

WAC 220-412-100

Landowner hunting permits

Decision

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Proposed Changes:

Recommend for adoption:

- Slight changes to season dates for a single property enrolled in the Landowner Hunting Permit Program.
- Proposed wording change to the SOP/WAC that addresses identified discrepancies between the WAC language and Commission Policy C-6002.

If adopted, the proposed changes will align and re-establish the language.



For Reference...

- Commission Policy C-6002 can be found on the Commission website at the link below:

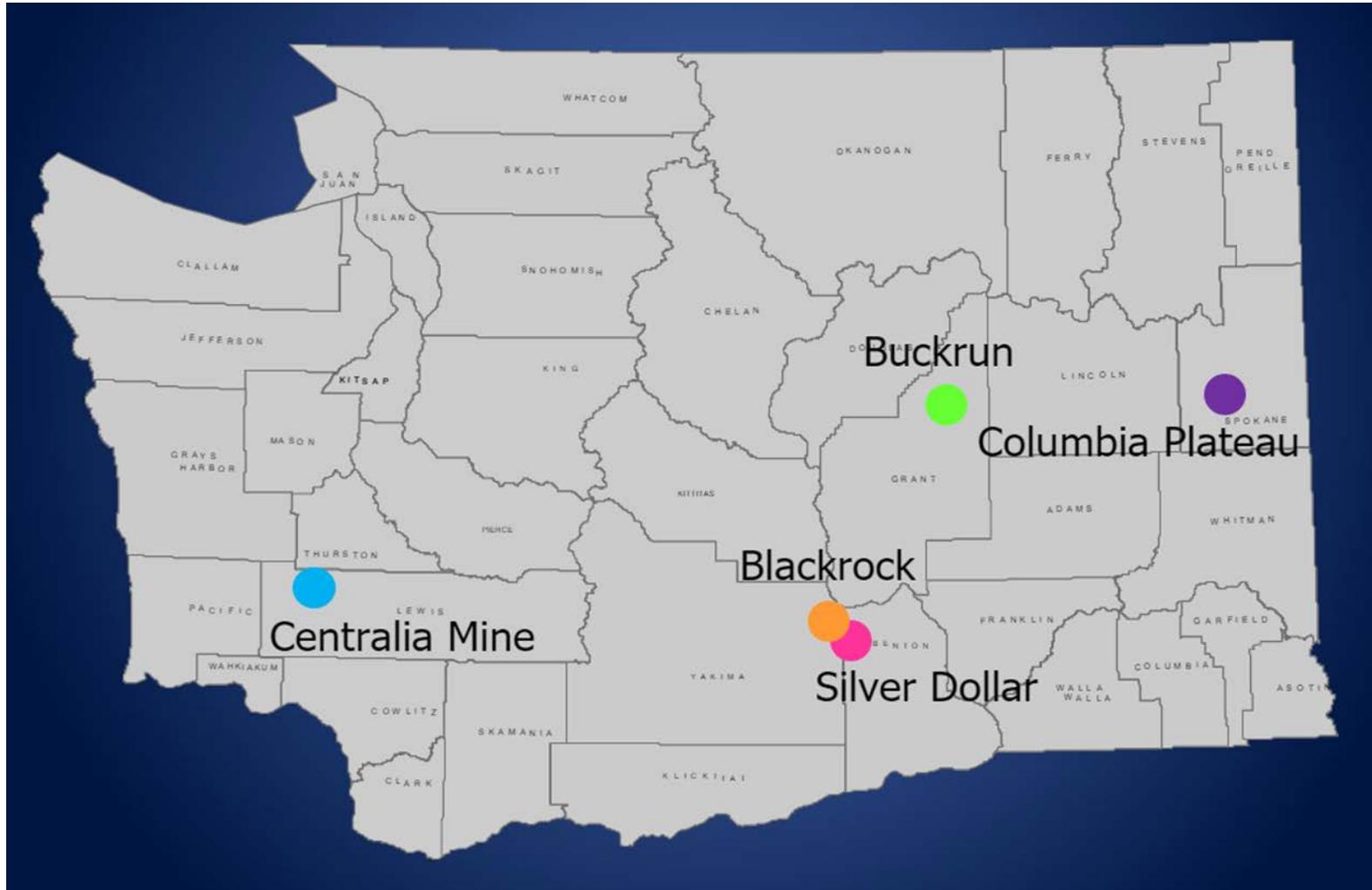
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/about/commission/policies/private-lands-access>

