

AGENDA ITEM 5

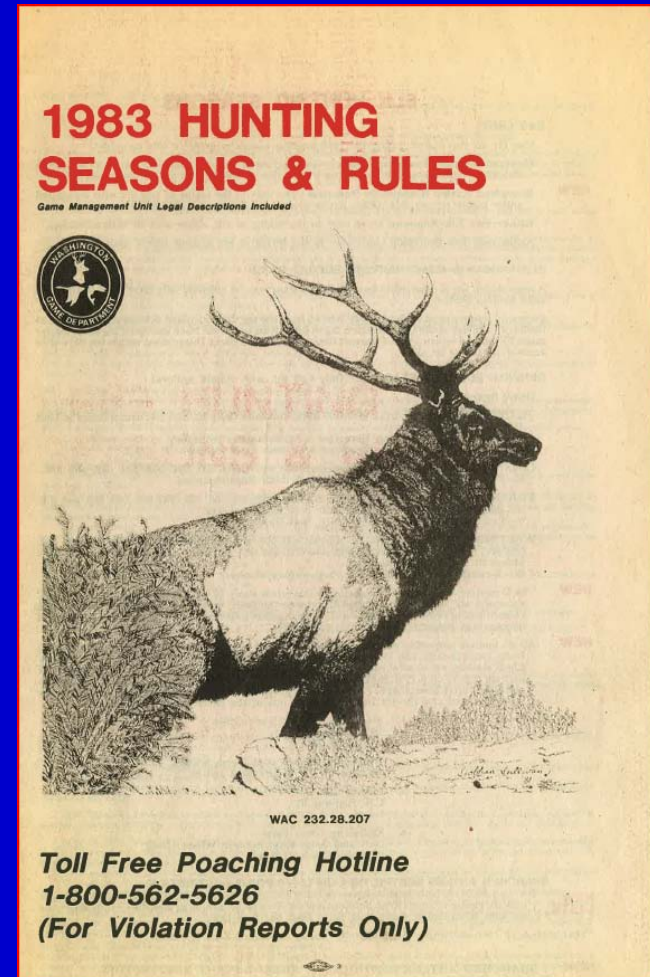
Multiple Season Hunting Permits

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- ▣ History of the deer and elk seasons
- ▣ Permit application and sales
- ▣ Hunter Support/Comment
- ▣ Permit Success Rate and Comparison
- ▣ Recommendation from Department

Season History

- ▣ 1983 - a few archery only areas, but limited special seasons for archers & muzzleloaders
- ▣ 1984 - created archery and muzzleloader deer & elk seasons
- ▣ 1989 - we initiated the choose your weapon restriction



Season History

- ▣ 1990's – added more and more GMUs for both archers and muzzleloader hunters
- ▣ 2011 – currently provide early and late seasons in the majority of GMUs for both archery and muzzleloader hunters

Washington's 2011 Big Game Hunting Seasons & Regulations

Effective April 1, 2011 - March 31, 2012



Special Permit Application Deadline: May 18, 2011

License Sales History

Hunter Licenses /Tags Sold	1985	2010
Deer Tags/Licenses	180,614	156,481
Elk Tags/Licenses	78,407	102,350

Hunter Crowding

2010 Hunter Licenses /Tags Sold	Archery	Muzzleloader	Modern
Deer Tags/Licenses	24,220	9,989	122,272
Elk Tags/Licenses	21,891	12,938	67,521

Permit Applications and Sales

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Deer Applications	5447	1494	8431	4105	8560	7460
Elk Applications	6187	1776	9319	4600	9643	8690
Deer Permits Sold	1109	1392	1352	1598	1450	2200
Elk Permits Sold	436	523	523	537	586	680

Hunter Support Multiple Season Permit

- ▣ Hunters have been supportive over time
- ▣ Expanded archery and muzzleloader seasons
- ▣ Crowding issues have declined
- ▣ Harvest impacts are manageable

Hunter Comments

- Great opportunity for those who can participate
- Too expensive/Caters to those who can afford it
- Just a way for WDFW to increase funding
- Reduce the fee and increase participation
- Other ideas about how to make it more attractive
- General support for the expansion

Multiple Season Deer Success

Year	2009	2010
Multi-season Permits	38%	37%
Permit Hunters	46%	NA Categories
General Hunters	22%	24%

Multiple Season Elk Success

Year	2009	2010
Multi-season Permits	28%	21%
Permit Hunters	38%	NA Categories
General Hunters	7%	6.7%

Multiple Season 2010 GMU Deer Hunter Distribution

GMU	117	124	224	388	520	667
Multi-season Permit Holders	53	50	20	32	50	56
General Hunter Numbers	3218	4636	1198	1594	2029	2580
Percent of Multi/General	1.6	1.1	1.7	2.0	2.5	2.2

Multiple Season 2010 GMU Deer Hunter Success

GMU	117	124	224	388	520	667
Multi-season Permits	21%	26%	30%	22%	14%	16%
General plus Permit Hunters	27%	38%	15%	25%	16%	23%

Multiple Season 2010 GMU Elk Hunter Distribution

GMU	162	328	346	368	520	673
Multi-season Permit Holders	3	17	23	22	60	15
General Season Hunter Numbers	909	1584	2048	1911	3132	1186
Percent of Multi/General	.3%	1%	1%	1.2%	2%	1.3%

Multiple Season 2010 GMU Elk Hunter Success

GMU	162	328	346	368	520	673
Multi-season Permits	67%	0%	8.7%	9%	17%	6.7%
General plus Permit Hunters	7%	6.3%	7.5%	8.7%	12%	14%

Multiple Season Impacts to Harvest

- ▣ Summary:
- ▣ Bottom Line:
 - Nothing that raises a red flag
- ▣ Continue to monitor the results by the District Biologists
 - Recommend changes as appropriate

Recommendation

- ▣ Increase the number of permits drawn to 8500 for deer and 1250 for elk
- ▣ This should result in sales of 4600 deer permits and 1000 elk permits
- ▣ Continue to work with the Legislature to authorize the expenditure of new money to fund the expansion of Wildlife Conflict Specialists and free up Officers to enforce the fish and game laws
- ▣ Monitor participation and success of Multiple Season Permit Holders

QUESTIONS???