

November 10, 2022

Kelly Susewind
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Dear Director Susewind:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) reached a full consensus decision at its November 2-3, 2022 meeting in Spokane, Washington to provide the following advice to the Department:

WAG advises the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, as a first step in addressing carcass management issues, to convene state regulatory agencies in a multi-agency conversation (including Ecology, Health, WSDOT, and Agriculture) regarding the opportunities, challenges, and regulatory constraints around natural decomposition, carcass composting, and other forms of carcass management.

WAG also advises the Department to identify successful county carcass disposal models (i.e., efficient and easy, not attracting predators, logistically and environmentally feasible, sustainable for the landscape, useable/applicable for multiple industries and purposes, convenient drop-off locations and pick-up options, accessible year-round), and explore application of these models in highly impacted counties, based on existing circumstances.

Attachment 1 contains the current roster of WAG members and their affiliations.

The WAG facilitation team is pleased to transmit this advice on the WAG's behalf and at their direction. Please contact us with any questions, and we will address them in consultation with WAG members.

Respectfully,

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Attachment 1: WAG Roster

Attachment 1: Wolf Advisory Group (WAG) Members

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Name	Affiliation	City
Tyler Allen	Hunter/ecologist	White Salmon
Alex Baier	Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation/hunter/ conservationist	Seattle
Samee Charriere	Livestock producer	Clarkston
Diane Gallegos	Wolf Haven International	Tenino
Todd Holmdahl	Outdoorsman	Redmond
Jess Kayser	Livestock producer	Centerville
Jessica Kelley	Outdoor recreationist	Mazama
Bill Kemp	Small forest landowner	Newport
Nick Martinez	Washington State Sheep Producers	Moxee
Marie Neumiller	Inland Northwest Wildlife Council	Clayton
Lynn Okita	Wildlife advocate	DuPont
Dan Paul	Humane Society of the United States	Seattle
Rick Perleberg	Agriculture/natural resources instructor/ Future Farmers of America advisor	Reardan
Caitlin Scarano	Environmentalist/outdoor recreationist	Bellingham
Sierra Smith	Livestock producer/ecologist	Dayton
Lisa Stone	Hunter	Inchelium
Paula Swedeen	Conservation Northwest	Olympia