

Elk General Hunting Seasons and Elk Special Permit Seasons

232-28-358 and 232-28-360

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Summary

Meeting dates: March 20-21, 2015

Agenda item: Elk General Hunting Seasons and Elk Special Permit Seasons

Presenter: Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

Background summary:

Staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 232-28-358 2015-2017 Elk General Seasons and Definitions; and WAC 232-28-360 2015 Elk Special Permits. Updates will be provided on recent elk harvest and the status of elk populations.

- A proposal to shift the early archery elk season to a more favorable time frame will be made. Proposed start date would be the Saturday after Labor Day and running for 13 days as it has in the past.
 - Recommendations to expand the number of GMUs open to early muzzleloader elk hunting will be described. Proposal recommends opening more GMUs to early muzzleloader that are already open to modern firearm and archery hunters.
 - The recommendation will be made to shift GMU 524 Margaret from a special permit only season to a general season. Proposal will also include creating a new elk area, Norway Pass, within GMU 524 to provide Quality special permit hunting opportunity on accessible public land.
 - Recommendations to adjust special permit levels will be made in response to opportunity available and address wildlife conflict when practical.
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Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

- Maximizing recreational hunting opportunity.
 - Continue sustainable hunting seasons for elk.
 - Managing wildlife conflict issues utilizing hunters.
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Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The Department conducted an extensive public involvement process to develop the 2015-2017 hunting season recommendations. This summer, two online issue scoping surveys were made available to the public. The first survey laid out major issues of concern. The second survey was a follow-up based on the public response received from the first survey. The department also held six public meetings, three on each side of the state. Both the surveys and the meetings were publicized via news release, WDFW's website and an email to hunters from the last five years. Also, a request for comment was sent to over 9000 individuals and organizations through the rulemaking process. Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the March 20-21, 2015 Commission Meeting in Moses Lake.

Action requested:

Briefing and public hearing only.

Draft motion language:

Briefing and public hearing only.

Justification for Commission action:

- To provide opportunities to hunters, consistent with achieving management objectives.
 - To address and prevent wildlife conflict problems.
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Communications Plan:

WDFW Website
News Releases
Hunting Pamphlet

Form revised 12/5/12

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-10-019, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14)

WAC 232-28-358 ((2012-2014)) 2015-2017 Elk general seasons and

definitions. It is unlawful to fail to comply with bag, possession, and season limits described below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

Bag Limit: One (1) elk per hunter during the license year, except where otherwise permitted by department rule. Any combination of seasons, tags, and permits set by the department will not exceed a maximum of two (2) elk per hunter during the license year.

Hunting Method: Elk hunters must select only one of the hunting methods: Modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader.

Elk Tag Areas: Elk hunters must choose either Eastern or Western Washington to hunt in and buy the appropriate tag for that area.

Any Bull Elk Seasons: Open only to the taking of elk with visible antlers; bull calves are illegal.

Antler Point: To qualify as an antler point, the point must be at least one inch long, measured on the longest side.

Branch: A branch is defined as any projection off the main antler beam that is at least one inch long, measured on the longest side, and longer than it is wide.

Spike Bull Antler Restrictions: Bull elk taken in spike-only game management units (GMUs) must have at least one antler with no branches originating more than 4 inches above where the antler attaches to the skull.

Spike-only GMUs: 145-154, 162-186, 249, and 336-368.

True Spike - Bull Antler Restrictions: Neither antler of bull elk taken in GMUs 251, and 328-335 can have branching originating more than 4 inches above where the antlers attach to the skull. Under the true-spike restriction, taking an elk that has two points on one side or antler points within one inch of the definitions regarding length of point, or point of origination, is an infraction under RCW 77.15.160. All other types of violations of the true-spike restriction are subject to current penalties and assessments under RCW 77.15.410 and 77.15.420.

True-spike GMUs: 251, 328-335.

3-point Antler Restrictions: Legal bull elk must have at least 3 antler points on one side, with at least 2 antler points above the ear.

Eye guards are antler points when they are at least one inch long.

Antler restrictions apply to all hunters during any open season.

3-point GMUs: All of Western Washington, except for GMUs 448, 454, 564, 652 for archers, 666, 684, and Elk Area 4941.

Permit-only Units: The following GMUs are closed to elk hunting during general elk seasons: 157, 371, 418, 485, 522, ((~~524~~)) 556, 621, 636, and 653.

GMUs Closed to Elk Hunting: 437 (except for Elk Area 4941) and 490.

Areas with Special Restrictions: There are modern firearm restrictions in GMU 334 and portions of GMU 660. GMU 554 is open only for early archery and muzzleloader seasons. Elk Area 6064 in GMU 638 (Quinault) is open to master hunters only.

Elk Tag Areas

Eastern Washington: All 100, 200, and 300 GMUs.

EA - Eastern Washington Archery Tag

EF - Eastern Washington Modern Firearm General Elk Tag

EM - Eastern Washington Muzzleloader Tag

Western Washington: All 400, 500, and 600 GMUs.

WA - Western Washington Archery Tag

WF - Western Washington Modern Firearm General Elk Tag

WM - Western Washington Muzzleloader Tag

Modern Firearm General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: A valid modern firearm elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: May use modern firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or muzzleloader, but only during modern firearm seasons.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2012)) 2015 Dates	((2013)) 2016 Dates	((2014)) 2017 Dates	Legal Elk
Eastern Washington	EF	101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, 121, 204	Oct. ((27)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((4)) <u>8</u>	Oct. ((26)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>6</u>	Oct. ((25)) <u>28</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>5</u>	Any bull
		145 through 154, 162 through 169, 172 (except Elk Area 1040), 175 through 186, 249, 336 through 368	Oct. ((27)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((4)) <u>8</u>	Oct. ((26)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>6</u>	Oct. ((25)) <u>28</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>5</u>	Spike bull
		251, 328, 329, 334, 335	Oct. ((27)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((4)) <u>8</u>	Oct. ((26)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>6</u>	Oct. ((25)) <u>28</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>5</u>	True spike bull
		Elk Area 3722*	Sept. 8-23	Sept. 7-22	Sept. 6-21	Antlerless only
		124 through 142, 372, 382, 388	Oct. ((27)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((4)) <u>8</u>	Oct. ((26)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>6</u>	Oct. ((25)) <u>28</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>5</u>	Any elk
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381	Oct. ((27)) <u>31</u> - Nov. 15	Oct. ((26)) <u>29</u> - Nov. 15	Oct. ((25)) <u>28</u> - Nov. 15	Any elk
		Elk Area 2033	Sept. 4-30	Sept. 3-30	Sept. 2-30	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 371, Elk Area 3912	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2013 <u>2016</u>	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2014 <u>2017</u>	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2015 <u>2018</u>	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911**	Nov. ((40)) <u>14</u> - Dec. ((46)) <u>15</u>	Nov. ((9)) <u>12</u> - Dec. 15	Nov. ((8)) <u>11</u> - Dec. ((44)) <u>15</u>	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911** 2nd tag.	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((26)) <u>30</u>	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((25)) <u>28</u>	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((24)) <u>27</u>	Antlerless only
Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only		
<p>*GMU 372 and Elk Area 3722 are mainly private property. Hunters are not advised to try hunting these areas without making prior arrangements for access.</p> <p>**Master Hunters who hunt in Elk Area 3911 may purchase a master hunter, Elk Area 3911, second elk transport tag. Only one (1) antlerless elk may be taken from Elk Area 3911 unless drawn for an antlerless elk special permit. Any legal weapon may be used. Master hunter, Elk Area 3911, second elk transport tags will be valid only for Elk Area 3911 from August 1 - October ((26, 2012)) 30, 2015, August 1 - October ((25, 2013)) 28, 2016, and August 1 - October ((24, 2014)) 27, 2017. All hunters participating in the Elk Area 3911 hunt must wear hunter orange.</p> <p>**Master Hunters who hunt in Elk Area 3911 during the August to October early master hunter season must purchase a master hunter, Elk Area 3911, second elk transport tag. Only master hunters with an eastside elk tag can purchase this tag. Elk Area 3911 second elk transport tags will be valid only for Elk Area 3911 from August 1 - October ((26, 2012)) 30, 2015, August 1 - October ((25, 2013)) 28, 2016, and August 1 - October ((24, 2014)) 27, 2017. Only one (1) antlerless elk may be taken from Elk Area 3911, unless drawn for an antlerless elk special permit. Master Hunters who hunt in Elk Area 3911 during the November to December late master hunter season may use their unused general season elk tag, but are not eligible to use an Elk Area 3911, master hunter, second elk transport tag. Any legal weapon may be used during either master hunter Elk Area 3911 hunt. All master hunters participating in an Elk Area 3911 hunt must wear hunter orange.</p>						

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2012)) 2015 Dates	((2013)) 2016 Dates	((2014)) 2017 Dates	Legal Elk
Western Washington	WF	460, 466, 503, 505 through 520, 524 (except Elk Area 5066), 530, 550, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, 601 through 618, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627 ((through)), 633, 638 through ((652)) 651, 652 (except for Elk Area 6014), 654 through 684. Except master hunters only in Elk Area 6064 portion of GMU 638.	Nov. ((3-14)) 7-18	Nov. ((2-13)) 5-16	Nov. ((1-12)) 4-15	3 pt. min.
		501, 504, Elk Area 6014	Nov. ((3-14)) 7-18	Nov. ((2-13)) 5-16	Nov. ((1-12)) 4-15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		407, 448, 564, 666	Nov. ((3-14)) 7-18	Nov. ((2-13)) 5-16	Nov. ((1-12)) 4-15	Any elk
		454	Nov. ((3-14)) 7-18	Nov. ((2-13)) 5-16	Nov. ((1-12)) 4-15	Any bull

Archery General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: A valid archery elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Bow and arrow only, as defined under WAC 232-12-054.

