

Elk General Seasons and Special Permits

WAC 220-415-050 and WAC 220-415-060

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Summary Sheet.....	1
WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions	3
Recommended Adjustments.....	12
Summary of Written Comment	13
WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits	15
Recommended Adjustments.....	36
Summary of Written Comment	49
CR-102	50

Summary Sheet

Meeting dates: April 5-6, 2019

Agenda item: Elk General Seasons and Elk Special Permits

Presenter(s): Brock Hoenes, Deer and Elk Section Manager, Game Division, Wildlife Program

Background summary:

Staff briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions, and WAC 220-415-060 2018 Elk special permits.

Highlights for elk general season proposed amendments include:

- Change season dates for the western Washington and Elk Area 3722 modern firearm general elk seasons to correct typographical errors
- Add early archery any elk opportunity in Elk Area 6014 to help mitigate damage
- Add early muzzleloader 3 pt. min. or antlerless opportunity in Elk Area 6014 to help mitigate damage
- Shift the legal elk for early archery in GMU 652 from any elk to 3 pt. min. or antlerless
- Allow opportunities to harvest antlered elk in Elk Area 6013 during early and late archery
- Shift the legal elk for early muzzleloader in GMU 505 from 3 pt. min. to 3 pt. min. or antlerless to help mitigate damage
- Shift the legal elk for late muzzleloader in GMU 667 from 3 pt. min. to 3 pt. min. or antlerless and reduce the season length by seven days
- Maintain a placeholder for an early archery general elk season in the Colockum and Yakima elk herd areas until 2018 harvest estimates and 2019 spring survey data are available

Highlights for the elk special permit proposed amendments include:

- Adjust the quality and bull special permit opportunities up or down to maintain bull to cow ratios at objective
 - Adjust the quality and bull special permits using the allocation formula, or adjust permits to levels agreed upon with stakeholders and tribes
 - Adjust antlerless special permits up or down to maintain herds at objective or move them toward population objective
 - Add quality special permit opportunities in GMU 145 in conjunction with opportunities that already exist in GMU 178
 - Add quality special permit opportunities in GMU 334 in conjunction with opportunities that already exist in GMUs 328, 329, 340, 342, and/or 371
 - Add modern firearm, archery, and muzzleloader special bull permits, and youth special permits for spike bull only in Elk Area 1015 to compensate for reduced antlerless opportunity
 - Expand youth special permits for designated areas in Region 5 to include holders of a muzzleloader or archery transport tag
 - Elimination of antlerless permit hunts for disabled and 65+ senior hunters in Elk Area 6011
-

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

- Maximize recreational elk hunting opportunity
- Continue sustainable hunting seasons for elk
- Address wildlife conflict issues by using recreational hunters whenever possible

Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

The department notified approximately 12,000 individuals and organizations informing them of the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed regulation amendments. Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the March 1-2, 2019 Commission meeting in Spokane.

Action requested:

Adopt WACs 220-415-050 and 220-415-060.

Draft motion language:

I move to adopt WACs 220-415-050 and 220-415-060 as presented.

Justification for Commission action:

To provide sustainable hunting opportunities, consistent with achieving management objectives.

Post decision communications plan:

WDFW Website

News Release

Hunting Regulations Pamphlet

Form revised 9/13/17

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-11-061, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18)

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 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. 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, 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)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
Eastern Washington	EF	101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, 121, 204	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Any bull
		145 through 154, 162 through 169, 172 (except Elk Area 1040), 175 through 186, 249, 336 through 368	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Spike bull
		251, 328, 329, 334, 335	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	True spike bull
		Elk Area 3722*	Sept. 8-23	Sept. 7-22	Sept. ((5-20)) <u>12-27</u>	Antlerless only
		124 through 142, 372, 382, 388	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Any elk
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381	Oct. 27 - Nov. 15	Oct. 26 - Nov. 15	Oct. 31 - Nov. 15	Any elk
		Master Hunters Only: 371, Elk Areas 3911 and 3912. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2019	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2020	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2021	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
*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.						
Western Washington	WF	460, 466, 503, 505 through 520, 524 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066), 530, 550, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, 601 through 618, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627, 633, 638 (except master hunters only in Elk Area 6064 portion of GMU 638), 642 through 651, 652 (except for Elk Area 6014), 654 through 660, 667 through 684.	Nov. 3-14	Nov. ((5-16)) <u>2-13</u>	Nov. ((4-15)) <u>7-18</u>	3 pt. min.
		501, 504, 663, Elk Area 6014	Nov. 3-14	Nov. 2-13	Nov. 7-18	3 pt. min. or antlerless

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
		407, 448, 564, 666	Nov. 3-14	Nov. 2-13	Nov. 7-18	Any elk
		454	Nov. 3-14	Nov. 2-13	Nov. 7-18	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 220-414-070.

Special Notes: Archery tag holders can hunt only during archery seasons and must hunt with archery equipment (WAC 220-414-070).

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)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Archery General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EA	101 through 142, 204, 243, 247, 249, 250, 373, 379, 381, 388	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	Any elk
		162, 166, 169, 172 (except Elk Area 1040), 175, 186, 336, 340, 352, 356, 364	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	Spike bull
		328, 329, 336, 340, 352, 356, 364	Sept. 15-20	Sept. 14-19		Antlerless
		328, 329	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	True spike bull
		334, 335	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	True spike bull or antlerless
		145, 149, 154, Elk Area 1010, Elk Area 1013, 163, 178, 181	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	Spike bull or antlerless
Western Washington	WA	407, 448, 454, 564 ((, 652 (except Elk area 6013)) , 666, 684, Elk Area 6014	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	Any elk
		((407	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	Any elk))
		501 through 505, 520, 550, 554, 560, 568, 572, 574,	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	3 pt. min. or antlerless

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
		578, Elk Area 6061, <u>652</u> (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless), 654, 660, <u>663</u> , 667 through 673, 681, 699				
		460, 466, 506, 510, 513, 516, 524 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066), 530, 601 through 618, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627, 633, 638 (except Master Hunters only in Elk Area 6064), 642 through 651, 658, 663	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	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, 2019	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2020	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2021	Antlerless only
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 379, 381. Must wear hunter orange.	Oct. 27 - Nov. 15	Oct. 26 - Nov. 15	Oct. 31 - Nov. 15	Any elk
		Master Hunters Only: 371, Elk Areas 3911 and 3912. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2019	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2020	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2021	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
		328, 334, 335	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	True spike bull or antlerless
		336, 342, 346, 352, 364, Elk Area 3681	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Spike bull or antlerless
Western Washington	WA	Elk Area 4601, 503, 505, 506, 530, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 <u>closed to antlerless</u>), 663, 667, 672, 681, and 699. Master hunters only in Elk Area 6064 portion of GMU 638.	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		407	Nov. 21 - Jan 20, 2019	Nov. 27 - Jan 20, 2020	Nov. 25 - Jan 20, 2021	Any elk
		448, 454, 564, 666	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any elk
		603, 612, 615, 638 (except for Elk Area 6064), 648	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.
		*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.				

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 220-414-060, or bow and arrow, as defined under WAC 220-414-070.

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)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	101 through 121, 204, 247	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	Any bull
		124 through 142, 245, 250	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	Any elk
		145, 149, 154, 162, 163, 166, 172 (except Elk Area 1040), 175, 178, 181, 336 through 342, 352 through 368	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	Spike bull
		328, 329, 334, 335, Elk Area 2051	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	True spike bull
Western Washington	WM	((407 Elk Area 4601	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	Any elk
		407, 448, 454, 564, 666, 684	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	Any elk
		460, 466, ((505,)) 506, 510, 513, 516, 520, 524 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066), 530, 550, 554, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, 602, 603, 607, 612, 615, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627, 633, 638 (except for Elk Area 6064), 642, 648, 660, 672, 673, 681	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	3 pt. min.
		501, 503, 504, 505, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless), Elk Area 6014, 654, 663, 667, Elk Area 4601	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	3 pt. min. or antlerless
Late Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	130 through 142	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any elk
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381. Must wear hunter orange.	Oct. 27 - Nov. 15	Oct. 26 - Nov. 15	Oct. 31 - Nov. 15	Any elk

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
		Master Hunters Only: 371, Elk Areas 3911 and 3912. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2019	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2020	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2021	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
Western Washington	WM	407	Nov. 21 - Jan. 20, 2019	Nov. 27 - Jan. 20, 2020	Nov. 25 - Jan. 20, 2021	Any elk
		501, 503, 504, 505, 578, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless) ((-)), <u>667</u>	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		448, 454, 564, 666, 684	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any elk
		568, 574	Nov. 21-30	Nov. 27-30	Nov. 25-30	3 pt. min.
		601, 618, 651, 658 ((- , 667))	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-050, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-415-050, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-358, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-059 (Order 15-98), § 232-28-358, filed 4/30/15, effective 5/31/15. 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.]

