

The Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) adopts the following plan of engagement, under the direction provided in Chapter 260, Laws of 2024 (SHB 2424).

This initiates an update to the existing 1998 agreement between the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, specific to management of gray wolves and other listed species.

The FWC directs consideration of:

- Existing Commission Policies, specifically C-3607 and C-6001.
- Cooperative fish and wildlife management will include data collection and sharing for populations, pack territories, harvest, and mortalities.
- Cooperative fish and wildlife management will include timely management consultation.
- An estimate of resources needed to provide better management data, including, but not limited to, ungulate and wolf survey flights and gray wolf collaring.
- Approaches to provide solutions, including cost sharing, for landowners with problems involving either potential public safety wildlife encounters or wildlife depredation.

To accomplish this plan, the Commission delegates authority to the Director to negotiate and ratify an updated agreement with the confederated tribes of the Colville reservation. \*

\* Note that this mirrors the 1997 delegation by the FWC to the Director:

“Consistent with this policy, the Commission delegates to the Director the authority to finalize a new agreement with the Colville Tribe. Subsequent changes will normally be incorporated in the “five-year review” element stated above. The Director has the authority to make changes to maintain this agreement within the framework of this policy.”