

# Wildlife Rehabilitation Rule Revision Proposals

WAC 220-450-060 through WAC 220-450-200



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# Wildlife Rehabilitation Rule Revision Decision Meeting

- Review of Proposed Amendments
- Presentation of Supplemental Adjustments



# The Proposed Amendments and Supplemental Adjustments

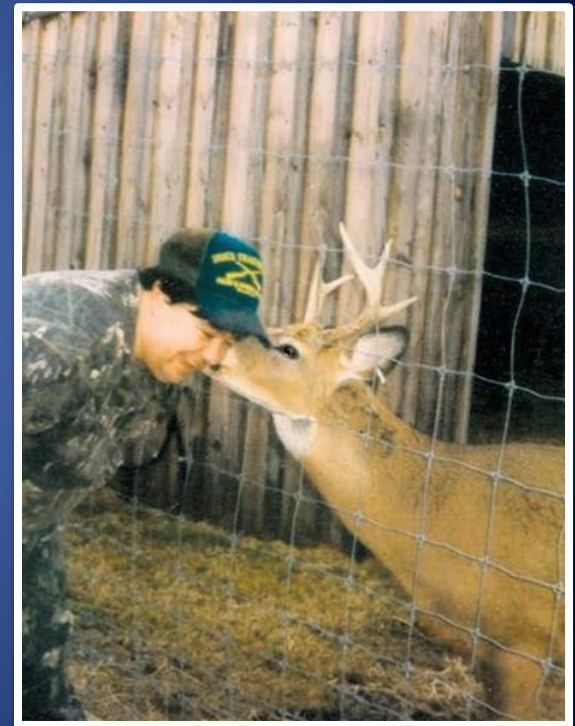
- Will -
  - Define more clearly requirements, restrictions, and best practices of wildlife rehabilitation
  - Enhance ability of the department to assist with and resolve compliance issues
  - Enable and support permitted wildlife rehabilitators to practice their profession using their own best judgement but within agreed upon standards and rules





# WAC 220-450-060 Definitions

- Proposed Amendments
  - Eliminate unnecessary definitions
  - Add new terms - examples
    - Habituate; Tame
    - Nonreleasable
    - Patient record
  - Refine current definitions
    - Imprinting vs. mal-imprinting
- Supplemental Adjustment
  - Euthanasia – delete “inability to release”



## The Proposed Amendments

# WAC 220-450-070 Wildlife rehabilitation permits - requirements and restrictions

- Proposed Amendments

- Added

- Clerical requirements
- Public transport
- Cervid endorsement

- Strengthened

- Raptor endorsements
- Continuing Education

- Supplemental Adjustments

- Removed “modified” permit from permittee in good standing
- Added “large carnivore biologist” to Carnivore Endorsement



# WAC 220-450-080 Responsibilities of primary permittees and subpermittees

- Proposed Amendments
  - Added requirements of primary permittees applying for subpermittees
    - Only two off-site subpermittees per Primary Permittee
    - Once per week visit and file report
  - Added subpermittee requirements
    - 300 documented hours of experience
- No proposed Supplemental Adjustments

## The Proposed Amendments

# WAC 220-450-090 Permit modification, suspension, or revocation

- Proposed Amendments
  - Added
    - Step-by-step compliance system
    - Subject matter experts
    - Re-application after revocation
  - Removed violations defined elsewhere
- Supplemental Adjustments
  - Variable timelines within the individual plans
  - Change “Publicly displaying” to “Directly displaying”





## The Proposed Amendments

# WAC 220-450-100 Facility requirements and inspections and off-site care

- Proposed Amendments
  - Emphasized separation from domestic animals
  - Oiled wildlife added
  - Added disease reporting, quarantine, and euthanasia
  - Enhanced
    - Off-site subpermittee restrictions
    - Inspection ability without permittee present
- Supplemental Adjustments
  - Subpermittees may not operate their own facilities