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

Page 8

- Change: Under Early Archery General Elk Seasons for Eastern Washington in GMUs 328, 329, 336, 340, 352, 356, and 364; update the season dates under 2019 Dates to be Sept. 14-19 and leave 2020 dates blank.

Rationale: Population surveys for the Yakima elk herd were completed recently and indicate that the population remains at levels similar to those observed in 2017 and is ~1,000 elk below objective. However, the number of cows in the population is near objective. In addition, harvest estimates for the 2018 season indicate the early archery season only accounted for ~60 of the 300-400 cows harvested in 2018. Collectively, this indicates the population should be able to sustain the level of cow harvest that occurs during the early archery season. That said, biologists are concerned about a delayed winter mortality event given the 2019 winter conditions and are cautious about committing to an early archery season in 2020.

Population surveys for the Colockum herd had not been completed at the time this document was prepared. However, given the Colockum herd was still within objective in 2018, biologists felt confident in offering this opportunity for the 2019 season and adjusting the recommendation in 2020 if pending survey results indicated a change was warranted.

Page 9

- Change: Under Early Archery General Elk Seasons for Western Washington; change the legal elk for GMU 663 from 3 pt. min. to 3 pt. min. or antlerless.

Rationale: The legal elk for all other general seasons including modern firearm is 3 pt. min or antlerless to address damage issues in the eastern portion of GMU 663. Changing the legal elk for the early archery season was inadvertently missed.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions

Supporting Comments:

There were six (6) comments in support of the proposal. There was no common theme to the support comments.

Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

There were 17 comments in opposition to the proposal. There was only one common theme, which was opposition to the removal of archery, antlerless opportunity in the 300 series GMUs.

There were seven (7) comments that were neutral. Despite the neutral stance, one (1) comment advocated for creating antlerless permit opportunities for archery hunters in 300 series GMUs if general season opportunities were removed. We also received two emails that were opposed to general archery, antlerless opportunity and advocated for archery permit seasons in 300 series GMUs.

We received public testimony from two (2) individuals at the March meeting. Both were generally related to elk management in northeast Washington and not directly related to the rule proposal.

Direction and Rationale:

The main theme of comments was associated with the removal of archery, antlerless opportunity in the 300 series GMUs. These concerns were also the main theme of comments received during development of the current 3-year package in 2018. The department took these comments seriously and made recommended adjustments, which included offering archery, antlerless opportunities for the 2018 season. However, with the most current survey data indicating the Yakima herd was below objective and the Colockum herd was at the lower end of our objective, we also committed to using 2018 harvest data and 2019 survey results to inform decisions for the 2019 and 2020 seasons.

Survey results from 2019 indicate the Yakima herd remains below objective and calf recruitment rates remain well below historical levels. However, the number of cows in the population is very near objective, antlerless harvest has been reduced substantially in recent years, and antlerless harvest during the early archery season only accounted for ~60 of the 300-400 antlerless elk harvested throughout the herd area. However, given the current winter conditions, biologists are concerned a delayed winter mortality event may occur.

Surveys in the Colockum had not occurred at the time this proposal was developed. The herd was at objective in 2018, calf recruitment rates are expected to be at adequate levels, antlerless harvest has been reduced substantially in recent years, and antlerless harvest during general archery seasons has been reduced by approximately 155 elk. However, given the current winter conditions, biologists are concerned a delayed winter mortality event may occur.

The department has made recommended adjustments to offer archery, antlerless opportunities for the 2019 season in 300 series GMUs and to use future harvest and survey data to determine whether

those opportunities will occur in 2020. The department will move forward with the recommendation, which includes the recommended adjustment, to the Fish and Wildlife Commission.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-11-061, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18)

WAC 220-415-060 ((2018)) 2019 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, muzzleloader, 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. 1-6 and Nov. 9-30)) Sept. 29 - Oct. 6 and Nov. 16 - Dec. 5	Any bull	Elk Area 1015	1
Prescott	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 149	2
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) 23-27	Any bull	GMU 154	1
Blue Creek	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 154	((11)) 10
Watershed	EA, EF, EM	Any	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	3 pt. min.	GMU 157	40
Dayton	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 162	((9)) 6
Ten Ten	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) 23-27	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	1
Ten Ten	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	((3)) 2
Tucannon	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 166	((14)) 13
Wenaha West	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	((8)) 6
Wenaha East	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	((9)) 76
Mountain View	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 172, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040	((16)) 1211
Ten Forty	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	2
Lick Creek	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 175	((4)) 32
Peola	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) 23-27	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	1
Peola	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	((1)) 32
Couse	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4))	Any bull	GMU 181	((3)) 4

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			Oct. 21 - Nov. 3			
Mission	EF	Any	Sept. ((22-28)) <u>21-29</u>	Any bull	GMU 251	((3)) <u>4</u>
Colockum	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, <u>334</u>	1
Colockum	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, <u>334</u>	((49)) <u>2324</u>
Teanaway	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	2
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	3
Observatory	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMUs <u>334</u> , 340, 342	3
Little Naches	EF	Any	((Sept. 29 - Oct. 7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Any bull	GMU 346	((5)) <u>4</u>
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	3
Bethel	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	3
Rimrock	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	3
Cowiche	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	3
Nooksack	WF	Any	((Oct. 6-31 and Dec. 17-31)) Oct. 5-31 and Dec. 16-31	Any bull	GMU 418	12
Green River	WF, WA, WM	Any	((Oct. 20-26)) <u>Nov. 9-15 Nov. 2-8</u>	Any bull	GMU 485	<u>810</u>
Wahkiakum	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMUs 506, 530	1
South Rainier	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMUs 510, 513	1
Packwood	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMU 516	1
Winston	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMU 520	1
Coweeman	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMU 550	1
Toutle	WF	Any	((Sept. 24-28 and Nov. 3-14)) Sept. 23-27 and Nov. 2-13	Any bull	GMU 556	2
Toutle	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	<u>4544</u>
Lewis River	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMU 560	2

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Siouxon	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMU 572	2
Carlton	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5057	5
West Goat Rocks	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5058	5
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	1
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
Mt. Adams	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5059	5
Mudflow	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 603, 607, 612, 615	4
Matheny	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 618	3
Quinault	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 638	5
Wynoochee	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 648	1
White River	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) <u>23-27</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	2
Prescott	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 149	1
Blue Creek	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 154	((8)) <u>76</u>
Dayton	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 162	((4)) <u>3</u>
Ten Ten	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	((5)) <u>3</u>
Tucannon	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 166	((6)) <u>5</u>
Wenaha West	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	2
Wenaha East	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	((4)) <u>3</u>
Mountain View	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 172, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040	((15)) <u>119</u>
Ten Forty	EA	Any	Sept. ((10-23)) <u>9-22</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	2
Lick Creek	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 175	((7)) <u>43</u>
Peola	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	GMUs <u>178, 145</u>	((2)) <u>3</u>
Couse	EA	Any	Sept. ((1-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 181	((2))

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>19</u>			<u>3</u>
Colockum	EA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, <u>334</u>	((12)) <u>1517</u>
Teanaway	EA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	<u>32</u>
Peaches Ridge	EA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	((58)) <u>3510</u>
Observatory	EA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Any bull	GMUs <u>334</u> , 340, 342	((57)) <u>2320</u>
Goose Prairie	EA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	((53)) <u>337</u>
Bethel	EA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	((32)) <u>256</u>
Rimrock	EA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	((63)) <u>5021</u>
Cowiche	EA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	((21)) <u>146</u>
Nooksack	WA	Any	((Aug. 27 - Sept. 15 and Jan. 1-18, 2019)) <u>Aug. 26 - Sept. 14 and Jan. 1-19, 2020</u>	Any bull	GMU 418	7
Toutle	WA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u> and Dec. 1-15	Any bull	GMU 556	<u>3330</u>
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Sept. ((16-22)) <u>15-21</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	1
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Sept. ((8-14)) <u>7-13</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
Mudflow	WA	Any	((Sept. 15-23 and Nov. 16-21)) <u>Sept. 14-22 and Nov. 15-20</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WA	Any	Sept. ((1-23)) <u>1-22</u>	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 603, 607, 612, 615	2
White River	WA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>14-25</u> and Dec. 1-15	Any bull	GMU 653	19
Prescott	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) <u>Sept. 30 - Oct. 11</u>	Any bull	GMU 149	1
Blue Creek	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) <u>Sept. 30 - Oct. 11</u>	Any bull	GMU 154	<u>32</u>
Dayton	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) <u>Sept. 30 - Oct. 11</u>	Any bull	GMU 162	((3)) <u>2</u>
Ten Ten	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) <u>Sept. 30 - Oct. 11</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	1
Tucannon	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) <u>Sept. 30 - Oct. 11</u>	Any bull	GMU 166	((3)) <u>2</u>
Wenaha West	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) <u>Sept. 30 - Oct. 11</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	((2)) <u>1</u>
Wenaha East	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) <u>Sept. 30 - Oct. 11</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	((3)) <u>2</u>

