

WAC 220-416-010 and WAC 220-414-080

Small Game and Hunter Orange Requirements



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Recommended Adjustments

Amend WAC 220-414-080: Hunter orange requirements

- Recommend adding turkey to the hunter orange rule. This will require turkey hunters that are hunting during a modern deer or elk firearm season to wear fluorescent orange.

Recommended Adjustments

Amend WAC 220-416-010: Small game seasons and regulations

- Date adjustment related to calendar changes.
- Extend the fall turkey season in GMUs 101-154, and 162-186.
 - Helps address large turkey populations.
 - Season traditionally started in mid-September and ended in mid-October.
 - Proposal to go from September 1 to December 31.

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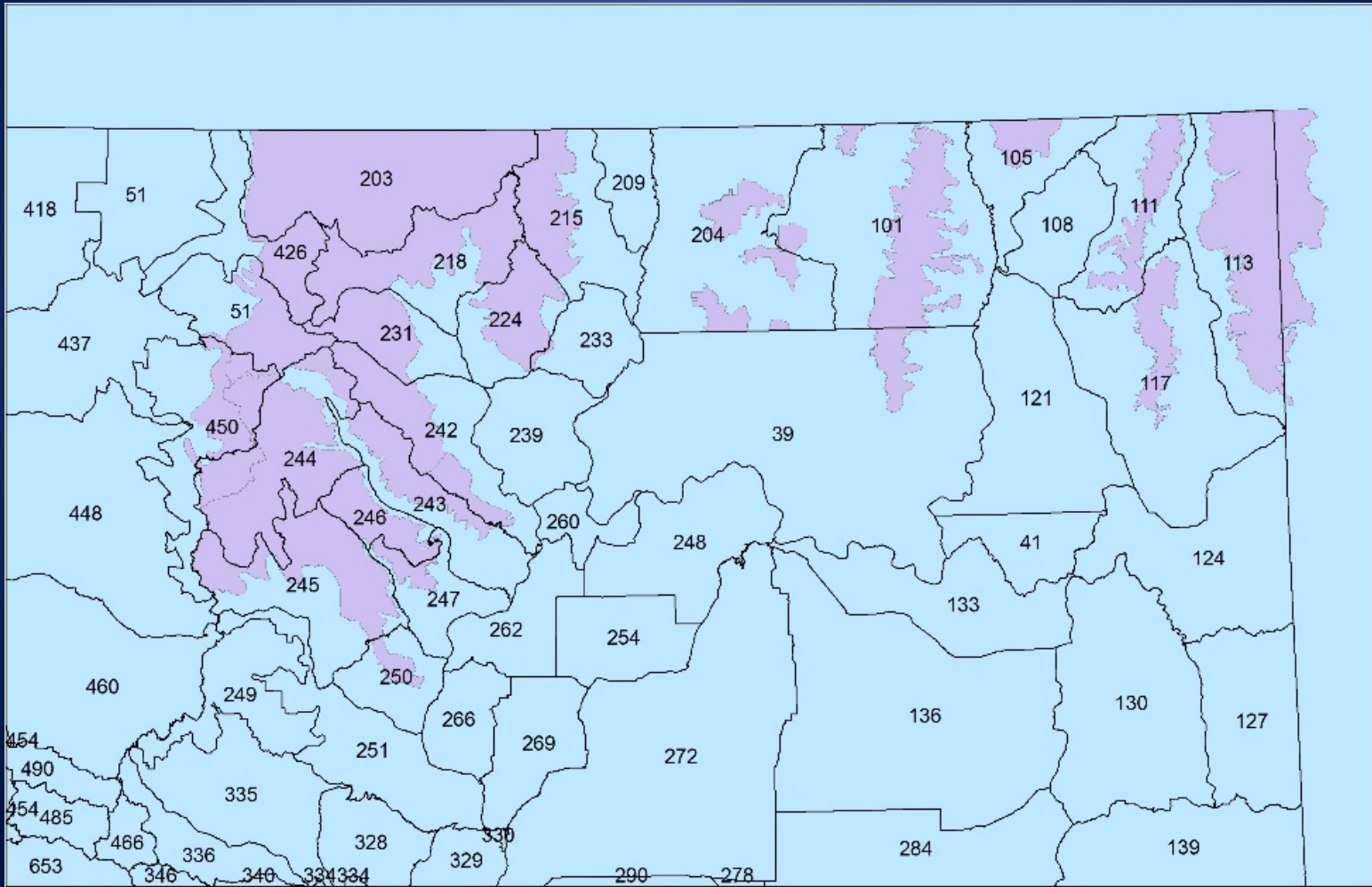
- Create a general season hunting opportunity in GMUs 382, 388, and 568-578 within Klickitat County and remove the draw permits from those GMUs.
 - These are draw only units.
 - Turkey populations in those units are now large enough to allow general season hunting.

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- Prohibit night hunting within the lynx management zones.
 - Reduce the potential of a bobcat hunter accidentally taking a lynx.
 - Total of 20 GMUs in the North Cascades and Northeast WA.

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- Change youth and senior hunt dates for eastern and western Washington for the 2019 and 2020 seasons to avoid overlap with the general season.
 - The dates in the WAC presented at the March meeting were incorrect and overlapped with general season.

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- Changed the word “will” to “may” in section (e) subsection (iii) of the WAC that pertains to releasing pheasant during the extended season.
 - This will give the department the option to release pheasants if they are available. This also allows the department to release pheasants at hunting clinics that could be held in those areas during that time.

Public Comments

- WAC 220-414-080 Hunting-Hunter orange clothing requirements.
 - 37 comments total
 - 14 supported the change
 - 21 opposed the change
 - 2 were neutral
- WAC 220-416-010 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.
 - 40 comments total
 - 22 supported the change
 - 14 opposed the change
 - 2 were neutral

Questions?

