



Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

Meeting date:

4/7/2023

Agenda item:

Blue Sheet: North Cascades Elk – Briefing

Presenter(s): Brendan Brokes, Regional Director, Fenner Yarborough, Region 4 Wildlife Program Manager

Background summary: Department staff would like to update the Commission on status of the North Cascades elk herd. This herd is co-managed with the Point Elliott Treaty Tribes.

The presentation will discuss co-management efforts that the Department utilizes in assisting landowners with non-lethal and lethal solutions to elk damage to commercial agricultural crops in the Skagit and Acme Valleys. The presentation will provide:

- A holistic overview
- Elk survey information
- An overview of conflict program related to elk in the area
- An overview of current hunting efforts
- Update on hoof disease removals

After the staff presentation, Tribal Co-managers will have the opportunity to speak.

Staff recommendation:

Briefing only

Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:

Briefing only.

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

None.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Briefing only.

Action requested and/or proposed next steps:

Briefing only.

Draft motion language:

N/A.

Post decision communications plan:

N/A.

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