- A copy of the current LHP Standard Operating Procedure and the corresponding appendices, including the initial application packet can be found on our website at the link below and by scrolling to the bottom of the page under "Landowner Hunting Permit Application":

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/locations/private-lands#>



LHP Property Locations for 2021-23



WAC Permit Changes

Buckrun:

- No changes to permits or season dates.

Silver Dollar Association:

- No changes to permits or season dates.

Blackrock Ranches:

- No changes to permits or season dates.

CPWMA:

- No changes to permits or season dates.



WAC Season Date Changes

Centralia Mine:

No changes to permits.

Public portion of the permits – date changes only.

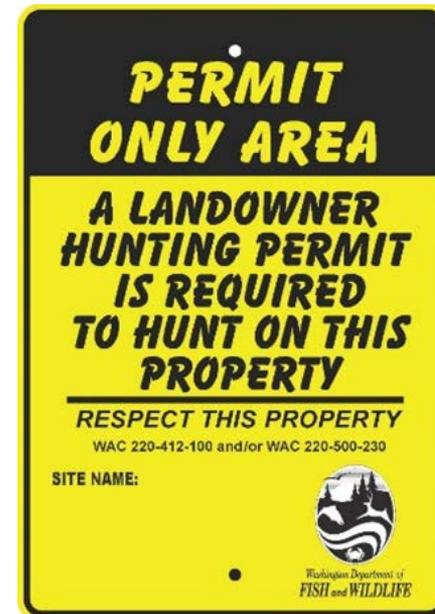
- ❖ 5 Antlerless Elk permits designated as Senior only for Sept. 3-11.
- ❖ 5 Antlerless Elk permits designated as Disabled only for Sept. 17-25.
- ❖ 1 Any Bull permit designated as Youth only during Oct. 1-9.
- ❖ All hunts will be granted on a single weekend during the hunt dates listed.



WAC Language Changes

- Program Guidelines (4)(d) Landowners may sell access associated with the landowner LHP portion of the permits, but then must ~~may~~ ~~be required to~~ waive the right to all claims ~~to all~~ for wildlife damage that may occur on their lands.
 - ❖ Justification: Changed to align with language in the Commission Policy (C-6002).

***Red text was incorrectly stated on previous briefing presentation. The WAC language was, and still is, correct.**



Public Comment

“Other” comment themes:

- Depredation Tags/Damage Issues/Fencing Issues/Damage Control Program/Conflict Program
- Hunt by Reservation System should be set up as a Lottery

Supporting comment themes:

- General “I support” comments
- One individual gave general support but also suggested that a Landowner Incentive Permit Program should be developed.
- Game Management Advisory Council (GMAC) provided full support of the proposed changes



Public Comment

Neutral comment themes:

In general, the neutral themes fell into the following categories but neither directly opposed or supported the proposed changes or the LHP program as a whole.

- Lottery System
- Developing a landowner incentive permit program
- Extend the timeframe that landowners can use their tags
- Permits should only be for Youth and Seniors
- Landowner permits should only go to immediate family members, not be allowed to be sold
- Special Draw opportunity for Landowner tags where funds go to improving habitats and/or minimizing wildlife damage



Public Comment

Opposing comment themes:

- Permits should be provided as an incentive to landowners who enroll in the Feel Free to Hunt program
- This program (LHP) and providing tags to landowners is overall detrimental to other access programs
- The LHP Program should instead dissolve, and those landowners should enroll in other access programs
- LHP is only a Pay to Play situation
- All LHP tags should be through a Lottery System
- Ensuring fairness between the WDFW allotted tags and the Landowner tags



Motion Language:

I move to adopt the recommended rule changes as presented by Department staff.

Is there a “second”?