Special Notes: Archery tag holders can hunt only during archery seasons and must hunt with archery equipment (WAC 232-12-054). Archery elk hunters may apply for special bull permits. Please see permit table for tag eligibility for all elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2012)) 2015 Dates	((2013)) 2016 Dates	((2014)) 2017 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Archery General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EA	101 through 142, 243, 247, 249, 250, 373, 379, 381, 388	Sept. ((4-16)) 12-24	Sept. ((3-15)) 10-22	Sept. ((2-14)) 9-21	Any elk
		162, 166, 169, 172 (except Elk Area 1040), 186	Sept. ((4-16)) 12-24	Sept. ((3-15)) 10-22	Sept. ((2-14)) 9-21	Spike bull
		((328, 329	Sept. 4-16	Sept. 3-15	Sept. 2-14	True spike bull))
		328, 329, 335	Sept. 12-24	Sept. 10-22	Sept. ((2-14)) 9-21	True spike bull or antlerless
		145, 149, 154, Elk Area 1010, Elk Area 1013, 163, 175, 178, 181, 334, 336, 340, 352, 356, 364	Sept. ((4-16)) 12-24	Sept. ((3-15)) 10-22	Sept. ((2-14)) 9-21	Spike bull or antlerless

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2012)) 2015 Dates	((2013)) 2016 Dates	((2014)) 2017 Dates	Legal Elk
Western Washington	WA	448, 454, 564, 652 (except Elk area 6013), 666, 684	Sept. ((4-16)) 12-24	Sept. ((3-15)) 10-22	Sept. ((2-14)) 9-21	Any elk
		407	N/A Sept. 12-24	Sept. ((3-27)) 10-22	Sept. ((2-26)) 9-21	Any elk
		501 through 505, 520, 550, 554, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, 624((;)) (except for Elk Area 6071), Elk Area 6061, 654, 660, 667 through 673, 681, ((684;-)) 699	Sept. ((4-16)) 12-24	Sept. ((3-15)) 10-22	Sept. ((2-14)) 9-21	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		460, 466, 506, 510, 513, 516, 524 (except Elk Area 5066), 530, 601((-602;-603;-607;-612)) through 618, 627, 633, 638 (except Master Hunters only in Elk Area 6064), 642 through ((648;-)) 651, 658, 663((-Master hunters only in Elk Area 6064;-))	Sept. ((4-16)) 12-24	Sept. ((3-15)) 10-22	Sept. ((2-14)) 9-21	3 pt. min.
Late Archery General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EA	101, 105, 108, 117, 121, 204	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any bull
		124, 127, 373, 388	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any elk
		178	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Antlerless only
		Elk Area 1010, 163	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2013 2016	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2014 2017	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2015 2018	Antlerless only
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 379, 381. Must wear hunter orange.	Oct. ((21)) 31 - Nov. 15	Oct. ((27)) 29 - Nov. 15	Oct. ((25)) 28 - Nov. 15	Any elk
		Master Hunters Only: 371, Elk Area 3912. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2013 2016	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2014 2017	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2015 2018	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911**. Must wear hunter orange.	Nov. ((40)) 14 - Dec. ((46)) 15	Nov. ((9)) 12 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((8)) 11 - Dec. ((14)) 15	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911** 2nd tag. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((26)) 30	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((25)) 28	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((24)) 27	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9- 31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
		328, 334, 335	Nov. ((21)) 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((27)) 23 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((26)) 22 - Dec. 8	True spike bull or antlerless
336, 342, 346, 352, 364, Elk Area 3681	Nov. ((21)) 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((27)) 23 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((26)) 22 - Dec. 8	Spike bull or antlerless		
Western Washington	WA	Elk Area 4601, 503, 505, 652 (except Elk Area 6013), 667, 672, 681, and 699. Master hunters only in Elk Area 6064 portion of GMU 638.	Nov. ((21)) 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((27)) 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((26)) 22 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		407, 448, 454, 564, 666	Nov. ((21)) 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((27)) 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((26)) 22 - Dec. 15	Any elk
		603, 612, 615, 638 (except for Elk Area 6064), 648	Nov. ((21)) 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((27)) 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((26)) 22 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.
		506, 520, 530	Nov. ((21)) 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((27)) 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((26)) 22 - Dec. 15	Antlerless only
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Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: A valid muzzleloader elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Muzzleloader, as defined under WAC 232-12-051, or bow and arrow, as defined under WAC 232-12-054.

Special Notes: Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during the muzzleloader seasons. Only hunters with tags identified in the Special Elk Permits tables may apply for special elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2012)) 2015 Dates	((2013)) 2016 Dates	((2014)) 2017 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	101 through 121, 247	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((5-11)) <u>1-7</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>7-13</u>	Any bull
		124 through 142, 245, 250	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((5-11)) <u>1-7</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>7-13</u>	Any elk
		<u>145, 149, 154, 162, 163, 166, 172</u> (except Elk Area 1040), <u>175, 178, 336</u> through <u>342, 352</u> through ((360,)) <u>368</u>	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((5-11)) <u>1-7</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>7-13</u>	Spike bull
		<u>328, 329, 335</u> , Elk Area 2051	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((5-11)) <u>1-7</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>7-13</u>	True spike bull
Western Washington	WM	407	N/A <u>Oct. 3-9</u>	((Sept. 28--)) Oct. ((11)) <u>1-7</u>	((Sept. 27--)) Oct. ((10)) <u>7-13</u>	Any elk
		Elk Area 4601	N/A <u>Oct. 3-9</u>	N/A <u>Oct. 1-7</u>	((Sept. 27--)) Oct. ((10)) <u>7-13</u>	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		448, 454, 564, 666, 684	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((5-11)) <u>1-7</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>7-13</u>	Any elk
		<u>460, 466, 505, 506, 510, 513, 516, 520, 524</u> (except <u>Elk Area 5066</u>), <u>530, 550, 554, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, 602, 603, 607, 612, 615, 624</u> (except for <u>Elk Area 6071</u>), <u>627, 633, 638</u> (except for <u>Elk Area 6064</u>), <u>642, 648, 660, 663, 672, 673, 681</u>	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((5-11)) <u>1-7</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>7-13</u>	3 pt. min.
		<u>501, 503, 504, 652</u> (?) (except <u>Elk Area 6013</u> closed to antlerless), <u>654, 667</u>	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((5-11)) <u>1-7</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>7-13</u>	3 pt. min. or antlerless
Late Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	130 through 142	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((25)) <u>2325</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((25)) <u>2225</u> - Dec. 8	Any elk
		<u>204, Must wear hunter orange.</u>	Oct. ((27)) <u>31</u> - Nov. 15	Oct. ((26)) <u>29</u> - Nov. 15	Oct. ((25)) <u>28</u> - Nov. 15	Any bull

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2012)) 2015 Dates	((2013)) 2016 Dates	((2014)) 2017 Dates	Legal Elk
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		Master Hunters Only: 371, Elk Area 3912. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2013 2016	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2014 2017	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2015 2018	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911**. Must wear hunter orange.	Nov. ((40)) 14 - Dec. ((46)) 15	Nov. ((9)) 12 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((8)) 11 - Dec. ((44)) 15	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911** 2nd tag. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((26)) 30	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((25)) 28	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((24)) 27	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
Western Washington	WM	407	((N/A)) Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((27)) 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((26)) 22 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		501, 503, 504, 505, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless).	Nov. ((24)) 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((27)) 23 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((26)) 22 - Dec. 8	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		448, 454, 564, 666, 684	Nov. ((24)) 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((27)) 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((26)) 22 - Dec. 15	Any elk
		568, 574, 578	Nov. ((24-30)) 25-30	Nov. ((27-30)) 23-30	Nov. ((26-30)) 22-30	3 pt. min.
		((550,)) 601, 618, 651 , 658, 667	Nov. ((24)) 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((27)) 23 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((26)) 22 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.
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[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-358, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-358, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-358, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-10-019, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14)

WAC 232-28-360 ((2014)) 2015 Elk special permits. It is unlawful to fail to comply with the bag, possession, and season limits described below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

Special Elk Permit Hunting Seasons (Open to Permit Holders Only)

Hunters must purchase an elk hunting license prior to purchasing a permit application. Hunters may only apply for permits consistent with the tag required for the hunt choice; however, Multiple Season Permit holders may apply for Eastern or Western Washington archery, muzzle-loader, or modern firearm permit hunts. Applicants must have purchased the proper tag for these hunts. The elk tag prefixes required to apply for each hunt are shown in the following table. Hunters drawn for a special permit hunt must comply with weapon restrictions, dates, and other conditions listed for the hunt. Hunters drawn for a special permit designated "**Any tag**" under the "**Weapon/Tag**" restriction must use equipment consistent with the requirements of their transport tag and license.

