

Timeline and Links to Materials and TVW Recordings

June 21, 2021

To begin this rulemaking timeline, it began on June 21, 2021 with the filing of a [preproposal \(CR-101\)](#).

- The preproposal tells the public that we are considering rulemaking and proposing amendments to a rule (Washington Administrative Code, WAC).

August 30, 2021

On Aug. 30, WDFW filed the [CR-102, Spring Bear Proposed Rule Making](#).

- The filing of the CR-102 initiates public comment as well as informs constituents of the briefing, public testimony, and decision information.
 - [Public Comment Period: August 30-October 21, 2021](#).
 - Briefing and Public Hearing scheduled for October 22 Commission meeting.
 - Decision scheduled for November 19, 2021 Commission meeting.

October 22, 2021

- **Agenda Item 8. Spring Bear Hunting Season – Briefing and Public Comment:**
 - Spring Bear [Summary Sheet](#).
 - Spring Bear [PowerPoint](#).
 - [Minutes](#)
 - [TVW Recording](#). (Spring Bear starts at 2:26) Presentation by Stephanie Simek, Ph.D.
 - During this meeting, we had a very large group of constituents that spoke to the rule proposal during the public comment period.
 - Not all constituents had a chance to voice their opinion.
 - Chair Carpenter announced that WDFW would receive written comment in lieu of verbal public comment and all written comments would bear the same weight as verbal. (The public comment link above includes the extension of public comments.)

November 15, 2021 - Special Commission

- [Agenda](#): Spring Bear Season Setting – Briefing Staff will provide the Commission responses to their questions from the initial briefing and provide responses to follow up questions.

Staff Report: Stephanie Simek, PH.D. Carnivore, Furbearer, Game Bird Section Manager, Wildlife Program

- [Materials](#)
- [Minutes](#)
- [Audio](#)
- [TVW](#)

November 19, 2021

- [Agenda](#): **A. Spring Bear Hunting Seasons – Decision**
Staff will ask the Commission for a decision on the proposed amendments to WAC 220-415-080 Spring black bear special permits.
 - [Minutes](#)
 - [Audio](#)
 - [TVW](#)
 - [Summary Sheet](#)

- [PowerPoint](#)

January 21, 2022

After the Commission denied the spring bear rule proposal, WDFW received [Spring Bear Petitions](#). January 21, 2022, the Commission held a special meeting:

- [Presentation](#).
- [Minutes](#)
- [TVW Recording of the Spring Bear Petition: Briefing and Decision](#).
- Commissioner Mclsaac motion language:
 - Please refer to the Minutes.

February 1, 2022

- WDFW Staff filed the CR-102 to reinitiate the spring bear rulemaking:
 - [CR-102 Current Spring Bear Rulemaking](#). Current proposed WAC language has been combined w/the CR-102 (scroll to the bottom)
 - Public Comment Period: February 2-March 12, 2022.
 - Briefing and Public Hearing: March 11, 2022.
 - Intended date of adoption: March 18, 2022.