

WAC 220-413-200

Reducing the Spread of Hoof Disease- Unlawful Transport of Elk Hooves



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Background

- The Commission adopted a rule in 2014 that restricts the transport of elk hooves from those GMUs where treponeme associated hoof disease (TAHD) has been confirmed in elk
- The intention of the rule is to reduce the potential for spreading TAHD to new locations
- WAC 220-413-200 was most recently updated in September 2018
- Originally proposed to expand this rule to all western WA GMUs



Proposed Changes

- Recent detection in the Blue Mountains warranted consideration of a statewide expansion or dissolving the rule
- The Department consulted with technical experts, Enforcement, and Washington State University
- No clear consensus identified
- Recommend expanding rule as originally proposed
- Delay decision on statewide expansion until a later date

Questions?



Motion Language

- I move to adopt WAC 220-413-200 as
presented