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	EA, EF, EM	Any	Oct. 20 - Nov. 24	Any bull	Elk Area 1015	1

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Prescott	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) <u>28 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMU 149	1
Prescott	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 149	2
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) <u>28 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMU 154	4 2
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 154	4 6
Watershed	EA, EF, EM	Any	Oct. ((25)) <u>31 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 157	35
Dayton	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 162	12 14
Ten Ten	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) <u>28 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	1
Ten Ten	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	5
Tucannon	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 166	10 12
Wenaha West	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	9 10
Wenaha East	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	13 12
Mountain View	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 172, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040	14
Ten Forty	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	((1)) <u>2</u>
Lick Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 175	5 7
Peola	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) <u>28 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMU 178	1
Peola	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 178	1
Couse	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 181	3 2
Mission	EF	Any	Sept. 16-20	Any bull	GMU 251	1
<u>Colockum</u>	EF	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 25 - Oct. 2</u>	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>GMUs 328, 329, 335</u>	<u>1</u>
Colockum	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26 - Nov.</u> ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 335	6
((Colockum	EF	Any	Sept. 22-26	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 335	4))
Teanaway	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) <u>25 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	3
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) <u>25 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	3
Observatory	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) <u>25 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMUs 340, 342	3 5
Little Naches	EF	Any	Oct. ((1-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 346	((40)) <u>15</u>
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) <u>25 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	3 5
Bethel	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) <u>25 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	3
Rimrock	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) <u>25 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	3
Cowiche	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) <u>25 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	3
Nooksack	WF	Any	Oct. ((11 - Nov. 16)) <u>10</u> - Nov. 15	Any bull	GMU 418 and Elk Area 4941	5
Green River	WF	Any	((Oct. 25-31)) TBD Nov. 7-13	Any bull	GMU 485	((6)) TBD 6
Wahkiakum	WF	Any	Sept. ((16-30)) <u>28 - Oct.</u> <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMUs 506, 530	1
((Packwood	WF	Any	Sept. 16-30	Any bull	GMU 516	4))
<u>South Rainier</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 2</u>	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>GMUs 510, 513</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Packwood</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 2</u>	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>GMU 516</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Winston</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 2</u>	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>GMU 520</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Coweeman</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 2</u>	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>GMU 550</u>	<u>1</u>

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Toutle	WF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) 28 - Oct. 2 and Nov. ((1-12)) 7-18	Any bull	GMU 556	43
Toutle	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-12)) 7-18	Any bull	GMU 556	((73)) 66
Lewis River	WF	Any	Sept. ((16-30)) 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMU 560	2
Siouxon	WF	Any	Sept. ((16-30)) 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMU 572	2
Carlton	WF	Any	Sept. ((16-30)) 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	Elk Area 5057	5
West Goat Rocks	WF	Any	Sept. ((16-30)) 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	Elk Area 5058	5
Mt. Adams	WF	Any	Sept. ((16-30)) 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	Elk Area 5059	5
Mudflow	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-7)) 7-18	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5
Peninsula	WF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) 2728 - Oct. 2	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 607, 612	1
Clearwater	WF	Any	((Oct. 6-10)) Sept. 2728 - Oct. 2	3 pt. min.	GMU 615	2
Matheny	WF	Any	Sept. 2728 - Oct. ((1-10)) 2	3 pt. min.	GMU 618	3
Quinault	WF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) 2728 - Oct. 2	3 pt. min.	GMU 638	5
Wynoochee	WF	Any	Sept. 2728 - Oct. ((6-10)) 2	3 pt. min.	GMU 648	1
((Satsop	WF	Any	Oct. 6-10	3 pt. min.	GMU 651	1))
White River	WF	Any	Sept. ((22-26)) 2728 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMU 653	((1)) 2
Prescott	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-19)) 5-24	Any bull	GMU 149	1
Blue Creek	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-19)) 5-24	Any bull	GMU 154	24
Dayton	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-19)) 5-24	Any bull	GMU 162	7
Ten Ten	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-19)) 5-24	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	3
Tucannon	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-19)) 5-24	Any bull	GMU 166	87
Wenaha West	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-19)) 5-24	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	3
Wenaha East	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-19)) 5-24	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	56
Mountain View	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-19)) 5-24	Any bull	GMU 172, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040	1210
Ten Forty	EA	Any	Sept. ((13-26)) 12-25	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	1
Lick Creek	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-19)) 5-24	Any bull	GMU 175	1612
Peola	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-19)) 5-24	Any bull	GMU 178	3
Couse	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-19)) 5-24	Any bull	GMU 181	21
Colockum	EA	Any	Sept. ((2-14)) 12-24	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 335	58
Peaches Ridge	EA	Any	Sept. ((2-14)) 12-24	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	134126
Observatory	EA	Any	Sept. ((2-14)) 12-24	Any bull	GMUs 340, 342	131133
Goose Prairie	EA	Any	Sept. ((2-14)) 12-24	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	6968
Bethel	EA	Any	Sept. ((2-14)) 12-24	Any bull	GMU 360	3738
Rimrock	EA	Any	Sept. ((2-14)) 12-24	Any bull	GMU 364	96105
Cowiche	EA	Any	Sept. ((2-14)) 12-24	Any bull	GMU 368	3231
Nooksack	WA	Any	((Sept. 1-21)) Aug. 31 - Sept. 20 and Dec. 1-31	Any bull	GMU 418 and Elk Area 4941	3
Toutle	WA	Any	Sept. ((6-21)) 12-24 and Dec. 1-15	Any bull	GMU 556	((49)) 4441
Mudflow	WA	Any	Sept. ((2-8)) 12-18	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5
White River	WA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) 12-24	Any bull	GMU 653	((13)) 2831
Prescott	EM	Any	Oct. ((1-10)) 3-11	Any bull	GMU 149	1
Blue Creek	EM	Any	Oct. ((1-10)) 3-11	Any bull	GMU 154	12
Dayton	EM	Any	Oct. ((1-10)) 3-11	Any bull	GMU 162	34
Ten Ten	EM	Any	Oct. ((1-10)) 3-11	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	21
Tucannon	EM	Any	Oct. ((1-10)) 3-11	Any bull	GMU 166	23
Wenaha West	EM	Any	Oct. ((1-10)) 3-11	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	2

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Wenaha East	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	23
Mountain View	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 172, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040	45
Ten Forty	EM	Any	<u>Sept. 30 - Oct. ((4-10)) 9</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	1
Lick Creek	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 175	42
Peola	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 178	1
Couse	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 181	1
Mission	EM	Any	<u>Sept. 30 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	GMU 251	1
Colockum	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 335	2
Peaches Ridge	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	2729
Observatory	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMUs 340, 342	2225
Goose Prairie	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	1312
Bethel	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	1413
Rimrock	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	1213
Cowiche	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	910
Nooksack	WM	Any	<u>Sept. ((24)) 23 - Oct. ((5)) 4 and Nov. ((22-30)) 21-29</u>	Any bull	GMU 418	3
Toutle	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	((45)) 1314
Mudflow	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-9</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5

