



# Agenda Item 9

## Wildlife Conflict Rules Chapter 232-36 Rule Adoption

# Wildlife Conflict Rules

- Rule Modifications:
  - Definitions
  - Killing wildlife causing damage
  - Payment for crop damage
  - Payment for livestock damage
  - Dispute resolution



# Wildlife Conflict Rules

- Dropping Our Recommendation to Create New Rules for:
  - Payment for non-commercial livestock losses
  - Application for compensation for non-commercial livestock losses



# Wildlife Conflict Rules

- Purpose: To amend the conflict rules to make them more consistent with the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan



# Wildlife Conflict Rules

- Our revised recommendation :
  - Sets the stage for making our rules consistent with the Plan
  - Encourages producers to enter into agreements
    - The agreements cover several wolf management issues
    - Including a commitment to consider covering losses beyond “confirmed” losses



# Wildlife Conflict Rules

## 232-36-030

- Definitions for guard dog and livestock

# Payment for Commercial Livestock Damage WAC 232-36-200

- This amendment encourages producers to enter into agreements with the department





# Payment for Commercial Livestock Damage WAC 232-36-200

- These agreements with the department allow producers to be considered for compensation of other losses consistent with their agreement







# Application and Payment for Non-Commercial Damage WAC 232-36-260

- With the recommendation to drop this new rule , we lose the recommended changes to:
  - Stipulate how values for losses will be compensated
  - Prioritize payments to producers under agreement with the department
  - And allow payment of claims to cross biennial lines



# Dispute Resolution for Claims

## WAC 232-36-400

The recommended amendments to this rule creates a livestock appeals committee in addition to other resolution options that a producer could choose to settle disputes

The other changes are intended for clarification and to ensure that the standards in this rule and are consistent with the Administrative Procedures Act



# Public Comment

- These rules should reflect the Plan
- Weight loss is not supported by science
- Compensation should be prioritized for confirmed losses
- Weight loss claims would deplete available funds
- These rules are completely consistent with the Plan
- Page 93 talks about developing compensation for unknown losses
- We have not spent any of the state funds allotted for FY 12-13

# Questions???



- RCW 77.36.100
- Payment of claims for damage to commercial crops or commercial livestock — Noncash compensation — Offer of materials or services to offset or prevent wildlife interactions — Appeal of decisions.
- (2)(b) The commission shall adopt and maintain by rule criteria for damage to property other than a commercial crop or commercial livestock that is damaged by wildlife and may be eligible for compensation under this subsection, including criteria for filing a claim for compensation under this subsection.