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Mountain View	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	Any bull	GMU 172, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040	((5)) <u>45</u>
Ten Forty	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	2
Lick Creek	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	Any bull	GMU 175	1
Peola	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	Any bull	GMUs <u>178, 145</u>	1
Couse	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) Sept. 30 - Oct. 11	Any bull	GMU 181	1
Mission	EM	Any	Sept. 30 - Oct. ((9)) <u>11</u>	Any bull	GMU 251	((3)) <u>4</u>
Colockum	EM	Any	((Sept. 29-Oct. 7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, <u>334</u>	((5)) <u>6</u>
Teanaway	EM	Any	((Sept. 29-Oct. 7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Any bull	GMU 335	2
Peaches Ridge	EM	Any	((Sept. 29-Oct. 7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	((17)) <u>104</u>
Observatory	EM	Any	((Sept. 29-Oct. 7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Any bull	GMUs <u>334, 340, 342</u>	((13)) <u>56</u>
Goose Prairie	EM	Any	((Sept. 29-Oct. 7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	((13)) <u>82</u>
Bethel	EM	Any	((Sept. 29-Oct. 7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Any bull	GMU 360	((9)) <u>72</u>
Rimrock	EM	Any	((Sept. 29-Oct. 7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Any bull	GMU 364	((9)) <u>74</u>
Cowiche	EM	Any	((Sept. 29-Oct. 7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Any bull	GMU 368	((6)) <u>42</u>
Nooksack	WM	Any	((Sept. 19-30 and Nov. 16-25, and Dec. 1-9)) Sept. 18-29 and Nov. 15-24, and Dec. 1-8	Any bull	GMU 418	7
Toutle	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	<u>1819</u>
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Sept. ((16-22)) <u>15-21</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WM	Any	Sept. ((16-22)) <u>15-21</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
Mudflow	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-16)) <u>5-15</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WM	Any	((Sept. 29-Oct.))	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 603, 607,	2

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			5)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 4		612, 615	
Bulls						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	EF	Any	Dec. 11-16	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
Ten Forty	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 – Nov. 4)) Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	2
Grande Ronde	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 – Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Mission	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 – Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 251	((1)) 4
Teanaway	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 – Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 335	35
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 – Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	((61)) 3613
Observatory	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 – Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	((35)) 1216
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 – Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	((54)) 338
Bethel	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 – Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 360	((38)) 307
Rimrock	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 – Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 364	((65)) 5228
Cowiche	EF	Any	((Oct. 22 – Nov. 4)) Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMU 368	((42)) 75
Alkali	EF	Any	((Oct. 15 – Nov. 2)) Oct. 14 - Nov. 1	Any bull	GMUs 334, 371	15
Skagit River	WF	Any	((Oct. 6 – Nov. 8)) Oct. 5 - Nov. 7	Any bull	Elk Area 4941	((4)) 5
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	3
Olympic	WF	Any	((Oct. 20 – Nov. 14)) Oct. 19 - Nov. 13	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	76
Skokomish	WF	Any	((Oct. 20 – Nov. 14)) Oct. 19 - Nov. 13	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	((2))

Bulls						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			44)) <u>Oct. 19 - Nov. 13</u>			<u>3</u>
White River	WF	Any	((Nov. 3-14)) <u>Oct. 19 - Nov. 13</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	37
<u>Turnbull</u>	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 7-19</u>	<u>Spike bull only</u>	<u>Elk Area 1015</u>	<u>1</u>
Ten Forty	EA	Any	Sept. ((4-9)) <u>1-8</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	2
Grande Ronde	EA	Any	Sept. ((4-20)) <u>1-19</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Alkali	EA	Any	Sept. ((4-23)) <u>1-22</u>	Any Elk	GMUs <u>334</u> , 371	10
Skagit River	WA	Any	((Aug. 27 - Sept. 15 and Jan. 1-7, 2019)) <u>Aug. 26 - Sept. 14 and</u> <u>Jan. 1-7, 2020</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 4941	8
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	3
Lewis River	WA	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>27</u> - Dec. 8	3 pt. min.	GMU 560	5
Siouxon	WA	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>27</u> - Dec. 8	3 pt. min.	GMU 572	5
Olympic	WA	Any	Sept. ((4-20)) <u>1-22</u> and Dec. 1-15	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT Elk Area 6071	<u>43</u>
Skokomish	WA	Any	Sept. ((4-20)) <u>1-22</u> and Dec. 1-15	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	((2)) <u>32</u>
<u>Turnbull</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 8-13</u>	<u>Spike bull only</u>	<u>Elk Area 1015</u>	<u>1</u>
Ten Forty	EM	Any	Oct. ((8-14)) <u>5-11</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	2
Grande Ronde	EM	Any	((Oct. 1-12)) <u>Sept. 30 - Oct. 11</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Alkali	EM	Any	((Sept. 24 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 23 - Oct. 13</u>	Any bull	GMUs <u>334</u> , 371	15
Skagit River	WM	Any	((Sept. 19-30 and Dec. 1-10 and Jan. 9-19, 2019)) <u>Sept. 18-29 and Dec. 2-11</u> and <u>Jan. 8-19, 2020</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 4941	((4)) <u>5</u>
Upper Smith Creek	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	3
Yale	WM	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>27</u> - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.	GMU 554	15
Olympic	WM	Any	((Sept. 29 - Oct. 4)) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 11</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	2
Skokomish	WM	Any	((Sept. 29 - Oct. 4)) <u>12</u>))	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	((1)) <u>21</u>

Bulls						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 11</u>			
White River	WM	Any	((Oct. 6-12)) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 11</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	7
Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
North Half	EF	Any	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4 <u>Oct. 26-Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Douglas	EF	Any	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4 <u>Oct. 26-Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 108	5
Aladdin	EF	Any	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4 <u>Oct. 26-Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	10
Selkirk	EF	Any	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4 <u>Oct. 26-Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	10
49 Degrees North	EF	Any	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4 and Dec. 16-31 <u>Oct. 26-Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 117	10
Huckleberry	EF	Any	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4 and Dec. 16-31 <u>Oct. 26-Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 121	10
Turnbull	EF	Any	Nov. 16-21	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	((6)) <u>5</u>
Turnbull	EF	Any	Dec. 11-16	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	((6)) <u>5</u>
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	Oct. ((13-23)) <u>12-22</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	10
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	20
Prescott	EF	Any	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	20
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((13-23)) <u>12-22</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	10
Blue Creek	EF	Any	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	10
Marengo-Dayton	EF	Any	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 163 and Elk Area 1010	((75)) <u>50</u>
Mountain View	EF	Any	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	40
((Dayton	EF	Any	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Antlerless	Elk Area 1016	5
Lick Creek	EF	Any	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Antlerless	GMU 175	3))
Ten Forty	EF	Any	Nov. ((5-11)) <u>4-10</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1040	5
((Couse	EF	Any	Aug. 18-26	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	30))
Couse	EF	Any	Oct. ((13-23)) <u>12-22</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	((5)) <u>15</u>
Couse	EF	Any	((Oct. 27 - Nov.	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	((30))

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			4)) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8			<u>40</u>
George Creek	EF	Any	((Oct. 13 - Nov. 19)) Oct. 12 - Nov. 19	Antlerless	Elk Area 1082	((40)) <u>5</u>
Malaga	EF	Any	Sept. ((8-21)) <u>9-20</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	20
Malaga	EF	Any	((Nov. 5 - Dec. 31)) Nov. 4 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	55
Colockum	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	100
West Bar	EF	Any	Oct. ((27-30)) <u>26-29</u>	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
West Bar	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
Teanaway	EF	Any	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMU 335	30
Taneum	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMU 336	35
Manastash	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMU 340	30
Umtanum	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMU 342	25
Little Naches	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMU 346	35
Nile	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMU 352	10
Bumping	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMU 356	20
Bethel	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMU 360	10
Rimrock	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMU 364	15
Cowiche	EF	Any	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 3	Antlerless	GMU 368	15