Bulls						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Prescott	EF, EM	Any	Nov. ((3-16)) <u>9-18</u>	Any bull	GMU 149	2
Prescott	EF, EM	Any	Nov. ((47-30)) <u>19-30</u>	Any bull	GMU 149	2
Prescott	EF	Any	Dec. 1-15	Any bull	GMU 149	2
Prescott	EF	Any	Dec. 16-31	Any bull	GMU 149	2
Ten Forty	EF	Any	Oct. ((25)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	2
Grande Ronde	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Mission	EF	Any	Oct. 20 - Nov. 2	Any bull	GMU 251	1
Teanaway	EF	Any	Dec. 17-31	Any bull	GMU 335	1112
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	125120
Observatory	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMUs 340, 342	7288
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	7377
Bethel	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	5960
Rimrock	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	130124
Cowiche	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>26</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	2426
Alkali	EF	Any	Oct. ((41-34)) <u>12-31</u>	Any bull	GMU 371	15
Nooksack	WF	Any	Oct. ((11)) <u>10</u> - Nov. ((18)) <u>17</u>	Spike bull only	GMU 418 and Elk Area 4941	6
((Margaret	WF	Any	<u>Sept. 22-30 and Nov. 1-12</u>	Any bull	GMU 524	4
Margaret	WF	Any	Nov. 1-12	Any bull	GMU 524	72))
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Oct. ((48-24)) <u>17-23</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Oct. ((41-17)) <u>17-23</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WF	Any	<u>Oct. 17-23</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	3
Olympic	WF	Any	Nov. ((4-10)) <u>7-18</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	1617
Skokomish	WF	Any	Nov. ((4-10)) <u>7-18</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	3
White River	WF	Any	Nov. ((4-10)) <u>7-18</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	((21)) 4533

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Ten Forty	EA	Any	Sept. ((4-14)) <u>5-13</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	2
Grande Ronde	EA	Any	Sept. ((4-19)) <u>5-24</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Teanaway	EA	Any	Nov. ((21)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Any bull	GMU 335	10 11
Alkali	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-24</u>	Any bull	GMU 371	10
Nooksack	WA	Any	((Sept. 1-24)) <u>Aug. 31 - Sept. 20</u> and Dec. 1-31	Spike bull only	GMU 418 and Elk Area 4941	3
((Margaret	WA	Any	Sept. 6-21 and Dec. 1-15	Any bull	GMU 524	46))
Upper Smith Creek	WA	WA	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>1-7</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	<u>1</u>
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	<u>3</u>
Lewis River	WA	Any	Nov. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	3 pt. min.	GMU 560	5
Siouxon	WA	Any	Nov. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	3 pt. min.	GMU 572	5
Olympic	WA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) <u>12-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT Elk Area 6071	9 8
Skokomish	WA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) <u>12-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	25
Ten Forty	EM	Any	Sept. 30 - Oct. ((1-10)) <u>9</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	1
Grande Ronde	EM	Any	Oct. ((1-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Teanaway	EM	Any	Dec. 9-16	Any bull	GMU 335	13 11
Alkali	EM	Any	Sept. ((21)) <u>25</u> - Oct. ((10)) <u>11</u>	Any bull	GMU 371	15
Nooksack	WM	Any	Sept. ((24)) <u>23</u> - Oct. ((5)) 4 and Nov. ((22-30)) <u>21-29</u>	Spike bull only	GMU 418 and Elk Area 4941	3
((Margaret	WM	Any	Oct. 4-10	Any bull	GMU 524	28))
Upper Smith Creek	WM	Any	Oct. ((11-17)) <u>9-15</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>9-15</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	<u>3</u>
Yale	WM	Any	Nov. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.	GMU 554	15
Olympic	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-9</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	4
Skokomish	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-9</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	23
White River	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	((6)) 138

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
North Half	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Stevens	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 108, 121	10
Aladdin	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	((45)) <u>10</u>
Selkirk	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	((20)) <u>10</u>
49 Degrees North	EF	Any	Oct. ((20)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	((20)) <u>10</u>
((Turnbull	EF	Any	Oct. 21-26	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	6))
Turnbull	EF	Any	Oct. ((28)) <u>27</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>1</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	6
Turnbull	EF	Any	Nov. ((4-9)) <u>3-8</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	6
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	Oct. ((11-19)) <u>17-25</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	10
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	Oct. ((25)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	((40)) <u>35</u>
Prescott	EF	Any	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Antlerless	GMU 149	<u>20</u>
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((11-19)) <u>17-25</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	10
((Preseott	EF	Any	Oct. 25 - Nov. 2	Antlerless	GMU 149	20))
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((25)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	10

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Marengo-Dayton	EF	Any	Oct. ((25)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 163 and Elk Area 1010	((75)) <u>100</u>
Mountain View	EF	Any	Oct. ((25)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	((25)) <u>40</u>
Dayton	EF	Any	Oct. ((25)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1016	25
Lick Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((25)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 175	15
Couse	EF	Any	Aug. ((23--Sept. 4)) <u>22-30</u>	Antlerless	GMU 181	30
Couse	EF	Any	Oct. 1-10	Antlerless	GMU 181	((30)) <u>35</u>
Malaga	EF	Any	Sept. 11-21	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
Malaga	EF	Any	Nov. 4 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	30
Colockum	EF	Any	((Oct. 29--)) Nov. ((2)) <u>4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	((425)) <u>400590</u>
West Bar	EF	Any	Oct. ((25-29)) <u>31</u> - Nov. <u>3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
West Bar	EF	Any	((Oct. 30--)) Nov. ((2)) <u>4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
Teanaway	EF	Any	((Dec. 17-31)) <u>Aug. 1 - Sept. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 335	30
Taneum	EF	Any	((Oct. 29--)) Nov. ((2)) <u>4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 336	((400)) <u>340</u>
Manastash	EF	Any	((Oct. 29--)) Nov. ((2)) <u>4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 340	((400)) <u>340</u>
Umtanum	EF	Any	((Oct. 29--)) Nov. ((2)) <u>4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 342	((350)) <u>300</u>
Little Naches	EF	Any	((Oct. 29--)) Nov. ((2)) <u>4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 346	((500)) <u>425</u>
Nile	EF	Any	((Oct. 29--)) Nov. ((2)) <u>4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 352	40
Bumping	EF	Any	((Oct. 29--)) Nov. ((2)) <u>4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 356	60
Bethel	EF	Any	((Oct. 29--)) Nov. ((2)) <u>4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 360	25
Rimrock	EF	Any	((Oct. 29--)) Nov. ((2)) <u>4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 364	((250)) <u>210</u>
Cowiche	EF	Any	((Oct. 29--)) Nov. ((2)) <u>4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 368	((250)) <u>210</u>
Alkali	EF	Any	Oct. ((11-31)) <u>12-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	20
North Bend	WF	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
<u>Green River</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Nov. 7-13</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 485</u>	<u>2</u>
Mossyrock	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-12)) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	50
Willapa Hills	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-12)) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 506	((35)) <u>25</u>
Winston	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-12)) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	40
Margaret	WF	Any	Nov. ((18-26)) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 524 (except for Elk Area 5066)	((70)) <u>40</u>
Ryderwood	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-12)) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	((50)) <u>35</u>
Coweeman	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-12)) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	((120)) <u>75</u>
Toutle	WF	Any	Nov. ((18-26)) <u>23-30</u>	Antlerless	GMU 556	((120)) <u>35</u>
Lewis River	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-12)) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	((75)) <u>60</u>
Washougal	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-12)) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	((50)) <u>35</u>
Siouxon	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-12)) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 572	20
Wind River	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-12)) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	((50)) <u>40</u>
West Klickitat	WF	Any	Nov. ((1-12)) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 578	((100)) <u>75</u>
((Toledo	WF	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	30
Green Mt.	WF	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 5051	10

