

Agenda Item 10

**2012 – 2014 Deer General Seasons
and
2012 Deer Special Permits
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Briefing and Hearing**

Status of Deer Populations

White-tailed Deer Zone	Status	Hunting Season Change
Selkirk	Harvest Data	Status Quo Increase Opportunity in Deer Areas around Spokane
Palouse	Stable	Increase Quality Permits
Blue Mountains	Stable	Status Quo
Columbia Basin	Stable	Status Quo
North Cascades	Stable	Status Quo
Okanogan Highlands	Harvest Data	Status Quo

Status of Mule Deer Populations

Mule Deer Zone	Status	Hunting Season Change
Okanogan	Stable	Status Quo
Chelan	Stable	Status Quo
Blue Mountains	Stable	Status Quo
Columbia Basin / Palouse	Stable	Status Quo*
Douglas	Stable	Status Quo
Klickitat	Stable	Increase youth opportunity
Central Cascades	Harvest data	Status Quo
North Half	Harvest data	Status Quo

*Shifting some antlerless general season to special permits.

General Season Deer

- **Status quo for hunters with disabilities, youth, and seniors for NE white-tailed deer.**
- **Status quo for late archery in 105 and 108 which includes antlerless opportunity.**
- **Propose eliminating the Master Hunter white-tailed antlerless hunts in GMUs 130-142.**
 - **Not consistent with the Master Hunter objective.**
 - **Late archery, late muzzleloader and special permits will meet the antlerless removal needs.**

General Season Deer

- **Propose additional antlerless white-tailed deer opportunity for hunters with disabilities, youth, and seniors in Deer Areas 1050 (Spokane North), 1060 (Spokane South), 1070 (Spokane West), and 1080 (Colfax).**
 - this was always intended to be a hwd/y/s opportunity, the original WAC was a typo.
- **Propose shifting some Region 1, late archery dates to remove an overlap with modern firearm.**
 - Recommended change would provide consistent, predictable start and stop dates.
 - In 2013 and 2014 also provides more hunting days than the old system that shifted with the calendar.

Special Permits Deer

- **Propose increasing the Quality white-tailed deer opportunity in Spokane, Lincoln, and Whitman counties.**
- **Recommend shifting some of the 2nd deer antlerless opportunity to the antlerless category.**
 - **Hunters have expressed concerns about the cost of 2nd deer tag but still want the opportunity to harvest antlerless deer.**

Floor Amendments, Region 2

- **Special Permits, Page 18, “Quality” category,**
 - Sinlahekin, Modern, Nov. 1-20, change the permits from 5 permits to 10 permits.
 - Pogue, Modern Nov. 1-20, change the permits from 15 permits to 20 permits.
- **Special Permits, Page 20, “Bucks” category,**
 - Sinlahekin, Modern, Nov. 1-20, Any wtd buck, change the number of permits from 15 permits to 20 permits.
- **Post-hunt surveys indicate that opportunity can be restored to 2011 levels.**

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Master Hunter Permits

- **Miller, date should be Jan. 1-20, 2013**

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Hunter Educ. Instructor Incentive Permits

Area	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
Region 2	All general season and special permit seasons established for GMUs included with the permit. Not eligible for seasons and permits for auction hunts, raffle hunts; and hunts for master hunters, youth hunters, hunters with disabilities, hunters 65 years and older, unless the hunter education instructor legally qualifies for such a hunt.	Any white-tailed deer	GMUs 204-215	2