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## **MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HUNTED WILDLIFE SPECIES IN WASHINGTON STATE Volume I**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **CHAPTER 1**

##### ***Introduction Includes:***

- A. Washington Wildlife is part of the Public Trust*
- B. Changing Faces, Changing Values, Changing Funding Support  
(Reference Responsive Management Surveys: Washington Residents'  
Attitudes Towards Wildlife Management 2022)*
- C. Commission and Department Authorities*
- D. Description of Approval Process, SEPA and Public Involvement AND  
Ongoing Communication Plan over Life of Plan and Three Year Season  
Setting Process*

#### **CHAPTER 2**

##### ***Wildlife Management Issues:***

- A. Best Available Science: Identifying and Applying it in a Management  
Context*
- B. Biodiversity and Climate Change Challenges*
- C. Predator Prey Relationships and the Trophic Cascade Ecosystem  
Interaction: Top Down And Bottom Up Effects*
- D. Confounding Factors to Managing Hunting to "Optimal" Levels*
- E. Increasing Human Population and Impacts to Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat,  
Loss of Wildlife Related Recreation Opportunities*
- F. Habitat Changes (regeneration of forests, wildfires, human population  
growth, more demands for outdoor/wildlife recreation from all "users")*
- G. Wildlife Conflict and Dangerous Wildlife: emphasize working to assist and  
educate, discuss new Landowner Services Division, Discussion of actual  
risk from wildlife, more carefully describe actual dangerous wildlife  
situations and response*
- H. Adaptive Management and Feedback Processes*
- I. Effects of growing human population on wildlife , including recreation*

- J. *Include other species as protected species, ie. coyote, ground squirrel*
- K. *Hunting Ethics*
- L. *Adaptive Management and Feedback Processes*

### **CHAPTER 3**

#### **SPECIES ACCOUNTS, AND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES:**

**(Follow existing format of Issue Statements, Objectives and Strategies)**

- A. ELK (*Cervus elaphus nelsoni*, *C. e. roosevelti*)
- B. DEER (*Odocoileus virginianus*, *O. hemionus hemionus*, *O. h. columbianus*)
- C. BIGHORN SHEEP (*Ovis canadensis*)
- D. MOUNTAIN GOAT (*Oreamnos americanus*)
- E. MOOSE (*Alces alces*)
- F. PRONGHORN ANTELOPE (*Antilocapra americana*)
- G. BLACK BEAR (*Ursus americanus*)
- H. COUGAR (*Puma concolor*)
- I. WATERFOWL (Family *Anatidae*)
- J. MOURNING DOVE,
- K. BAND-TAILED PIGEON,
- L. COOT
- M. SNIPE (OTHER MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS)
- N. WILD TURKEY (*Meleagris gallopavo*)
- O. MOUNTAIN QUAIL (*Oreortyx pictus*)
- P. FOREST GROUSE: Dusky Blue Grouse (*Dendragapus obscurus*), Sooty Blue Grouse (*Dengragapus fuliginosus*), Ruffed Grouse (*Bonsa umbellus*), and Spruce Grouse (*Falcipennis canadensis*)
- Q. UPLAND GAME BIRDS: Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*), California Quail (*Callipepla californica*), Chukar (*Alectoris chukar*) and Gray (Hungarian) Partridge (*Perdix perdix*)
- R. SMALL GAME, FURBEARERS, AND UNCLASSIFIED SPECIES
- S. Classifying of former Unclassified Species
- T. FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND HUNTING TECHNOLOGY (Discussion of scopes, trail cameras, drones, lead ammunition etc.)
- U. HUNTER EDUCATION

**Appendix A - POLICY-5302 Feeding Wildlife During Winter, RCW 77.15.792 Feeding Large Carnivores Prohibited**

**APPENDIX B: HUNTER EDUCATION AND HOW TO ACCESS**

**SEPA AND PUBLIC COMMENTS Volume II**