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Boistfort	WF	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 5054	75
Wildwood	WF	Any	Jan. 16-30, 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	20))
Grays River	WF	Any	Nov. ((4-12)) 7-18	Antlerless	Elk Area 5056	10
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Oct. ((18-24)) 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	4
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Oct. ((41-47)) 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5065	2
Norway Pass	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	5
Mudflow	WF	Any	Nov. ((4-7)) 7-18	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	10
Raymond	WF	Any	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Raymond	WF	Any	Jan. 1-20, 20152016	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	((5)) 20
((Raymond	WF	Any	Feb. 1-28, 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	5))
Puyallup	WF ((WA-WM))	Any	Jan. 1-20, 20152016	Antlerless	Elk Area ((6013)) 6014	10
((North Minot	WF	Any	Oct. 20-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6067	5))
Puyallup	WF	Any	Jan. 21 - Feb. 10	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Puyallup	WF	Any	Feb. 11-28	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Hanford	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) 7-18	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
((North River	WF	Any	Nov. 5-10	Antlerless	GMU 658	40))
Deschutes	WF	Any	Jan. 10-20, 20152016	Antlerless	GMU 666	10
Williams Creek	WF	Any	Nov. ((5-12)) 7-18	Antlerless	GMU 673	((50)) 45
Long Beach	WF	Any	Nov. 7-18	Antlerless	GMU 684	20
Turnbull	EA	Any	Sept. ((2-14)) 12-24	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	14
Dayton	EA	Any	Sept. ((4-16)) 12-24	Antlerless	Elk Area 1016	15
Malaga	EA	Any	Aug. 31 - Sept. 6	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	15
((Coloekum	EA	Any	Sept. 2-14	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	475))
Alkali	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) 1-24	Antlerless	GMU 371	5
Margaret	WA	Any	Sept. ((6-21)) 12-24 and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 524 (except for Elk Area 5066)	((35)) 30
Toutle	WA	Any	Sept. ((6-21)) 12-24 and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 556	50
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	4
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	3
Mudflow	WA	Any	Sept. ((2-8)) 19-24	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	10
Lewis River	WA	Any	Nov. ((26)) 25 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 560	10
Siouxon	WA	Any	Nov. ((26)) 25 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 572	5
Wynoochee	WA	Any	Nov. ((21)) 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 648	((150)) 135
Willapa NWR	WA	Any	Sept. 2-8	Antlerless	Designated areas on Willapa Natl. Wildlife Refuge	3
Willapa NWR	WA	Any	Sept. 9-15	Antlerless	Designated areas on Willapa Natl. Wildlife Refuge	3
North Half	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Stevens	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMUs 108, 121	10
Aladdin	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 111	10
Selkirk	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 113	10
49 Degrees North	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9 and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	20
Turnbull	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	9
Turnbull	EM	Any	Nov. ((25)) 21 - Dec. ((8)) 4	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	9
Dayton	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	Elk Area 1016	25
Blue Creek	EM	Any	Dec. 9 - Jan. 20, ((2015)) 2016	Antlerless	GMU 154	25
Mountain View	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	5
Lick Creek	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 175	10
Mayview-Peola	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	20
Couse	EM	Any	Dec. 1-31	Antlerless	GMU 181	30

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Malaga	EM	Any	Oct. 12-25	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	35
Colockum	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	((90)) <u>80130</u>
West Bar	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
<u>Teanaway</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 3-9</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 335</u>	<u>10</u>
Taneum	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 336	((400)) <u>340</u>
Manastash	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 340	((400)) <u>340</u>
Umtanum	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 342	((400)) <u>340</u>
Nile	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 352	((20)) <u>15</u>
Bumping	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 356	((30)) <u>25</u>
Bethel	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 360	((25)) <u>20</u>
Cowiche	EM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 368	((200)) <u>100</u>
Alkali	EM	Any	Sept. ((21)) <u>25</u> - Oct. ((10)) <u>11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	10
((Teanaway	EM	Any	Dec. 9-16	Antlerless	GMU 335	10))
Stella	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, ((2015)) <u>2016</u>	Antlerless	GMU 504	75
((Toledo	WM	Any	Dec. 8-20	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	25
Mossyrock	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5052	8
Boistfort	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5054	75))
Willapa Hills	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 506	15
((Green Mt.	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5051	5
Wildwood	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5061	20))
Mudflow	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 10-16	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	10
Winston	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 520	((40)) <u>20</u>
Margaret	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 524 <u>(except for Elk Area 5066)</u>	((35)) <u>20</u>
Ryderwood	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 530	30
Coweeman	WM	Any	((Nov. 26 - Dec. 8)) Oct. 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 550	((45)) <u>40</u>
Yale	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 554	40
Yale	WM	Any	Nov. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 554	35
Toutle	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 556	((50)) <u>40</u>
Lewis River	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 560	((35)) <u>20</u>
Washougal	WM	Any	Nov. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 568	35
Siouxon	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) 3-9	Antlerless	GMU 572	10
Wind River	WM	Any	Nov. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 574	50
West Klickitat	WM	Any	Nov. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 578	75
Upper Smith Creek	WM	Any	Oct. ((11-17)) <u>9-15</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	4
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>9-15</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5065	2
<u>Norway Pass</u>	<u>WM</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 9-15</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5066</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Raymond</u>	<u>WM</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 3-9</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 6010</u>	<u>20</u>
Mashel	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, <u>20152016</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6054	25
((Willapa NWR	WA	Any	Sept. 2-8	Antlerless	Designated areas on Willapa Natl. Wildlife Refuge	3
Willapa NWR	WA	Any	Sept. 9-15	Antlerless	Designated areas on Willapa Natl. Wildlife Refuge	3))
Willapa NWR	WM	Any	Sept. 20-25	Antlerless	Designated areas on Willapa Natl. Wildlife Refuge	2

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Willapa NWR	WM	Any	Oct. 23-28	Antlerless	Designated areas on Willapa Natl. Wildlife Refuge	2
North River	WM	Any	Nov. ((20)) 25 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 658	20

Youth - Only youth hunters may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
<u>Turnbull</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 20-25</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 1015</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>Aladdin</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 111</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Selkirk</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 113</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>49 Degrees North</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8 and Dec. 16-31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 117</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Mayview-Peola</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 145, 178</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Blue Creek</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 154</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Dayton</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. ((25)) 31 - Nov. ((2)) 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 162</u>	<u>((5)) 10</u>
<u>Ten Forty</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 10-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 1040</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Lick Creek</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. ((25)) 31 - Nov. ((2)) 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 175</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Couse</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Aug. 22-30</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 181</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Couse</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 1-10</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 181</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Colockum</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 4-15</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 328, 329, 335</u>	<u>5070</u>
<u>Yakima North</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 4-15</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346</u>	<u>165</u>
<u>Yakima Central</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 4-15</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 352, 356, 360</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Yakima South</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 4-15</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 364, 368</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>Colockum</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 3-11</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 328, 329, 335</u>	<u>1520</u>
<u>Yakima North</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 3-11</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346</u>	<u>90</u>
<u>Yakima South</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 3-11</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 364, 368</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>North Bend</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 1-12</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 4601</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>((Toledo</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Aug. 1-7</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5029</u>	<u>7))</u>
<u>Nooksack</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Sept. 21-23, Oct. 5-9, and Oct. 18-31</u>	<u>Any elk</u>	<u>Elk Area 4941</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Grays River</u>	<u>WF((-WM, WA))</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Dec. 16-31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5056</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>((Grays River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Jan. 1-15, 2015</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5056</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Grays River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Feb. 15-28, 2015</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5056</u>	<u>5))</u>
<u>Mudflow</u>	<u>WF((-WM, WA))</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. ((26 - Dec. 2)) 24-30</u>	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>Elk Area 5099</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Mudflow</u>	<u>WF((-WM, WA))</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>((Nov. 26 - Dec. 2)) Oct. 28 - Nov. 3</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5099</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Coweeman</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 550</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Toutle</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 23-30</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 556</u>	<u>40</u>
<u>Lewis River</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 560</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>Wind River</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 574</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>West Klickitat</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 578</u>	<u>25</u>
<u>Region 5</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth with mentor</u>	<u>Aug. 1, 2015 - Mar. 31, 2016</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Designated Areas in Region 5</u>	<u>5^{HC}</u>
<u>Clearwater</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 615</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Matheny</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 618</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Wynoochee</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 648</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>North River</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 658</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Williams Creek</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 673</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Mallis</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Dec. 16-31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 6010</u>	<u>10</u>

65+ Senior - Only hunters 65 and older may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
<u>((Aladdin</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Oct. 25 - Nov. 2</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 111</u>	<u>5))</u>
<u>Northeast</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Oct. ((25)) 31 - Nov. ((2)) 8 and Dec. 16-31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMUs 113, 117</u>	<u>10</u>

65+ Senior - Only hunters 65 and older may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Prescott	EF	65+	Oct. ((25)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	((5)) <u>3</u>
Blue Creek	EF	65+	Oct. ((25)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	((5)) <u>3</u>
Dayton	EF	65+	Oct. ((25)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 162, 163	((5)) <u>3</u>
Peola	EF	65+	Oct. ((25)) <u>31</u> - Nov. ((2)) <u>8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 178	((5)) <u>3</u>
((Faneum	EF	65+	Oct. 29 - Nov. 9	Antlerless	GMU 336	40
Manastash	EF	65+	Oct. 29 - Nov. 9	Antlerless	GMU 340	40
Umtanum	EF	65+	Oct. 29 - Nov. 9	Antlerless	GMU 342	40
Cowiche	EF	65+	Oct. 29 - Nov. 9	Antlerless	GMU 368	40))
Colockum	EF	65+	Nov. 4-15	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	15 20
Yakima North	EF	65+	Nov. 4-15	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	40
Yakima Central	EF	65+	Nov. 4-15	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF	65+	Nov. 4-15	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	15
Alkali	EF	65+	Oct. 11-31	Antlerless	GMU 371	10
North Bend	WF, WM, WA	65+	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
((Margaret	WF, WM, WA	65+	Nov. 18-26	Antlerless	GMU 524	40
Toledo	WF, WM, WA	65+	Aug. 15-21	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	7
Grays River	WF, WM, WA	65+	Nov. 14-30	Antlerless	Elk Area 5056	5))
Colockum	EM	65+	Oct. 3-11	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	5
Yakima North	EM	65+	Oct. 3-11	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	25
Yakima South	EM	65+	Oct. 3-11	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
Ryderwood	WF	65+	Nov. 7-18	Antlerless	GMU 530	15
West Klickitat	WM	65+	Nov. 25-Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 578	15
Nooksack	WF, WM, WA	65+	Sept. 21-23, Oct. 5-9, and Oct 18-31	Any elk	Elk Area 4941	5
Grays River	WF, WM, WA	65+	Jan. 16-31, ((2015)) <u>2016</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5056	5
Centralia Mine	WF	65+	Jan. ((3-4, 2015)) <u>2-3, 2016</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6011	5
Centralia Mine	WF	65+	Jan. ((10-11, 2015)) <u>9-10, 2016</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6011	5
Hanaford	WF, WM, WA	65+	Jan. 1-15((-2015)) <u>2016</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Hanaford	WF, WM, WA	65+	Jan. 16-30((-2015)) <u>2016</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5