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Alkali	EF	Any	((Oct. 15 – Nov. 2)) Oct. 14 - Nov. 1	Antlerless	GMU 371	20
North Bend	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
Green River	WF, WA, WM	Any	((Oct. 20-26)) Nov. 9-15 <u>Nov. 2-8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 485	8 10
Mossyrock	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	((50)) <u>20</u>
Willapa Hills	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 506	25
Winston	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	25
Margaret	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 524 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066)	5
Ryderwood	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	((35)) <u>15</u>
Coweeman	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	15
Toutle	WF	Any	Nov. 20-30	Antlerless	GMU 556	15
Lewis River	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	((40)) <u>25</u>
Washougal	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	((35)) <u>20</u>
Siouxon	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 572	((20)) <u>15</u>
Wind River	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	((40)) <u>25</u>
West Klickitat	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 578	((75)) <u>45</u>
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	((4)) <u>2</u>
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5065	((2)) <u>1</u>
Norway Pass	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	5
Mudflow	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	5
Mallis	WF	Any	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Mallis	WF	Any	Jan. 1-20, ((2019)) <u>2020</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	20
Puyallup	WF	Any	((Dec. 29, 2018 – Jan. 17, 2019)) <u>Dec. 28, 2019 - Jan. 15, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Puyallup	WF	Any	((Jan. 18 – Feb. 7, 2019)) <u>Jan. 16 - Feb. 5, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Puyallup	WF	Any	Feb. ((8-25, 2019)) <u>6-23, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Hanford	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Williams Creek	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 673	50

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Long Beach	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 684	6
Turnbull	EA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	((44)) <u>12</u>
((Lick Creek	EA	Any	Sept. 8-20	Antlerless	GMU 175	40
Dayton	EA	Any	Sept. 8-20	Antlerless	Elk Area 1016	40))
Malaga	EA	Any	Sept. 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	20
Margaret	WA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u> and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 524 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066)	5
Toutle	WA	Any	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u> and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 556	15
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	((4)) <u>2</u>
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	3
Mudflow	WA	Any	((Sept. 8-14 and Nov. 16-21)) Sept. 7-13 and Nov. 15- <u>20</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	7
Lewis River	WA	Any	Nov. ((21)) <u>27</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 560	((40)) <u>5</u>
Siouxon	WA	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>27</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 572	((5)) <u>3</u>
Wynoochee	WA	Any	Nov. ((21)) <u>27</u> - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 648	110
North Half	EM	Any	Oct. 6-12 <u>Oct. 5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Douglas	EM	Any	Oct. 6-12 <u>Oct. 5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 108	5
Aladdin	EM	Any	Oct. 6-12 <u>Oct. 5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	10
Selkirk	EM	Any	Oct. 6-12 <u>Oct. 5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	10
49 Degrees North	EM	Any	Oct. 6-12 and Dec. 16-31 <u>Oct. 5-11 and Dec. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 117	20
Huckleberry	EM	Any	Oct. 6-12 <u>Oct. 5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 121	10
Turnbull	EM	Any	((Nov. 23-28)) <u>Oct. 8-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	((9)) <u>8</u>
Turnbull	EM	Any	Nov. 30 - Dec. 5	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	((9)) <u>8</u>
((Dayton	EM	Any	Oct. 6-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 1016	5))
Blue Creek	EM	Any	((Dec. 9, 2018 - Jan. 20, 2019)) Dec. 9, 2019 - Jan. 20, <u>2020</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	25
Mountain View	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	20
((Lick Creek	EM	Any	Oct. 6-12	Antlerless	GMU 175	3))
Mayview-Peola	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	20
Couse	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	((40)) <u>20</u>
Couse	EM	Any	((Dec. 1, 2018 - Jan. 20, 2019))	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081 and Elk Area 1075	35

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			<u>Dec. 1, 2019 - Jan. 20, 2020</u>			
George Creek	EM	Any	Sept. ((29)) <u>28</u> - Oct. ((12)) <u>11</u> and Nov. 20 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Elk Area 1082	((40)) <u>5</u>
Malaga	EM	Any	((Sept. 29 - Oct. 7)) <u>Oct. 5-11</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	45
Colockum	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	50
West Bar	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
Teanaway	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 335	10
Taneum	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 336	25
Manastash	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 340	25
Umtanum	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 342	20
Nile	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 352	10
Bumping	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 356	10
Bethel	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 360	10
Cowiche	EM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 368	10
Alkali	EM	Any	((Sept. 24 - Oct. 14)) <u>Sept. 23 - Oct. 13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	10
Willapa Hills	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 506	15
Mudflow	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-16)) <u>5-15</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	4
Winston	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	15
Margaret	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 524 (except CLOSED in Elk Area 5066)	5
Ryderwood	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	((30)) <u>10</u>
Coweeman	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	15
Yale	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 554	((30)) <u>20</u>
Yale	WM	Any	Nov. ((21)) <u>27</u> - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 554	((25)) <u>15</u>
Toutle	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 556	15
Lewis River	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	((45)) <u>10</u>
Washougal	WM	Any	Nov. ((21)) <u>27</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 568	((35)) <u>20</u>
Siouxon	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 572	((40)) <u>5</u>
Wind River	WM	Any	Nov. ((21)) <u>27</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 574	((50)) <u>30</u>
Upper Smith Creek	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	((4))

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
						<u>2</u>
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5065	((<u>2</u>))
Norway Pass	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	2
Mallis	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Mashel	WM	Any	((Dec. 29, 2018– Jan. 12, 2019)) Dec. 28, 2019 - Jan. 11, 2020	Antlerless	Elk Area 6054	20
North River	WM	Any	Nov. ((21)) <u>17</u> - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 658	20
Forks ^y	WF, WM, WA	Any	Jan. 1-31, ((2019)) <u>2020</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6612	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
Turnbull	EF	Youth	Nov. ((9-14)) <u>23- 28</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	((<u>6</u>))
<u>Turnbull</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 23-28</u>	<u>Spike bull only</u>	<u>Elk Area 1015</u>	<u>1</u>
Aladdin	EF	Youth	Oct. 27–Nov. 4 <u>Oct. 26-Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	5
Selkirk	EF	Youth	Oct. 27–Nov. 4 <u>Oct. 26-Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	5
49 Degrees North	EF	Youth	Oct. 27–Nov. 4 and Dec. 16-31 <u>Oct. 26-Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 117	5
Mayview-Peola	EF	Youth	((Oct. 27–Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	5
Blue Creek	EF	Youth	((Oct. 27–Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	5
Dayton	EF	Youth	((Oct. 27–Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 162	((<u>40</u>))
Ten Forty	EF	Youth	Oct. ((13-21)) <u>12- 20</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1040	5
Lick Creek	EF	Youth	((Oct. 27–Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 175	2
((<u>Couse</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Aug. 18-26</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 1081</u>	<u>5</u>))
Couse	EF	Youth	((Oct. 27–Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	((<u>5</u>))
Malaga	EF	Youth	Nov. ((5-15)) <u>4-15</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
Colockum	EF	Youth	((Oct. 31–Nov. 12)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	25
Yakima North	EF	Youth	((Oct. 31–Nov.	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	15

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
			42)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>			
Yakima Central	EF	Youth	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 42)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF	Youth	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 42)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
Colockum	EM	Youth	((Sept. 29 - Oct. 7)) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	10
Yakima North	EM	Youth	((Sept. 29 - Oct. 7)) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10
Yakima Central	EM	Youth	((Sept. 29 - Oct. 7)) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	10
Yakima South	EM	Youth	((Sept. 29 - Oct. 7)) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 6</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	10
North Bend	WF, WM, WA	Youth	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
Skagit River	WF, WM, WA	Youth	((Nov. 10-26 and Dec. 17-31)) <u>Nov. 9 - Dec. 1 and</u> <u>Dec. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	((4)) <u>5</u>
Mudflow	WF	Youth	Nov. 21-30	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5
Mudflow	WF	Youth	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 2 and Nov. 24-30)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 1 and</u> <u>Nov. 25-30</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	5
Coweeman	WF	Youth	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	15
Toutle	WF	Youth	Nov. 20-30	Antlerless	GMU 556	20
Lewis River	WF	Youth	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	((40)) <u>5</u>
Wind River	WF	Youth	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	((40)) <u>5</u>
West Klickitat	WF	Youth	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 578	((25)) <u>15</u>
Region 5	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	Youth with mentor	((Aug. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31,</u> <u>2020</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	10 ^{HC}
Peninsula	WF	Youth	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	4
Clearwater	WF	Youth	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 615	5
Matheny	WF	Youth	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 618	5
Wynoochee	WF	Youth	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 648	10
North River	WF	Youth	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	5

