

Comments on DNS 21-003 Washington State Chronic Wasting Disease Plan. SEPA comments received from July 14, 2021 to July 28, 2021. The public comments copied here were as submitted.

Commenter or number of similar comments	Topic	Comments	Agency response
36	Baiting/Attractants	All 36 comments opposed a ban on baiting citing various reasons that included 1) no scientific evidence that small amounts of bait will facilitate the spread of CWD, 2) there is currently no detection of CWD in Washington state and a preemptive ban is not warranted, and 3) a ban on baiting would decrease participation in hunting and make it harder to successfully harvest animals especially for youth and disabled hunters. In addition to opposition for a bait ban, some commenters also disagreed with a ban on urine attractants citing lack of scientific evidence that it contributes to CWD transmission.	Thank you for your comments. The WDFW Chronic Wasting Disease Management Plan recommends rule changes based on the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Technical Report on Best Management Practices for Prevention, Surveillance, and Management of Chronic Wasting Disease (Gillin and Mawdsley, 2018). Recommended rule changes do not go into effect at the completion of the SEPA environmental impact review process, but instead require a separate formal rulemaking process, including public review and input, before they are adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. For more information on the WDFW rulemaking process, please visit wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations .
2	Captive Cervids	Both commenters were opposed to a blanket prohibition on the importation of captive reindeer. Both commenters were supportive of limiting the importation of captive reindeer to those originating from herds enrolled in a CWD certification program, and annual inspections and CWD testing of existing captive reindeer herds in the state. One commenter was further supportive of cervid urine bans, cervid carcass importation from states where CWD is known to be present, and limiting the importation of reindeer from states where CWD is known to be present in wild cervids.	Thank you for your comments. The WDFW Chronic Wasting Disease Management Plan recommends rule changes based on the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies Technical Report on Best Management Practices for Prevention, Surveillance, and Management of Chronic Wasting Disease (Gillin and Mawdsley, 2018). Recommended rule changes do not go into effect at the completion of the SEPA environmental impact review process, but instead require a separate formal rulemaking process, including public review and input, before they are adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. For more information on the WDFW rulemaking process, please visit wdfw.wa.gov/about/regulations .
Shaun Dinubilo	No Concern	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Thank you for contacting the Squaxin Island Tribe Cultural Resources Department regarding the above listed project for our review and comment. We have no specific cultural resource concerns for this project. However, if DAHP recommends a survey, or any other additional recommendations, we concur with DAHP's recommendations. We would prefer to receive an electronic copy by email once completed. If any archaeological or cultural resources are uncovered during implementation, please halt work in the area of discovery and contact DAHP and the Squaxin Island Tribe's Archaeologist, Shaun Dinubilo via email at sdinubilo@squaxin.us.</p> <p>Shaun Dinubilo Archaeologist Cultural Resource Department Squaxin Island Tribe</p>	Thank you for your comments.