

# Weapons and Other Restrictions

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# Staff will brief the Commission on:

Stephanie Simek:

- WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife – Evidence of sex – Definitions.
- WAC 220-414-020 Unlawful methods for hunting – Firearms.

Kyle Garrison:

- WAC 220-413-060 Hunting restrictions.
- WAC 220-414-010 Hunting equipment restrictions.
- WAC 220-414-060 Muzzleloading firearms.
- WAC 220-414-070 Archery requirements.
- WAC 220-414-100 Crossbow requirements.





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

# WAC 220-413-090

## Field Identification of Gamebirds

### Proposed Change:

- Editorial in section (1) – *Unlawful to possess or transport game birds (~~unless a~~) without feathered wing or head (~~is left~~) attached to each carcass until the carcass is processed and/or stored for consumption, except:*
  
- Reorganized the exceptions under subsection (1)



# WAC 220-413-090

## Field Identification of Gamebirds

### Proposed Change:

- ❑ Reorganized the exceptions into subsection (1) and added turkey:
  - (1)(a) Falconry-caught birds...
  - (1)(b) Canada and cackling geese...
  - (1)(c) Turkeys...



# WAC 220-413-090

## Field Identification of Gamebirds

### Proposed Change:

- Adds turkey; with the stipulation:
  - Where the head and or the beard, if present at harvest, must be left attached.
  
- Creates subsection (6)
  - Provision for failure to comply.

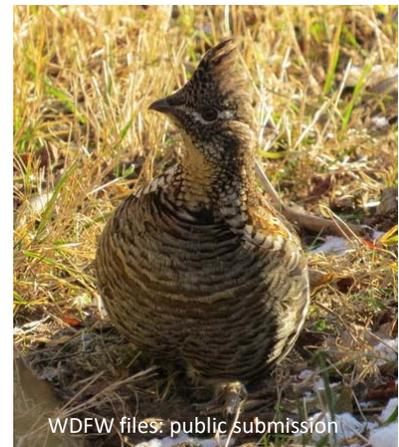


# WAC 220-413-090

## Field Identification of Gamebirds

### Recommended Adjustment:

- The incorrect version of the rule was included in the CR102 package.
  
- The intent was to:
  - propose that the head and, if present at harvest, the beard must be left attached.
  - include the proposed addition of section (6).



# Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effect:

## If adopted:

- Provide guidance to ensure harvested game animals retain natural evidence of sex before processing or stored for consumption.
- Outline the penalty for failure to comply with the rule.





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

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

## Proposed Change:

- Dusky grouse, sooty grouse, spruce grouse, ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare, and cottontail rabbit may be hunted with an air rifle no smaller than .22 caliber and no larger than .25 caliber



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

## Proposed Change:

- Editorial changes: in proposed (3)(b)
  - Blue grouse defined as dusky grouse and sooty grouse
  
- Add the use of modern handgun and muzzleloading handgun as lawful weapons for turkey hunting.



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

## Recommended adjustment:

- ❑ Under section (5)(b)(iii) *Modern handguns must shoot a minimum three-inch shotshell of ~~.140~~.410 caliber or larger*



# Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effect:

## If adopted:

- Expand opportunity by allowing use of lighter weight weapons for hunting identified species\*

\*Turkey, dusky grouse, sooty grouse, spruce grouse, ruffed grouse, snowshoe hare, and cottontail rabbit.



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- **WAC 220-413-060**  
**Hunting restrictions.**

# Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effect:

1. Modify WAC language to clarify it is unlawful to hunt wild animals, except rabbits and hares, with dogs (hounds) during the month of October or November during dates established for modern firearm deer and elk general seasons.
2. Allow the use of one dog controlled by leash during lawful hunting hours within 72 hours of shooting a big game animal, except bear and cougar, to track wounded big game and aid in recovery.





- **WAC 220-414-010**  
**Hunting equipment restrictions.**

# Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effect:

1. Modify WAC language to clarify 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.





- **WAC 220-414-060**  
**Muzzleloading firearms.**

# Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effect:

1. Allowing the use of 1x or red dot scopes on muzzleloading firearms.
2. Allowing video-cameras to be mounted to muzzleloading firearms.
3. Clarifying that the term “load” refers to the powder charge and projectile and that both must be loaded from the muzzle.





- **WAC 220-414-070**  
**Archery requirements.**

# Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effect:

1. Allow the use of range-finding bow sights.
2. Allow the use of breadcrumb nocks.
3. Allow the use of verifiers for peep sights.
4. Allow video-cameras to be mounted to archery equipment.





- **WAC 220-414-100**  
**Crossbow requirements.**

# **Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effect:**

1. Allow the use of crossbows during established muzzleloader seasons.



# Questions?