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
Williams Creek	WF	Youth	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 673	10
Mallis	WF	Youth	((Dec. 16, 2018- Jan. 20, 2019)) Dec. 16, 2019 - Jan. 20, <u>2020</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Peninsula	WA	Youth	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	2
Peninsula	WM	Youth	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	2
Forks ^z	WF, WM, WA	Youth	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6612	10
Region 6	WF	Youth with mentor	((Aug. 1, 2018- Mar. 31, 2019)) Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, <u>2020</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	5 ^{HC}

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
Northeast	EF	65+	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4 and Dec. 16-31, Oct. 26- <u>Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 113, 117	10
Prescott	EF	65+	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	3
Blue Creek	EF	65+	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	3
Dayton	EF	65+	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 162, 163	3
Peola	EF	65+	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 178	3
Malaga	EF	65+	Nov. ((5-15)) <u>4-15</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
Colockum	EF	65+	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 12)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	10
Yakima North	EF	65+	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 12)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10
Yakima Central	EF	65+	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 12)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF	65+	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 12)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
Alkali	EF	65+	((Oct. 15 - Nov. 2)) <u>Oct. 14 - Nov. 1</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	10
North Bend	WF, WM, WA	65+	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
Colockum	EM	65+	((Sept. 29 - Oct.	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	5

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
			7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6			
Yakima North	EM	65+	((Sept. 29 - Oct. 7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	5
Yakima Central	EM	65+	((Sept. 29 - Oct. 7)) Sept. 28 - Oct. 6	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Ryderwood	WF	65+	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	((15)) <u>10</u>
Skagit River	WF, WM, WA	65+	((Nov. 11-26 and Dec. 17-31)) Nov. 9 - Dec. 1 and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	((4)) <u>5</u>
Peninsula	WF	65+	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	3
Centralia Mine	WF	65+	((Jan. 5-6, 2019)) Sept. 7-8	Antlerless	Elk Area 6011	5
((Centralia Mine))	WF	65+	Jan. 12-13, 2019	Antlerless	Elk Area 6011	5))
Hanford	WF, WM, WA	65+	((Dec. 29, 2018 - Jan. 12, 2019)) Dec. 28, 2019 - Jan. 11, 2020	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Hanford	WF, WM, WA	65+	Jan. ((13-28, 2019)) <u>12-26, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Peninsula	WA	65+	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1
Peninsula	WM	65+	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1
Forks [¥]	WF, WM, WA	65+	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6612	10
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. 27 - Nov. 4 and Dec. 16-31 <u>Oct. 26-Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 113, 117	4
Turnbull	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 1-6	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	((6)) <u>5</u>
Prescott	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	3
Blue Creek	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	3
Dayton	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 162, 163	3
Peola	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 178	3

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
Observatory	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 22 - Nov. 4)) <u>Oct. 21 - Nov. 3</u>	Any bull	GMUs <u>334</u> , 340, 342	((5)) <u>4</u>
Little Naches	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Sept. 29 - Oct. 7)) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 6</u>	Any bull	GMU 346	((5)) <u>4</u>
Malaga	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>9-20</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
Colockum	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 12)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	10
Yakima North	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 12)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10
Yakima Central	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 12)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 31 - Nov. 12)) <u>Oct. 30 - Nov. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
Alkali	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Oct. 15 - Nov. 2)) <u>Oct. 14 - Nov. 1</u>	Any bull	GMUs <u>334</u> , 371	5
Corral Canyon	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. 22-29	Any elk	Elk Area 3721	2
North Bend	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
Skagit River	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Nov. 11-26 and Dec. 17-31)) <u>Nov. 9 - Dec. 1</u> and <u>Dec. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	((4)) <u>5</u>
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((19-25)) <u>18-24</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	5
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Sept. 25 - Oct. 1)) <u>Sept. 24-30</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5
Washougal	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	((45)) <u>10</u>
Region 5	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	Hunters w/ Disabilities	((Aug. 1, 2018 - Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	10 ^{HC}
((<u>Centralia Mine</u>))	WF	<u>Hunters w/ Disabilities</u>	Sept. 29-30	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Elk Area 6011	<u>5</u>))
Centralia Mine	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((6-7)) <u>5-6</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Elk Area 6011	5
Peninsula	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	3
Peninsula	WM	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>5-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1

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
Peninsula	WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. ((8-20)) <u>7-19</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1

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. 19-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	((6)) <u>5</u>
Region 1	EF, EA, EM/ 2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2018 – Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Region 1	20 ^{HC}
Region 2	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2018 – Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 2	10 ^{HC}
Fairview	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((Oct. 27, 2018 – Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>Oct. 26, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMUs 328-368	((40)) <u>30</u> ^{HC}
Region 3	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((Aug. 1, 2018 – Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</u>	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, 2018 – Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMU 372	20 ^{HC}
Region 4 North	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((July 1, 2018 – Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>July 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Whatcom and Skagit counties	((18)) <u>13</u> ^{HC}
Region 4 South	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((July 1, 2018 – Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>July 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in King and Snohomish counties	10 ^{HC}
Pumice Plains	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Oct. 9-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	2
Pumice Plains	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	5
Pumice Plains	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Nov. ((3-14)) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	2
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Dec. 15-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	5
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 1-15, ((2019)) <u>2020</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	5
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 16-30, ((2019)) <u>2020</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	5
JBH*	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Elk Area 5090	5 ^{HC}
Region 5	Any western elk	Master Hunter	Master	((Aug. 1, 2018 –))	Antlerless	Designated Areas in	((20))

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
	tag/2nd elk tag	elk tag required	Hunter	Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</u>		Region 5	30 ^{HC}
Long Beach	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((July 1, 2018- Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>July 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</u>	Antlerless	GMU 684	5
Region 6	WF, WA, WM/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	((July 1, 2018- Mar. 31, 2019)) <u>July 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	30 ^{HC}

* Muzzleloader only, scopes allowed.

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

‡ Must use only archery, muzzleloader, 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. - 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 bull	GMUs 336-346	((<u>2</u>)) 1
Region 3		Any bull	GMUs 352-360	1
Region 3		Any bull	GMUs 364-368	1
Region 5		Any elk	382, 388 and all 500 series GMUs EXCEPT GMU 522	2
Region 6		Any elk	GMUs 618, 638-648, 654, 658, 663, 672, 699	1

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-060, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory

Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-415-060, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17.

Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-360, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory

Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-059 (Order 15-98), § 232-28-360, filed 4/30/15, effective 5/31/15. 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.]

WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits.

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

Page 16

- Change: Under the Quality category for Wenaha East (Elk Area 1009), EF; change the permits from 7 to 6.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 16

- Change: Under the Quality category for Mountain View (GMU 172, Except Elk Area 1040), EF; change the permits from 12 to 11.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 16

- Change: Under the Quality category for Lick Creek (GMU 175), EF; change the permits from 3 to 2.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 16

- Change: Under the Quality category for Peola (GMUs 178, 145), EF, Oct. 21-Nov. 3; change the permits from 3 to 2.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 17

- Change: Under the Quality category for Colockum (GMUs 328, 329, 334), EF, Oct. 21-Nov. 3; change the permits from 23 to 24.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 17

- Change: Under the Quality category; change the hunt dates for Green River (GMU 485) to Nov. 2-8 and the permits from 8 to 10.

Rationale: Season dates and permit number are negotiated annually with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and Tacoma Water. Proposed changes are a reflection of those negotiations, which consider managing hunter access, hunt quality, and management of the resource.

