



State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 25-002: RULE MAKING FOR PROHIBITION OF FEEDING WILDLIFE

Description of Proposal: The Department of Fish and Wildlife is proposing a permanent rule that prohibits individuals “to place, deposit, distribute, or scatter feed including, but not limited to, grain, hay, minerals, salt, fruit, or other such substances or food types to feed, lure or attract deer, elk, or moose not lawfully held in captivity.” This rule is being proposed in association with several other rule adjustments intended to minimize the spread of chronic wasting disease, a disease that affects deer, elk, and moose and was detected in eastern Washington in August of 2024. The rule, if adopted, would prohibit feeding deer, elk, and moose by any individual on public and private land including residences (e.g., backyards). This rule is separate but similar to other proposed rules that prohibit feeding deer, elk, or moose for the purpose of hunting.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal: The proposed rule covers the entire state.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment and that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c).

WDFW issued this Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under WAC 197-11-340. Agencies, tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this determination. We must receive your comments within 44 days of the date of this document. The comment period will end at **11:59 pm on March 21, 2025.**

Method of Comment:

SEPA documents related to this proposal can be reviewed at the WDFW SEPA website at: [SEPA documents available for public comment | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife.](#)

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA determinations. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal. You can submit your comments through one of the following ways:

- Online at the Public Input comment portal for this proposal: [CWD Feeding SEPA](#)
- Email to: CWDFeedingSEPA@PublicInput.com

After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this determination on the WDFW SEPA website: [Final SEPA documents | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#). After the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA Responsible Official and SEPA/NEPA Coordinator
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If you have questions about this determination or the details of the proposal, or need assistance with the Public Input comment portal, contact Lisa Wood at: SEPADesk2@dfw.wa.gov.

DATE OF ISSUE: February 5, 2025

SIGNATURE:



SEPA Log Number: 25-002.dns

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