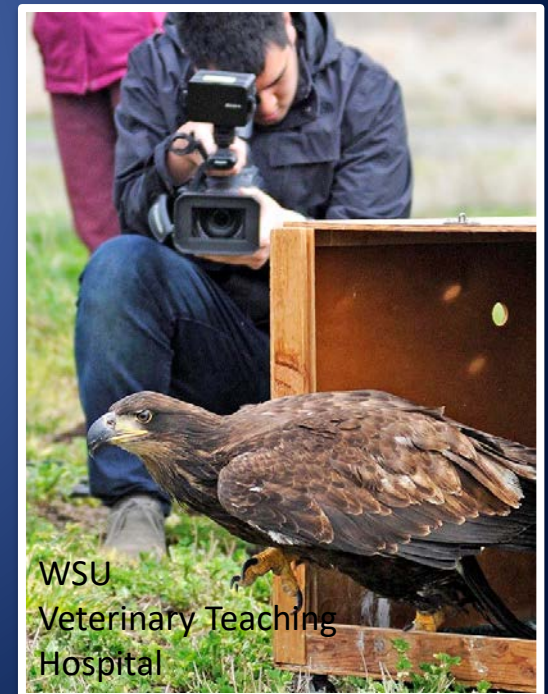




## The Proposed Amendments

# WAC 220-450-110 Releasing wildlife

- Proposed Amendments
  - Added amphibians and reptiles
    - No release of non-natives or natives in captivity
  - Tightened release restrictions
    - Cervids
      - Release date on or before Oct 31
    - Non-native species
      - Release only where abundant
- No Proposed Supplemental Adjustments



## The Proposed Amendments

# WAC 220-450-120 Veterinary care

- Proposed Amendments
  - Tightened transfer requirement
- No Proposed Supplemental Amendments

# WAC 220-450-130 Records retention and reporting requirements

- Proposed Amendments
  - Listed required records
  - Generalized reportable diseases
- No Proposed Supplemental Adjustments



# WAC 220-450-140 Falconers assisting with raptor rehabilitation

- Proposed Amendments
  - Clarified falconer role
  - Added prohibition on transfer to falconry permit
- Supplemental Adjustments
  - Raptors may be kept at falconer's facility





## The Proposed Amendments

# WAC 220-450-150 Transfer, import, and export of wildlife and restrictions

- Proposed Amendments
  - Prohibits transfer of cervids between WDFW Regions, and, cervids, bats, and beaver between E and W WA
  - No intake of cervids from outside of Region
  - Supports WAC 220-450-030 – Live wildlife – Taking from the wild, importation, possession, transfer, and holding in captivity
- No Proposed Supplemental Adjustments



# WAC 220-450-160 Possession of dead wildlife and wildlife parts

- Proposed Amendment
  - Expanded to all wildlife parts
- No Proposed Supplemental Adjustments



## The Proposed Amendments

# WAC 220-450-170 Disposition of non-releasable and over-habituated, mal-imprinted, and tamed wildlife

- Proposed Amendments
  - Allows fees and requires education information
  - Education birds can foster care
  - Prohibits certain species as education animals
- No Proposed Supplemental Adjustments





# WAC 220-450-180 Euthanizing wildlife

- Proposed Amendments
  - Added language to protect wildlife from prolonged suffering
  - Added disease reporting
- No Proposed Supplemental Adjustments



## The Proposed Amendments

# WAC 220-450-190 Disposing of wildlife remains

- Proposed Amendments
  - Added reportable diseases and oiled wildlife carcass disposal
- No Proposed Supplemental Adjustments

# WAC 220-450-200 Commercial uses

- Proposed Amendments
  - Simplified to allow collection of funds for certain activities
- No Proposed Supplemental Adjustments

## The Proposed Amendments

# WAC 220-450-210 and WAC 220-450-220

- Proposed for repeal
  - All oiled wildlife rehabilitation rules and standards are in the general WACs.





# Additional Remarks

1. Authenticated definitions
2. Cervid Rehabilitation Endorsement
3. Step-wise compliance procedure
4. Subject experts and/or advisory board
5. Subpermittee regulations and oversight



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Questions?