Page 17

- Change: Under the Quality category for Toutle (GMU 556), WF; change the permits from 45 to 44.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 18

- Change: Under the Quality category for Blue Creek (GMU 154), EA; change the permits from 7 to 6.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 18

- Change: Under the Quality category for Mountain View (GMU 172, Except Elk Area 1040), EA; change the permits from 11 to 9.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 18

- Change: Under the Quality category for Lick Creek (GMU 175), EA; change the permits from 4 to 3.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 19

- Change: Under the Quality category for Colockum (GMUs 328, 329, 334), EA; change the permits from 15 to 17.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 19

- Change: Under the Quality category for Teanaway (GMU 335), EA; change the permits from 3 to 2.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 19

- Change: Under the Quality category for Peaches Ridge (GMUs 336, 346), EA; change the permits from 35 to 10.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 19

- Change: Under the Quality category for Observatory (GMUs 334, 340, 342), EA; change the permits from 23 to 20.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 19

- Change: Under the Quality category for Goose Prairie (GMUs 352, 356), EA; change the permits from 33 to 7.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 19

- Change: Under the Quality category for Bethel (GMU 360), EA; change the permits from 25 to 6.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 19

- Change: Under the Quality category for Rimrock (GMU 364), EA; change the permits from 50 to 21.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 19

- Change: Under the Quality category for Cowiche (GMU 368), EA; change the permits from 14 to 6.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 19

- Change: Under the Quality category for Toutle (GMU 556), WA; change the permits from 33 to 30.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 19

- Change: Under the Quality category for Blue Creek (GMU 154), EM; change the permits from 3 to 2.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 20

- Change: Under the Quality category for Mountain View (GMU 172, Except Elk Area 1040), EM; change the permits from 4 to 5.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 20

- Change: Under the Quality category for Peaches Ridge (GMUs 336, 346), EM; change the permits from 10 to 4.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 20

- Change: Under the Quality category for Observatory (GMUs 334, 340, 342), EM; change the permits from 5 to 6.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 20

- Change: Under the Quality category for Goose Prairie (GMUs 352, 356), EM; change the permits from 8 to 2.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 20

- Change: Under the Quality category for Bethel (GMU 360), EM; change the permits from 7 to 2.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 20

- Change: Under the Quality category for Rimrock (GMU 364), EM; change the permits from 7 to 4.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 20

- Change: Under the Quality category for Cowiche (GMU 368), EM; change the permits from 4 to 2.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 20

- Change: Under the Quality category for Toutle (GMU 556), WM; change the permits from 18 to 19.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 21

- Change: Under the Bulls category for Teanaway (GMU 335), EF; change the permits from 3 to 5.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 21

- Change: Under the Bulls category for Peaches Ridge (GMUs 336, 346), EF; change the permits from 36 to 13.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 21

- Change: Under the Bulls category for Observatory (GMUs 334, 340, 342), EF; change the permits from 12 to 16.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 21

- Change: Under the Bulls category for Goose Prairie (GMUs 352, 356), EF; change the permits from 33 to 8.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 21

- Change: Under the Bulls category for Bethel (GMUs 360), EF; change the permits from 30 to 7.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 21

- Change: Under the Bulls category for Rimrock (GMU 364), EF; change the permits from 52 to 28.

Rationale: Surveys of the Yakima herd indicate the number of adult bulls declined from 857 in 2017 to 460 in 2019, which is below objective. In addition, observed calf recruitment rates (26:100) were well below levels typical of this herd (35-40:100), which will result in fewer bulls being recruited into the population. As such, permit levels were reduced accordingly.

Page 21

- Change: Under the Bulls category for Cowiche (GMUs 368), EF; change the permits from 7 to 5.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 21

- Change: Under the Bulls category for Olympic (GMU 621, Except for Elk Area 6071), WF; change the permits from 7 to 6.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 22

- Change: Under the Bulls category for Olympic (GMU 621, Except for Elk Area 6071), WA; change the permits from 4 to 3.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 22

- Change: Under the Bulls category for Skokomish (GMU 636), WA; change the permits from 3 to 2.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 22

- Change: Under the Bulls category; update the legal hunt boundary for Alkali, muzzleloader (EM), to include GMU 334.

Rationale: We have expanded the legal boundary for several permits in the quality bull and bull categories to include GMU 334, and inadvertently missed this one.

Page 22

- Change: Under the Bulls category for Skokomish (GMU 636), WM; change the permits from 2 to 1.

Rationale: Proposed changes are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available.

Page 23

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for North Half (GMUs 101, 105, 204) to Oct. 26-Nov. 3.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with modern firearm general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 23

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for Douglas (GMU 108) to Oct. 26-Nov. 3.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with modern firearm general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 23

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for Aladdin (GMU 111) to Oct. 26-Nov. 3.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with modern firearm general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 23

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for Selkirk (GMU 113) to Oct. 26-Nov. 3.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with modern firearm general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 23

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for 49 Degrees North (GMU 117) to Oct. 26-Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with modern firearm general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 23

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for Huckleberry (GMU 121) to Oct. 26-Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with modern firearm general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 25

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for Green River (GMU 485) to Nov. 2-8 and the permits from 8 to 10.

Rationale: Season dates and permit number are negotiated annually with the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe and Tacoma Water. Proposed changes are a reflection of those negotiations, which consider managing hunter access, hunt quality, and management of the resource.

Page 26

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for North Half (GMUs 101, 105, 204) to Oct. 5-11.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with muzzleloader general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 26

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for Douglas (GMU 108) to Oct. 5-11.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with muzzleloader general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 26

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for Aladdin (GMU 111) to Oct. 5-11.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with muzzleloader general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 26

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for Selkirk (GMU 113) to Oct. 5-11.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with muzzleloader general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 26

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for 49 Degrees North (GMU 117) to Oct. 5-11 and Dec. 16-31.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with muzzleloader general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 26

- Change: Under the Antlerless category; change the hunt dates for Huckleberry (GMU 121) to Oct. 5-11.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with muzzleloader general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 28

- Change: Under the Youth category; change the hunt dates for Aladdin (GMU 111) to Oct. 26-Nov. 3.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with modern firearm general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 28

- Change: Under the Youth category; change the hunt dates for Selkirk (GMU 113) to Oct. 26-Nov. 3.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with modern firearm general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 28

- Change: Under the Youth category; change the hunt dates for 49 Degrees North (GMU 117) to Oct. 26-Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with modern firearm general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 30

- Change: Under the 65+ Senior category; change the hunt dates for Northeast (GMUs 113, 117) to Oct. 26-Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with modern firearm general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 31

- Change: Under the Hunters with Disabilities category; change the hunt dates for Northeast (GMUs 113, 117) to Oct. 26-Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31.

Rationale: This change aligns seasons dates with modern firearm general season dates. These dates are adjusted annually to align with general seasons, but were inadvertently missed during the initial update.

Page 32

- Change: Under the Hunters with Disabilities category; update the legal hunt boundary for Alkali, (EF, EM, EA), to include GMU 334.

Rationale: We have expanded the legal boundary for several permits to include GMU 334, and inadvertently missed this one.

Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:

WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits

Supporting Comments:

There were five (5) comments in support of the proposal. There was no common theme to the support comments.

Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:

There were 18 comments in opposition to the proposal. There was only one common theme (10 comments), which was opposition to a reduction in permits. The secondary theme was associated with five (5) comments that advocated for reducing permits even further.

There were nine (9) comments that were neutral, with no identifiable central theme, but three (3) advocated for a reduction of permits.

We received public testimony from two (2) individuals at the March meeting. Both were generally related to elk management in northeast Washington and not directly related to the rule proposal.

Direction and Rationale:

The main theme of the comments centered on opposition to a reduction in permits or were advocating for further reductions. Initial recommendations included reductions in bull permits in the Blue Mountains, Colockum, and Yakima elk herd areas in response to declining bull numbers and lower than normal calf recruitment rates in recent years. Surveys for 2019 had not been completed in the Colockum and Blue Mountains at the time this proposal was developed.

Surveys in the Yakima indicated bull numbers had declined for a third straight year, are approximately 50-55% lower than observed in 2016, and that the department is not likely to meet our objective of maintaining bull survival rates of at least 50% and a post-hunt bull:cow ratio of 12-20 bulls per 100 cows without a substantial reduction in bull permits. As such, the department has proposed recommended adjustments that include further reductions in bull permits for GMUs in the Yakima elk herd area. Other recommended adjustments are a reflection of updates to allocation formulas that were made after harvest data for the 2018 season became available or administrative changes to season dates.

Field staff are making hunting season recommendations they feel will maximize hunting opportunity without having a negative impact on the elk populations. The department will move forward with the recommendations, which include the recommended adjustments, to the Fish and Wildlife Commission.



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (August 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.320) Do NOT use for expedited rule making

CODE REVISER USE ONLY

OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER
STATE OF WASHINGTON
FILED

DATE: January 18, 2019

TIME: 11:41 AM

WSR 19-03-129

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

Original Notice

Supplemental Notice to WSR _____

Continuance of WSR _____

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 18-23-030 on November 14, 2018 ; 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).

Proposal is exempt under RCW _____.

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject)

Amended Rules

WAC 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region four.

WAC 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region six.

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

WAC 220-413-030 Importation and retention of dead nonresident wildlife.

WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife – Evidence of sex – Definitions.

WAC 220-413-180 Special closures and firearm restrictions.

WAC 220-413-200 Reducing the spread of hoof disease – Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

WAC 220-414-070 Archery requirements.

WAC 220-414-080 Hunting – Hunter orange clothing requirements.

WAC 220-415-020 2018-2020 Deer general season and definitions.