Hunters with Disabilities - Only hunters with disabilities may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Northeast	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8 and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMUs 113, 117	4
Turnbull	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 11-18	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	6
Prescott	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Antlerless	GMU 149	3
Blue Creek	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Antlerless	GMU 154	3
Dayton	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Antlerless	GMUs 162, 163	3
Peola	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Antlerless	GMU 178	3
Observatory	EF, EM	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 20 - Nov. 2	Any bull	GMUs 340, 342	5
Little Naches	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 346	5
((Little Naches	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 29 - Nov. 9	Antlerless	GMU 346	15))
Colockum	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. 4-15	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	20
Yakima North	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. 4-15	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	65

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Yakima Central	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. 4-15	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. 4-15	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	20
Alkali	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((11-31)) 12-31	Any bull	GMU 371	5
Corral Canyon	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. 22-29	Any bull	Elk Area 3721	2
North Bend	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
((Toledo	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Aug. 8-14	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	7))
Nooksack	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. 21-23, Oct. 5-9, and Oct. 18-31	Any elk	Elk Area 4941	5
Grays River	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Dec. 1-15)) Feb. 15-28, 2016	Antlerless	Elk Area 5056	5
((Grays River	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Feb. 1-14, 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5056	5))
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((20-26)) 18-24	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	4
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. ((15-21)) 25 - Oct. 1	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	4
Washougal	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. 7-18	Antlerless	GMU 568	15
Centralia Mine	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((4-5)) 2-3,3-4 2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Elk Area 6011	5
Centralia Mine	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((11-12)) 9-10,10-11 2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Elk Area 6011	5
Region 5	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Aug. 1, 2015 - Mar. 31, 2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	5 ^{HC}

Master Hunter - Only master hunters may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt. Additional weapon restrictions may be conditioned by the hunt coordinator for each hunt. For those hunts requiring the purchase of a master hunter second tag, one elk may be killed in the unit under the authorization of the special permit.							
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Requirements	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Dec. 10-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	6
Region 1	EF, EA, EM/ 2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2014-2015- Mar. 31, 2015-2016	Antlerless	Region 1	20 ^{HC}
Region 2	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2014-2015- Mar. 31, 2015-2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 2	50 ^{HC}
Fairview	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Nov. 1, 2014-2015- Feb. 28, 2015 Mar. 31, 2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMUs 328-368	40 ^{HC}
Region 3	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2014-2015- Mar. 31, 2015-2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 3	25 ^{HC}
Rattlesnake Hills	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2014-2015- Feb. 28, 2015-2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMU 372	20 ^{HC}
North Bend	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2014-2015- Mar. 31, 2015-2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Elk Area 4601	3515 ^{HC}
((Skagit River	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2014 - Mar. 31, 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	30))
Region 4 North	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2014-2015- Mar. 31, 2015-2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Whatcom and Skagit counties	((25)) 10 ^{HC}
Region 4 South	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2014-2015- Mar. 31, 2015-2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in King and Snohomish counties	10 ^{HC}
((Green Mt.	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 16-30, 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5051	5
Mossyrock	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 16-30, 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5052	10))
Pumice Plains	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Oct. ((11-17)) 9-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	2
Pumice Plains	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Oct. ((18-24)) 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	5

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Requirements	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
((Toledo	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Dec. 21-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	25))
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Dec. 15-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	((3) 5
((Grays River	WF, WM, WA/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5056	5))
Grays River	WF, WM, WA/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 16-30	Antlerless	Elk Area 5056	5
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 1-15, ((2015)) 2016	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	((3) 5
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 16-30, ((2015)) 2016	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	((3) 5
Region 5	Any western elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2014)) 2015 - Mar. 31, ((2015)) 2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	40 ^{HC}
((North River	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Dec. 16, 2014 - Feb. 28, 2015	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMU 658	10 ^{HC}))
Region 6	WF, WA, WM/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2014-2015- Mar. 31, 2015-2016	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	60 ^{HC}

** May only hunt on privately owned lands. Must use only archery or legal shotgun (10 or 12 gauge; slugs only).

^{HC} This is a damage hunt administered by a WDFW designated hunt coordinator. Successful applicants will be contacted on an as-needed basis to help with specific sites of elk damage on designated landowner's property. Not all successful applicants will be contacted in any given year, depending on elk damage activity for that year.

Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special elk permits will be allocated through a random drawing to those hunter education instructors who qualify. - Permit hunters must use archery equipment during archery seasons, muzzleloader equipment or archery equipment during muzzleloader seasons, and any legal weapon during modern firearm seasons. Hunter orange is required during modern firearm seasons. - Except for online class incentive permits and chief instructor incentive permits, qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, inclusive of the year prior to the permit drawing. ((- Instructors who are drawn, accept a permit denoted with (*) below, and are able to participate in the hunt, will not be eligible for those specific incentive permits for a period of ten years thereafter.)) - Permittees may purchase a second license for use with the permit hunt only. - Qualified hunter education instructors may only receive one incentive permit each year. 				
Area	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
((Region 3))	All general season and 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, or hunters 65 years and older, unless the hunter education instructor legally qualifies for such hunts.	((Any elk	GMUs 336-368	1*))
Region 3		Any elk	GMUs 336-368	((1) 2
((Region 5))		((Any elk	All 500 series GMUs EXCEPT GMU 522	3*))
Region 5		Any elk	All 500 series GMUs EXCEPT GMU 522	((1) 4
Region 6		((3-pt. min.)) Any elk	GMUs 654, 660, 672, 673, 681	1((*)

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-360, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-360, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-360, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12.]

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR 102) filing and are already included in your notebook.

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- Propose the removal of the general season for Elk Area 2033. This hunt was originally designed to address agricultural damage concerns. Those damage issues are now being effectively mitigated by Wildlife Conflict staff.
- Substitute new language for the Master Hunter (MH) 3911 hunt footnote. This proposal facilitates the lower pricing proposal for MH 2nd tags and clarifies rule differences between the early and late 3911 hunts.

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- Add an exception to the newly proposed general season in GMU 524. This exception will facilitate Quality special permit hunts in the newly proposed Norway Pass Elk Area.

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- Add an exception to the newly proposed general season in GMU 524. This exception will facilitate Quality special permit hunts in the newly proposed Norway Pass Elk Area.
- Update the January dates for Late Archery, Elk Area 1010 and GMU 163. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
- Update the January dates for Late Archery, GMU 371 and Elk Area 3912. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
- Substitute new language for the Master Hunter (MH) 3911 hunt footnote. This proposal facilitates the lower pricing proposal for MH 2nd tags and clarifies rule differences between the early and late 3911 hunts.

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- Add an exception to the newly proposed general season in GMU 524. This exception will facilitate Quality special permit hunts in the newly proposed Norway Pass Elk Area.
- Insert early muzzleloader dates for GMU 407 and Elk Area 4601 for years 2015 and 2016. This corrects a holdover omission from the last 3-year package.
- Reinstate the start dates for late muzzleloader for GMUs 130-142. This corrects a miscommunication between headquarters and the region.

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- Update the January dates for Late Archery, GMU 371 and Elk Area 3912. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
- Substitute new language for the Master Hunter (MH) 3911 hunt footnote. This proposal facilitates the lower pricing proposal for MH 2nd tags and clarifies rule differences between the early and late 3911 hunts.

WAC 232-28-360 2015 Elk special permits

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR 102) filing and are already included in your notebook.

