision?

Yes No

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Yes No

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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under RCW 28A.305.135?

Yes No

If yes, insert statement here:

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No: Please explain: [This proposal does not require a cost benefit analysis under RCW 34.05.328.]

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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.

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RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b)
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RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f)
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