WAC 220-415-030 2019 Deer special permits.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general season and definitions.

WAC 220-415-060 Elk special permits.

WAC 220-415-070 2019 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

WAC 220-415-120 2019 Bighorn sheep season.

WAC 220-415-130 2019 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

WAC 220-416-060 2019-2020 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations.

WAC 220-416-110 Use of game birds for training dogs, field trials – Marking requirements.

WAC 220-417-030 Wild animal trapping.

WAC 220-430-010 Game farm license provisions.

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

Hearing location(s):

Date: **Time:** **Location:** (be specific) **Comment:**

March 1-2, 2019	8:00 a.m.	Natural Resources Building Room 172 1111 Washington Street SE Olympia, WA 98501	
-----------------	-----------	--	--

Date of intended adoption: April 5-6, 2019 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

Submit written comments to:

Name: Wildlife Program

Address: PO Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98504

Email: wildthing@dfw.wa.gov

Fax: (360) 902-2162

Other: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/regulations/seasonsetting/2019/>

By (date) February 13, 2019

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

Contact Tami Lininger

Phone: (360) 902-2267

Fax:

TTY: (800) 833-6388

Email: tami.lininger@dfw.wa.gov

Other:

By (date) February 22, 2019

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

WAC 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region four.

The purpose of the proposal is to clarify boundary language as it pertains to Game Management Unit 485 Green River. The existing language can be somewhat complicated. The proposed changes take advantage of the well-marked boundaries of the Green River watershed which are identical to the GMU boundary.

WAC 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions-Region six.

The purpose of the proposal is to clarify boundary language as it pertains to the boundary shared by Game Management Unit 653 White River and Game Management Unit 485 Green River. The existing language can be somewhat complicated. The proposed changes take advantage of the well-marked boundaries of the Green River watershed which are identical to the GMU boundary.

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

Proposed change (1) would allow holders of an Eastside Elk Auction Permit, Eastside Elk Raffle Permit, South-Central Washington Big Game Raffle Permit, or Eastern Washington Elk Incentive Permit to hunt elk in GMU 334 (Ellensburg). This GMU is currently excluded from the legal hunt area.

Proposed change (2) would redirect the holder of the 'Rocky Mountain' bighorn sheep raffle permit to a portion of the Wenaha-Mountain View herd complex with a greater number of mature rams.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

This proposal modifies hunt dates on properties enrolled in WDFW's Landowner Hunting Permit (LHP) program for the 2019 hunting seasons. These sites offer special hunting opportunities to the public through permits issued by WDFW, raffles, or selection by the landowner.

WAC 220-413-030 Importation and retention of dead nonresident wildlife.

The proposal will ban the importation and retention of specific parts of dead nonresident wildlife that could contain Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) from Tennessee. Specific circumstances are fully set forth in WAC 220-413-030 to include the state of Tennessee.

WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife – Evidence of sex – Definitions.

The proposal amends WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife-Evidence of sex-Definitions by changing subsection 1, related to the possession and transport of game birds by adding the fully feathered wing as an acceptable field identification requirement, with the exception of Canada and Cackling geese harvested in Goose Management Area 2 Coast and Inland where the head must be left attached for subspecies determination.

WAC 220-413-180 Special closures and firearm restrictions.

The proposed changes to the Special Closures and Firearm Restriction Areas WAC are administrative changes that clarify firearm restrictions in portions of Grays Harbor County and Pacific County only apply during modern firearm general deer and/or elk seasons. It also clarifies that Key Peninsula and Longbranch Peninsula are the same location in Pierce County.

WAC 220-413-200 Reducing the spread of hoof disease – Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

This rule is an attempt to reduce the potential risk of inadvertently spreading the causative agents of treponeme associated hoof disease (TAHD) in elk.

WAC 220-413-200 was most recently updated in September 2018. Since that time, TAHD has been confirmed along the border of GMUs 638 and 618, in the upper Wynoochee Valley (GMU 636) just south of Olympic National Park, and in GMU 621, necessitating the addition of GMUs 618, 621, and 638. With the addition of these 3 GMUs, the rule would apply in all but 15 of the 61 western Washington GMUs that are not islands in Puget Sound. The Department believes it prudent to add all western Washington GMUs to the restriction.

New Game Management Units (GMUs) are being proposed in which transport of elk hooves from harvested elk would be restricted. These new GMUs include all 400, 500, and 600 GMUs. The rule does allow, under certain circumstances, the legal transport of elk hooves to facilitate research by the Department and/or our collaborators.

WAC 220-414-070 Archery requirements.

The purpose of the proposal is to eliminate the restriction that makes it unlawful to hunt big game animals with any arrow weighing less than six grains per pound of draw weight with a minimum arrow weight of 300 grains. Such a rule change will ensure hunters are not unknowingly in violation of a restriction, while in no way negatively affecting the kill efficacy of modern archery equipment commonly in use today.

WAC 220-414-080 Hunting – Hunter orange clothing requirements.

This proposal clarifies the hunter orange rule to address the overlap between turkey hunting and general season modern firearm deer and elk seasons. This proposed change will allow turkey hunters not to wear orange except during the general modern deer and elk seasons. This change will allow turkey hunters more flexibility and maintain safety during the general modern firearm seasons. This proposal adds turkey to the hunter orange rule and requires turkey hunters that are hunting during a modern deer or elk firearm season to wear florescent orange.

WAC 220-415-020 2018-2020 Deer general seasons and definitions.

The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season deer hunting opportunity for 2019. 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.

WAC 220-415-030 2019 Deer special permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit deer hunting opportunity for 2019. 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.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

The purpose of this proposal is to allow the department to focus elk hunting pressure on a smaller scale than the Game Management Unit. Elk Areas help expand hunting opportunity that would normally not be available. Elk Areas also help accommodate wildlife conflict mitigation using hunting as a tool. The purpose of the proposal is to adjust the boundaries of Elk Area 6054, such that harvest is focused in areas where conflicts are most frequent.

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions.

The purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The elk seasons for fall of 2019 represent the second year of the 2018-2020 three-year hunting season package. The purpose of the proposal is to increase opportunities in some areas to assist with efforts to mitigate elk damage. The proposal also corrects typographical errors associated with season dates for the western Washington and Elk Area 3722 general elk modern firearm seasons.

WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to retain elk special permit hunting opportunity for 2019. 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.

WAC 220-415-070 2019 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

The purpose of this proposal is to adjust moose permit limits to reflect population changes and recent harvest.

WAC 220-415-120 2019 Bighorn sheep season.

The purpose of this proposal is to adjust bighorn sheep hunt permit limits to reflect population changes and recent harvest.

WAC 220-415-130 2019 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

The purpose of this proposal is to adjust mountain goat hunt permit limits to reflect population changes and recent harvest.

WAC 220-416-060 2019-2020 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations.

The proposal amends WAC 220-416-060 2018-19 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations to specify legal season dates, bag limits for the 2019-20 season.

Changes include:

- Adjusting season dates relative to 2019-2020 calendar dates
- Lowering Northern Pintail bag-limit to 1 pintail per day and associated possession limits per the USFWS Northern Pintail Harvest Strategy
- Proposed shift of 12-days for white goose hunting from the beginning of the season to February 22 – March 4, 2020 in Goose Management Area 4
- Proposed addition of dates to brant season in Pacific County, contingent upon the most recent 3-year average results per the Pacific Brant Population Management Plan harvest strategy.

WAC 220-416-110 Use of game birds for training dogs, field trials – Marking requirements.

The proposed changes clarify that only one method is required for marking game birds and adds an additional method option, which is nasal scarring caused by an anti-pecking device. In addition, the proposal adjusts the ordering of existing options for marking non-waterfowl game birds.

WAC 220-417-030 Wild animal trapping.

The proposed changes clarify that restraining traps (live capture traps) must be checked every 24 hours, whether or not an animal has been captured.

WAC 220-430-010 Game farm license provisions.

The proposed changes clarify that a game farm license is required to sell species listed in subsection 2 (game birds and waterfowl). Also, the proposed changes clarify that a current, valid license is required to continue to possess, propagate, sell and transfer wildlife that was lawfully possessed on January 1, 1992. Lastly, the proposed changes add conditions for revocation or denial of a game farm's license and grounds for prosecution under existing RCW.

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

The proposed changes clarify that game birds released for dog training and hunting pursuant to WAC 220-416-110 do not need to be purchased. Instead, they simply need to be acquired from certain facilities. These facilities include a 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.

Reasons supporting proposal:

WAC 220-410-040 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions – Region four.

The proposed amendments will make the boundaries more discernable for hunters. The proposed changes will also make enforcement of hunting season rules and trespass rules more straightforward.

