

# Game Management Advisory Council (GMAC) Meeting Notes

September 16, 2020

## Virtual Meeting via Microsoft

**Members Present:** Mark Pidgeon, Dave Chromy, William Essman, James Horan, Mark Smith, Roy Lee, Jake Weise, Jason Bolser, Al Martz, Dave Duncan, Rachel Voss

**Staff Present:** Anis Aoude

**Welcome:** Anis introduced Jake Weise as GMAC Vice Chair and noted that Jake would chair the meeting

**Notes From Previous Meeting:** Members decided to defer approving the notes from the previous meeting to the next meeting.

### 3 Year Season Setting Proposals:

- GMAC recommends putting off till a future meeting the issue of using dogs to track wounded big game;
- Allow the use of cell phone trail cameras during hunting seasons for big game: members opposed;
- Decrease the minimum caliber size for deer from .24 to .223: members opposed;
- Allow the use of 1x scopes on muzzleloading firearms: some members opposed and some supportive;
- Allow the use of crossbows during established muzzleloader seasons: members opposed;
- Allow the use of range-finding bow sights on archery equipment: members opposed;
- Allow the use of breadcrumb nocks on archery equipment: members ok with proposal;
- Allow the use of verifiers for peep sights on archery equipment: members ok with proposal;
- Allow video-cameras to be mounted to archery equipment and muzzleloading firearms: members opposed;
- Allow hunting for turkeys with dogs during the fall season: members supportive
- Using rim fire rifles for fall turkey hunting: members supportive;
- Using air rifles to hunt forest grouse and rabbits: members supportive;
- Restrict hunting forest grouse to rim fire rifles only: members opposed;
- Delay start of forest grouse season: members supportive;
- Lengthen the chucker season: members opposed;
- Allow trapping for cottontail rabbits and snowshoe hares with box or cage traps: members supportive;
- Close the Olympic Peninsula to martin trapping: members supportive;
- Create a new bird dog area in North Central Washington (Region 2): members supportive;

- Antler point restrictions for white tailed deer in GMU's 101,105,111,113,117 and 121 (department recommends no change: members support department position until more information is available;
- Reductions in white tailed deer antlerless harvest in GMU's 127-142 are needed to promote population growth: members support option 3;
- Reduce opportunities to harvest antlerless white tailed deer in GMU 124 (Mount Spokane); members supportive;
- Continue promoting recovery of mule deer populating in the East Columbia Gorge Mule Deer Management Zone by eliminating opportunities to harvest antlerless mule deer: members supportive;
- Black tailed deer populations on Puget Sound islands are very high and need to be reduced: members support option 3;
- Allow hunters to use dogs to assist with tracking wounded game: members opposed;
- Eliminate Deer Area 1040 and open the 4-0 Ranch Wildlife Area Unit during general deer seasons: members supportive.

**Wrap up and agenda items for next meeting:**

**Adjourn:**