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- Under Quality Eastern Modern Firearm (EF):
 - Number of permits for the Blue Creek hunt, Sept. 28-Oct. 2, was changed from 1 to 2 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Blue Creek hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 4 to 6 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Dayton hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 12 to 14 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Tucannon hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 10 to 12 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Wenaha West hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 9 to 10 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Wenaha East hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 13 to 12 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Lick Creek hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 5 to 7 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Couse hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 3 to 2 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Observatory hunt, Sept. 25-Oct. 2, was changed from 3 to 5 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.

- Number of permits for the Goose Prairie hunt, Sept. 25-Oct. 2, was changed from 3 to 5 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Quality Western Modern Firearm (WF):
 - Number of permits for the Green River was set at 6. The date was changed from Oct. 25-31 to Nov. 7-13. These dates and permit levels are negotiated between Tacoma Water, Muckleshoot Tribe, and WDFW.

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- Under Quality Western Modern Firearm (WF):
 - Number of permits for the Toutle hunt, Sept. 28-Oct. 2 and Nov. 7-18, was changed from 4 to 3 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - The dates for the Peninsula hunt, was changed from a start of Sept. 27 to Sept. 28. This change corrects an error in the filing.
 - The dates for the Clearwater hunt, was changed from a start of Sept. 27 to Sept. 28. This change corrects an error in the filing.
 - The dates for the Matheny hunt, was changed from a start of Sept. 27 to Sept. 28. This change corrects an error in the filing.
 - The dates for the Quinault hunt, was changed from a start of Sept. 27 to Sept. 28. This change corrects an error in the filing.
 - The dates for the Wynoochee hunt, was changed from a start of Sept. 27 to Sept. 28. This change corrects an error in the filing.
 - The dates for the White River hunt, was changed from a start of Sept. 27 to Sept. 28. This change corrects an error in the filing.
- Under Quality Eastern Archery (EA):
 - Number of permits for the Blue Creek hunt, Sept. 5-24, was changed from 2 to 4 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Tucannon hunt, Sept. 5-24, was changed from 8 to 7 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Wenaha East hunt, Sept. 5-24, was changed from 5 to 6 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Mountain View hunt, Sept. 5-24, was changed from 12 to 10 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Lick Creek hunt, Sept. 5-24, was changed from 16 to 12 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Couse hunt, Sept. 5-24, was changed from 2 to 1 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.

- Number of permits for the Colockum hunt, Sept. 12-24, was changed from 5 to 8 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Peaches Ridge hunt, Sept. 12-24, was changed from 134 to 126 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Observatory hunt, Sept. 12-24, was changed from 131 to 133 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Goose Prairie hunt, Sept. 12-24, was changed from 69 to 68 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Bethel hunt, Sept. 12-24, was changed from 37 to 38 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Rimrock hunt, Sept. 12-24, was changed from 96 to 105 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Cowiche hunt, Sept. 12-24, was changed from 32 to 31 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Quality Western Archery (WA):
 - Number of permits for the Toutle hunt, Sept. 12-24 and Dec. 1-15, was changed from 44 to 41 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the White River hunt, Sept. 12-24, was changed from 28 to 31 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Quality Eastern Muzzleloader (EM):
 - Number of permits for the Blue Creek hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 1 to 2 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Dayton hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 3 to 4 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Ten Ten hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 2 to 1 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Tucannon hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 2 to 3 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.

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- Under Quality Eastern Muzzleloader (EM):

- Number of permits for the Wenaha East hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 2 to 3 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Mountain View hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 4 to 5 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Lick Creek hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 1 to 2 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Peaches Ridge hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 27 to 29 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Observatory hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 22 to 25 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Goose Prairie hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 13 to 12 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Bethel hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 14 to 13 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Rimrock hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 12 to 13 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Cowiche hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 9 to 10 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Quality Western Muzzleloader (WM):
 - Number of permits for the Toutle hunt, Oct. 3-9, was changed from 13 to 14 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Bulls Eastern Modern Firearm (EF):
 - Number of permits for the Teanaway hunt, Dec. 17-31, was changed from 11 to 12 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Peaches Ridge hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 125 to 120 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Observatory hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 72 to 88 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Goose Prairie hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 73 to 77 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.

- Number of permits for the Bethel hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 59 to 60 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Rimrock hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 130 to 124 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Number of permits for the Cowiche hunt, Oct. 26-Nov. 8, was changed from 24 to 26 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Bulls Western Modern Firearm (WF):
 - Number of permits for the Olympic hunt, Nov. 7-18, was changed from 16 to 17 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the White River hunt, Nov. 7-18, was changed from 45 to 33 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.

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- Under Bulls Eastern Archery (EA):
 - Number of permits for the Teanaway hunt, Nov. 25-Dec. 8, was changed from 10 to 11 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Bulls Western Archery (WA):
 - Number of permits for the Olympic hunt, Sept. 12-24, was changed from 9 to 8 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the Skokomish hunt, Sept. 12-24, was changed from 2 to 5 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Bulls Eastern Muzzleloader (EM):
 - Number of permits for the Teanaway hunt, Dec. 9-16, was changed from 13 to 11 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Bulls Western Muzzleloader (WM):
 - Number of permits for the Skokomish hunt, Oct. 3-9, was changed from 2 to 3 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Number of permits for the White River hunt, Oct. 3-9, was changed from 13 to 8 due to special permit allocation formula calculation providing different special permit numbers from the previous year.

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- Under Antlerless Eastern Modern Firearm (EF):
 - Number of permits for the Colockum hunt, Nov. 4-8, was changed from 400 to 590. This change is recommended after an assessment of the antlerless permit success rates for 2014.
- Under Antlerless Western Modern Firearm (WF):
 - A new hunt for antlerless elk is being proposed for the Green River, Nov. 7-13. Two (2) permits are recommended for this initial hunt. All parties, Tacoma Water, Muckleshoot Tribe, and WDFW agree that some antlerless opportunity is warranted.
 - Add an exception to the proposed antlerless special permit season in Margaret. This exception will facilitate antlerless special permit hunts that are separate from the newly proposed Norway Pass Elk Area.

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- Under Antlerless Western Modern Firearm (WF):
 - Update the January dates for the Raymond hunt, Jan. 1-20, 2016. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
 - Update the January dates for the Puyallup hunt, Jan. 1-20, 2016. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
 - Update the January dates for the Deschutes hunt, Jan. 10-20, 2016. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
- Under Antlerless Western Archery (WA):
 - Add an exception to the proposed antlerless special permit season in Margaret. This exception will facilitate antlerless special permit hunts that are separate from the newly proposed Norway Pass Elk Area.

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- Under Antlerless Eastern Muzzleloader (EM):
 - Number of permits for the Colockum hunt, Oct. 3-9, was changed from 80 to 130. This change is recommended after an assessment of the antlerless permit success rates for 2014.
- Under Antlerless Western Muzzleloader (WM):
 - Add an exception to the proposed antlerless special permit season in Margaret. This exception will facilitate antlerless special permit hunts that are separate from the newly proposed Norway Pass Elk Area.
 - Update the January dates for the Mashel hunt, Jan. 1-15, 2016. This corrects an oversight in the filing.

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- Under Youth Eastern Modern Firearm (EF):
 - Number of permits for the Colockum hunt, Nov. 4-15, was changed from 50 to 70. This change is recommended after an assessment of the antlerless permit success rates for 2014.
- Under Youth Eastern Muzzleloader (EM):
 - Number of permits for the Colockum hunt, Oct. 3-11, was changed from 15 to 20. This change is recommended after an assessment of the antlerless permit success rates for 2014.

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- Under 65+Senior Eastern Modern Firearm (EF):
 - Number of permits for the Colockum hunt, Nov. 4-15, was changed from 15 to 20. This change is recommended after an assessment of the antlerless permit success rates for 2014.
- Under 65+Senior Western Modern Firearm, Archery, and Muzzleloader (WF, WA, WM):
 - Update the January dates for the Hanaford hunt, Jan. 1-15, 2016. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
 - Update the January dates for the Hanaford hunt, Jan. 16-30, 2016. This corrects an oversight in the filing.

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- Under Hunters with Disabilities Western Modern Firearm (WF):
 - Change the dates for the Centralia Mine hunt to Oct. 3-4. This corrects an error in the filing.
 - Change the dates for the Centralia Mine hunt to Oct. 10-11. This corrects an error in the filing.
- Under Master Hunter:
 - Update the Aug. 1, 2015-Mar. 31, 2016 dates for the Region 1 hunt. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
 - Update the Aug. 1, 2015-Mar. 31, 2016 dates for the Region 2 hunt. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
 - Update the Nov. 1, 2015-Mar. 31, 2016 dates for the Fairview hunt. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
 - Update the Aug. 1, 2015-Mar. 31, 2016 dates for the Region 3 hunt. This corrects an oversight in the filing.