WAC 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions-Region six.

The proposed amendments will make the boundaries more discernable for hunters. The proposed changes will also make enforcement of hunting season rules and trespass rules more straightforward.

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

1) GMU 334 has historically been excluded from the legal hunt area for auction, raffle, and special incentive permits, in addition to Quality Elk and Bull Elk special permits because it primarily consists of private residential and agricultural properties within and/or immediately adjacent to the city limits of Ellensburg, which makes it difficult for most hunters to find an area within the GMU where they have permission to hunt. In addition, the potential for human-elk conflicts within this GMU is high and the Department limits elk numbers by providing numerous opportunities to harvest spike bull (or true spike) and antlerless elk during general seasons. However, with no opportunities to harvest branch-antlered bulls, the number of mature bulls has steadily increased and they are frequently the source of damage complaints from agricultural producers. Including opportunities to harvest branch-antlered bulls in GMU 334 would provide increased opportunity to hunters, reduce the number of branch-antlered bulls, and reduce the number of human-elk conflicts that occur in association with branch-antlered bulls.

2) These bighorn herds are closely managed, so biologists typically have good data on the number and distribution of the large-sized rams sought by auction and raffle holders. WDFW also co-manages these herds with Oregon and the Nez Perce Tribes, so fine-scale distribution of hunters is helpful.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

Several years ago, the Fish and Wildlife Commission developed a policy to expand the private lands available to the general public for hunting. One of the programs that was authorized is the Landowner Hunting Permit Program. This program encourages landowners to provide opportunity to the general hunter in exchange for customized hunting seasons and the ability to generate funding to offset the cost of providing public access.

WAC 220-413-030 Importation and retention of dead nonresident wildlife.

Because Tennessee has identified chronic wasting disease in wild, free-ranging deer, the department seeks to mitigate the risk to public health and safety by adding the state of Tennessee to WAC 220-413-030.

WAC 220-413-090 Field identification of wildlife – Evidence of sex – Definitions.

The proposed amendment to WAC 220-416-090 Field identification of wildlife-Evidence of sex-Definition, brings field identification of game birds in line with federal possession and transport identification requirements. Identification of migratory waterfowl by wing is a typical training component for federal and state enforcement and should be allowed as an appropriate method of identification for game bird hunters in Washington. The exception of Canada and Cackling geese harvested in Goose Management Area 2 Coast and Inland where the head must be left attached for subspecies determination must be required due to the use of a bill measurement criteria set in WAC 220-413-060 2019-2020 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations that differentiates the Dusky Canada goose subspecies which is closed to harvest.

WAC 220-413-180 Special closures and firearm restrictions.

The added language was needed to clarify that modern firearms could be used within these areas to mitigate damage issues during established permit and/or damage hunts, which increases the department's ability to accommodate both firearm restriction needs and wildlife conflict mitigation. The Key Peninsula is also known to some as Longbranch Peninsula; the proposed change clarifies they are the same location.

WAC 220-413-200 Reducing the spread of hoof disease – Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

This proposal adds GMUs where transport of elk hooves will be restricted in order to reduce the potential risk of the disease spreading.

WAC 220-414-070 Archery requirements.

Washington is the only state that has a minimum arrow weight to draw weight ratio and only one of five that have a similar regulation of minimum overall weight of 300 grains. With the advent of carbon arrow technology, which dominates today's market, it is likely a vast majority of archery hunters are unknowingly in violation of the arrow weight to draw weight ratio restriction. In addition, it is highly unlikely any archer would shoot an arrow that weighed less than 300 grains. Lastly, we have no additional information that indicates either of these restrictions increases kill efficacy.

WAC 220-414-080 Hunting – Hunter orange clothing requirements.

This proposal will increase turkey hunter success and maintain safety. Turkey seasons in the past did not overlap with modern deer or elk firearm season. New proposals to control growing turkey populations make it necessary to overlap those seasons. Last year we modified the hunter orange rule to include turkey. We have since found that the rule as written was too broad and turkey hunters had to wear orange throughout the fall season. This recommended rule adjustment provides more flexibility for turkey hunters, while maintaining the hunter orange requirement during the deer and elk modern firearm seasons.

WAC 220-415-020 2018-2020 Deer general seasons and definitions.

These proposals provide for recreational deer hunting opportunity and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable general deer hunting season opportunities for 2019. The proposal helps address deer agricultural damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed.

WAC 220-415-030 2019 Deer special permits.

These proposals provide for recreational deer hunting opportunity and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal would also maintain sustainable deer special permit hunting season opportunities for 2019. The proposal helps address deer agricultural damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

This proposal allows the department to use hunting as a management tool and expands elk hunting opportunity.

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions.

The proposal provides for recreational elk hunting opportunity and helps address elk agricultural damage problems and provides for elk population control when needed.

WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits.

This proposal provides for recreational elk hunting opportunity and protects elk from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable elk special permit hunting opportunity for 2019. The proposal helps address elk agricultural damage problems and provides for elk population control when needed.

WAC 220-415-070 2019 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

Population abundance estimates and document of recent past harvest.

WAC 220-415-120 Bighorn sheep seasons and permit quotas.

Population abundance estimates and document of recent past harvest.

WAC 220-415-130 2019 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

Population abundance estimates and document of recent past harvest.

WAC 220-416-060 2019-2020 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations.

Waterfowl seasons and regulations are developed based on cooperative management programs among states of the Pacific Flyway and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, considering population status and other biological parameters. The rule establishes waterfowl seasons and regulations to provide recreational opportunity, control waterfowl damage, and conserve the waterfowl resources of Washington.

WAC 220-416-110 Use of game birds for training dogs, field trials – Marking requirements.
 The proposal provides clarity so that the WAC is not misinterpreted to mean that game birds must be marked by all methods.

The use of anti-pecking devices is standard among game farms in the western US, particularly for pheasants which can be aggressive in captivity. By allowing nasal scarring caused by these devices to meet the marking requirements, the department is reducing the burden on game farmers to apply an additional mark to game birds. This proposed change will also improve compliance in marking requirements.

The proposal to adjust the order of the listed marking requirements is intended to emphasize less invasive methods.

WAC 220-417-030 Wild animal trapping.
 The current WAC states that an animal captured in a restraining trap must be removed within 24 hours but doesn't state that traps must be checked every 24 hours. The proposed change clarifies that the traps must be checked every 24 hours and captured animals may not be restrained for more than 24 hours.

WAC 220-430-010 Game farm license provisions.
 The proposed changes support game farm license holders by emphasizing that certain species cannot be sold without a game farm license. This is intended to reduce confusion and to ensure that unlicensed individuals are not selling these species.

In addition, the proposed changes provide clarity regarding license requirements to game farm license holders who maintain species that were lawfully possessed prior to prior to January 1, 1992.

The proposed changes also provide the department with the necessary tools to ensure that game farm license holders are compliant with the game farm license provisions.

WAC 220-450-010 Criteria for planting aquatic plants and releasing wildlife.
 The proposed changes simplify requirements for obtaining game birds for dog training and hunting pursuant to WAC 220-416-110. The changes also seek to ensure that game birds are acquired from facilities that undergo appropriate inspections and follow appropriate guidelines to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.570, 77.32.070, and 77.32.530.

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.570, 77.32.070, and 77.32.530.

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: None.

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Private
<input type="checkbox"/> Public
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

	Name	Office Location	Phone
Drafting:	Eric Gardner	Natural Resources Building 1111 Washington St. SE Olympia, WA 98501	(360) 902-2515
Implementation:	Eric Gardner	Natural Resources Building 1111 Washington St. SE Olympia, WA 98501	(360) 902-2515

Regulatory Fairness Act Cost Considerations for a Small Business Economic Impact Statement:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see chapter 19.85 RCW). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.061 because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by RCW 34.05.313 before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of RCW 15.65.570(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3). Check all that apply:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b)
(Internal government operations) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e)
(Dictated by statute) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c)
(Incorporation by reference) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f)
(Set or adjust fees) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d)
(Correct or clarify language) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g)
((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit) |

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025 (4).

Explanation of exemptions, if necessary: Proposed rule does not affect small businesses.

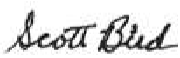
COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF NO EXEMPTION APPLIES

If the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

- No Briefly summarize the agency's analysis showing how costs were calculated. _____
- Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses, and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

- Name:
- Address:
- Phone:
- Fax:
- TTY:
- Email:
- Other:

Date: January 18, 2019	Signature: 
Name: Scott Bird	
Title: Rules Coordinator	