

**WAC 220-416-110, WAC 220-417-030,
WAC 220-430-010, and WAC 220-450-010**

Small Game and Trapping Regulations



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Overview

- **Game birds**
 - Allow for release of certain game birds
 - Birds must be marked
 - Release authorized for training dogs and field trials
 - License Private Game Farms
 - License approximately 35-40 annually
 - Purchase, possess, propagate, sell or transfer certain game bird and waterfowl species



Overview

- **Trapping**

- Is a form of hunting where devices are used to capture animals to harvest fur
- Live trapping is only legal method of harvest for:
 - Beaver, Mink, Muskrat, River Otter, Marten, Badger, Weasel
- Bobcat and unclassified species may be trapped or hunted



Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-416-110 Use of game birds for training dogs, field trials—Marking requirements

- Adding nasal scarring as an option for marking
 - Scarring caused by anti-pecking device
 - Added to subsection (2)
- Public comment
 - Received 2: Both support



Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-430-010 Game farm license provisions

- Clarify a current, valid game farm license is required to possess, propagate, sell and transfer certain game birds and waterfowl species
 - Added to introduction and subsection (1) of the rule
- Added language regarding failure to comply with game farm license provisions
 - Added subsections (10) – (13)



Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-430-010 Game farm license provisions

- Previous language in subsection (1) led to confusion
 - Current license versus a license issued in the past
- Provides the department with the tools to ensure compliance and support those compliant licensees
 - Follows standards from WAC 220-440-110 (Use of Wildlife Control Operators to address wildlife interactions)
- Public comment
 - Received 5: 4 support; 1 oppose



Recommended Adjustment

- Add language to clarify that a game farm license does not authorize the licensee to purchase, possess, propagate, sell or transfer deleterious exotic wildlife
 - Added to subsection (2)
 - Adjustment aligns with WAC 220-640-200 by providing consistency in treatment of deleterious exotic wildlife species (e.g. mute swan)



Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-450-010 Criteria for planting aquatic plants and releasing wildlife

- Simplified requirement and clarified language
 - Game birds released for dog training and hunting pursuant to WAC 220-416-110 may be “**acquired**” from certain facilities
 - Added to subsection (1)(f)
 - Allows for donation of birds rather than requiring purchase
- Added language to minimize risk of disease transmission
 - Subsection (1) (f) Game birds maybe acquired from:
 - department facility, a state- or federally-licensed game farm facility that has been inspected by a certified veterinarian within the past twelve months, or a facility with current National Poultry Improvement Plan certification.
- Public comment
 - Received 4: All support

Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-417-030 Wild Animal Trapping

- Clarify language
 - Restraining traps (live capture traps) must be checked every 24 hours, whether or not an animal has been captured.
 - Added to subsection (4)(c)
- Public comment
 - Received 6: 2 support; 4 oppose



Expected Outcomes

- Increase compliance with game bird marking requirements (WAC 220-416-110).
- Support game farm license holders and increase compliance with game farm license provisions (WAC 220-430-010).
- Decrease risk of avian disease transmission (WAC 220-450-010).
- Improve humane treatment and welfare of trapped furbearers and by-catch (WAC 220-417-030).

Questions?