- Update the Aug. 1, 2015-Feb. 28, 2016 dates for the Rattlesnake Hills hunt. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
- Update the Aug. 1, 2015-Mar. 31, 2016 dates for the North Bend hunt. This corrects an oversight in the filing. Also adjust the number of permits from 35 to 15. This adjustment reflects a lower need for antlerless harvest through this hunt.
- Update the Aug. 1, 2015-Mar. 31, 2016 dates for the Region 4 North hunt. This corrects an oversight in the filing.
- Update the Aug. 1, 2015-Mar. 31, 2016 dates for the Region 4 South hunt. This corrects an oversight in the filing.

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- Under Master Hunter:
 - Update the Aug. 1, 2015-Mar. 31, 2016 dates for the Region 6 hunt. This corrects an oversight in the filing.



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 14-24-118 filed 12/3/14; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
- Continuance of WSR _____

Title of rule and other identifying information:

See attachment A.

Hearing location(s):

Civic Center
411 South Balsam Street
Moses Lake, WA 98837

Date: March 20-21, 2015 Time: 8:00 AM

Submit written comments to:

Name: Wildlife Program Commission Meeting Public Comments
Address: 600 Capitol Way North
Olympia, WA 98501
e-mail wildthing@dfw.wa.gov
fax (360) 902-2162 by (date) 2/24/15

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact

Tami Lininger by March 1, 2015

TTY (800) 833-6388 or (360) 902-2267

Date of intended adoption: On or after April 9, 2015

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

See attachment A

Reasons supporting proposal:

See attachment A

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150 and 77.12.240.

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150 and 77.12.240.

Is rule necessary because of a:

- Federal Law? Yes No
 - Federal Court Decision? Yes No
 - State Court Decision? Yes No
- If yes, CITATION:

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

When filing the permanent rule-making order (CR-103P), the WAC sections containing rule amendments will be consolidated into two or three Order Typing Service (OTS) documents.

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

These rules apply to recreational hunting and do not affect small business.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No: Please explain: This proposal does not involve hydraulics.

ATTACHMENT A

Title of rule and other identifying information:

232-12-078 Baiting for the purposes of hunting deer or elk.
232-12-079 Bait volume limits for the purposes of hunting deer or elk.
232-12-088 Baiting for the purposes of hunting deer or elk with exceptions.
232-28-248 Special closures and firearm restriction areas
232-28-337 Elk area descriptions
232-28-357 2015-2017 Deer general seasons and definitions
232-28-358 2015-2017 Elk general seasons and definitions
232-28-359 2015 Deer special permits
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WAC 232-12-078 Baiting for the purposes of hunting deer or elk

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to further the public discussion regarding hunting deer and elk using bait. If adopted the rule would make it unlawful to use bait to hunt deer or elk for all hunters.

Reasons supporting proposal:

In the last two years the Department has been approached by hunters and landowners that do not approve of the practice of baiting for the purposes of hunting deer or elk. Additional input was received as part of the 3-year hunting season package, public process.

The non-random input the Department received via the website indicated that 23% of hunters wanted a ban on baiting with an exception for food plots and agricultural operations. Fourteen percent (14%) of hunters wanted to disallow the use of bait by hunting guides and restrict the manner and volume of baiting by hunters not using guides. A 63% majority of the hunters commenting wanted no change to the rules pertaining to baiting deer and elk.

In a random telephone survey of deer hunters, 59% either opposed or strongly opposed baiting for deer. Deer hunters that strongly supported or supported baiting for deer made up 21% of the respondents. Eleven percent (11%) of those surveyed were neutral and 9% didn't know.

In the same random telephone survey, 68% of elk hunters either opposed or strongly opposed baiting for elk. Elk hunters that supported or strongly supported using bait to hunt elk were 14%. Eleven percent (11%) of those surveyed were neutral and 8% didn't know.

Although some potential exists, the Department has no data at this time to suggest that the practice of baiting for deer and elk hunting has a negative population or natural resource effect. Therefore it is a social issue that the Fish and Wildlife Commission will address.

232-12-079 Bait volume limits for the purposes of hunting deer or elk

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to further the public discussion regarding hunting deer and elk using bait. If adopted the rule would make it unlawful to use bait to hunt deer or elk if the bait volume exceeded 10 gallons (1.34 cubic feet).

Reasons supporting proposal:

In the last two years the Department has been approached by hunters and landowners that do not approve of the practice of baiting for the purposes of hunting deer or elk. Additional input was received as part of the 3-year hunting season package, public process.

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Although some potential exists, the Department has no data at this time to suggest that the practice of baiting for deer and elk hunting is having a negative population or natural resource effect in Washington. Therefore it is a social issue that the Fish and Wildlife Commission will address.

232-12-088 Baiting for the purposes of hunting deer or elk with exceptions.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to further the public discussion regarding hunting deer and elk using bait. If adopted the rule would make it unlawful to use bait to hunt deer or elk with some exceptions for youth hunters, elderly hunters, and hunters with disabilities while still imposing a volume restriction.

Reasons supporting proposal:

In the last two years the Department has been approached by hunters and landowners that do not approve of the practice of baiting for the purposes of hunting deer or elk. Additional input was received as part of the 3-year hunting season package, public process.

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232-28-248 Special closures and firearm restriction areas

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of the proposal is to change the Special Closures and Firearm Restriction Areas; adjust the boundaries and dates of Firearm Restriction Areas to better address safety issues while still accommodating hunting as a management tool. The proposal also recommends adding semi-auto handguns of .40 caliber or larger for the modern firearm season.

The proposed changes to the Deer Area Descriptions will accommodate additional land acquired and added to the 4-O Wildlife Area since last year. The effect will be to better discern hunting boundaries.

The proposed changes to the Elk Area Descriptions will accommodate additional land acquired and added to the 4-O Wildlife Area since last year. The proposal also recommends an adjustment to Elk Area 3911 which will remove a portion of public land. This change will allow better distribution of elk away from private agricultural lands. A boundary change is proposed for an Elk Area in Klickitat County to better address wildlife conflict and a new Elk Area is proposed in GMU 522 to create a new Quality elk opportunity. In addition, boundary changes to an existing Elk Area and the creation of a new Elk Area are proposed to better address agricultural damage caused by elk in Pierce County.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Special closures and firearm restriction areas allow the Fish and Wildlife Commission to restrict or close hunting activity in certain areas to optimize safety, discourage trespass on restricted lands, and protect sensitive species.

Deer Areas and Elk Areas allow the Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt hunting seasons that can be conducted at a smaller scale than the Game Management Unit. Setting seasons at this scale allows for more strategic wildlife management using hunting as a tool to control populations and mitigate wildlife conflict.

232-28-337 Elk area descriptions

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

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232-28-357 2015-2017 Deer general seasons and definitions

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season deer hunting opportunity for the years 2015-2017. The purpose of this proposal is also to retain special permit deer hunting opportunity for 2015. In addition, the purpose of the proposal is to balance the hunting opportunity between user groups. The proposal also increases the opportunity when deer populations allow, and reduces the opportunity when declining deer numbers warrant a change.

Reasons supporting proposal: These proposals provide for recreational deer hunting opportunity and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable general deer hunting season opportunities for 2015-2017. The proposal would also maintain sustainable deer special permit hunting season opportunities for 2015. The proposal helps address deer agricultural damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed.

232-28-358 2015-2017 Elk general seasons and definitions

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season elk hunting opportunity for 2015-2017 and retain elk special permit hunting opportunity for 2015. The purpose is also to balance the elk hunting opportunity between user groups. The proposal also increases elk hunting opportunity when elk populations allow, and reduces elk hunting opportunity when declining elk numbers warrant a change.

Reasons supporting proposal: This proposal provides for recreational elk hunting opportunity and protects elk from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable general elk hunting season opportunities for 2015-2017 and sustainable elk special permit hunting opportunity for 2015. The proposal helps address elk agricultural damage problems and provides for elk population control when needed.

232-28-359 2015 Deer special permits

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season deer hunting opportunity for the years 2015-2017. The purpose of this proposal is also to retain special permit deer hunting opportunity for 2015. In addition, the purpose of the proposal is to balance the hunting opportunity between user groups. The proposal also increases the opportunity when deer populations allow, and reduces the opportunity when declining deer numbers warrant a change.

Reasons supporting proposal: These proposals provide for recreational deer hunting opportunity and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable general deer hunting season opportunities for 2015-2017. The proposal would also maintain sustainable deer special permit hunting

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Reasons supporting proposal: This proposal provides for recreational elk hunting opportunity and protects elk from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable general elk hunting season opportunities for 2015-2017 and sustainable elk special permit hunting opportunity for 2015. The proposal helps address elk agricultural damage problems and provides for elk population control when needed.

232-28-624 Deer area descriptions

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