17. DEER AND ELK AREA DESCRIPTIONS – RULE BRIEFING AND PUBLIC HEARING

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"GREEN SHEET"

Meeting: March 7-8, 2008

Agenda Item 17: Amend WAC 232-28-337 Deer and elk area descriptions – **Rule Briefing and Public Hearing**

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Background:

For the last three winters, late archery deer and elk seasons in Game Management Unit (GMU) 368 have coincided with elk coming down to feed stations in that GMU. It is the Department's intent to keep hunters away from active feeding areas whenever possible.

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

Create Elk Area 3681 and Deer Area 3682 in GMU 368 to direct late season archery hunters away from feed stations. This maintains opportunity without impacting feeding operations.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

These proposed recommendations were mailed to approximately 450 organizations and individuals in January for their review and consideration. These organizations and individuals were also informed of the opportunity to provide public testimony at the March 7-8, 2008 Commission meeting in Olympia.

Action requested (identify the specific Commission decisions you are seeking):

Take public comment. Adoption is planned for the April 11-12, 2008 Commission meeting.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

N/A

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 07-292, filed 12/13/07, effective 1/13/08)

WAC 232-28-337 Deer and elk area descriptions.

ELK AREAS

Elk Area No. 1008 West Wenaha (Columbia County): That part of GMU 169 west of USFS trail 3112 (East Butte Creek Trail) and Butte Creek.

Elk Area No. 1009 East Wenaha (Columbia, Garfield, Asotin counties): That part of GMU 169 east of USFS trail 3112 (East Butte Creek Trail) and Butte Creek.

Elk Area No. 1010 (Columbia County): GMU 162 excluding National Forest land and the Rainwater Wildlife Area.

Elk Area No. 1011 (Columbia County): That part of GMU 162 east of the North Touchet Road, excluding National Forest land.

Elk Area No. 1012 (Columbia County): That part of GMU 162 west of the North Touchet Road, excluding National Forest land and the Rainwater Wildlife Area.

Elk Area No. 1013 (Asotin County): GMU 172, excluding National Forest lands.

Elk Area No. 1014 (Columbia-Garfield counties): That part of GMU 166 Tucannon west of the Tucannon River and USFS Trail No. 3110 (Jelly Spr.-Diamond Pk. Trail).

Elk Area No. 1015 Turnbull (Spokane County): Located in GMU 130, designated areas within the boundaries of Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge.

Elk Area No. 2032 Malaga (Kittitas and Chelan counties): Beginning at the mouth of Davies Canyon on the Columbia River; west along Davies Canyon to the cliffs above (north of) the North Fork Tarpiscan Creek; west and north along the cliffs to the Bonneville Power Line; southwest along the power line to the North Fork Tarpiscan Road in Section 9, Township 20N, Range 21E; north and west along North Fork Tarpiscan Road to Colockum Pass Road (Section 9, Township 20N, Range 21E); south and west on Colockum Pass Road to section line between Sections 8 & 9; north along the section line between Sections 8 and 9 as well as Sections 4 & 5 (T20N, R21E) & Sections 32 & 33 (T21N, R21E) to Moses Carr Road; west and north on Moses Carr Road to Jump Off Road; south and west on Jump Off Road to Shaller Road; north and west on Shaller Road to Upper Basin Loop Road; north and west on Upper Basin Loop Road to Wheeler Ridge Road; north on Wheeler Ridge Road to the Basin Loop Road (pavement) in Section 10 (T21N, R20E); north on Basin Loop Road to Wenatchee Heights Road; west on Wenatchee Heights Road to Squilchuck Road; south on Squilchuck Road to Beehive Road (USFS Rd 9712); northwest on Beehive Road to USFS Rd 7100 near Beehive Reservoir; north and west on USFS Rd 7100 to Peavine Canyon Road (USFS Rd 7101); north and east on Peavine Canyon Road to Number Two Canyon Road; north on Number Two Canyon Road to Crawford Street in Wenatchee; east on Crawford Street to the Columbia River; south and east along the Columbia River to Davies Canyon and point of

beginning. (Naneum Green Dot, Washington Gazetteer, Wenatchee National Forest)

Elk Area No. 2033 Peshastin (Chelan County): Beginning at Crawford Street and the Columbia River in Wenatchee; west on Crawford Street and Number Two Canyon Road to USFS 7101 Road (Peavine Canyon); west on USFS 7101 Road to Mission Creek Road; north on Mission Creek Road to USFS 7104 Road (Sand Creek Road); west on USFS 7104 Road (Sand Creek Road) to Camas Creek; west up Camas Creek to where Camas Creek crosses USFS 7200 Road, T22N, R18E, Section 4; north along USFS 7200 Road to U.S. Highway 97; north on U.S. Highway 97 to USFS 7300 Road (Mountain Home Road); north on the USFS 7300 Road to the Wenatchee River at Leavenworth; down the Wenatchee River and Columbia River to the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 2051 Tronsen (Chelan County): All of GMU 251 except that portion described as follows: Beginning at the junction of Naneum Ridge Road (WDFW Rd 9) and Ingersol Road (WDFW Rd 1); north and east on Ingersol Road to Colockum Road (WDFW Rd 10); east on Colockum Road and Colockum Creek to the intersection of Colockum Creek and the Columbia River; south on the Columbia River to mouth of Tarpiscan Creek; west up Tarpiscan Creek and Tarpiscan Road (WDFW Rd 14) and North Fork Road (WDFW Rd 10.10) to the intersection of North Fork Road and Colockum Road; southwest on Colockum Road to Naneum Ridge Road; west on Naneum Ridge Road to Ingersol Road and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3068 Klickitat Meadows (Yakima County): Beginning at Darland Mountain, southeast along the main divide between the

Diamond Fork drainage and the Ahtanum Creek drainage to the point due west of the headwaters of Reservation Creek (Section 18, T12N, R14E); then along a line due west to Spencer Point (as represented in the DNR 100k map); northeast from Spencer Point to US Forest Service (USFS) Trail 1136; north along USFS Trail 1136 to USFS Trail 615; east on USFS Trail 615 to Darland Mountain and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3681 Ahtanum (Yakima County): That part of GMU 368 beginning at the power line crossing on Ahtanum Creek in T12N, R16E, Section 15; west up Ahtanum Creek to South Fork Ahtanum Creek; southwest up South Fork Ahtanum Creek to its junction with Reservation Creek; southwest up Reservation Creek and the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the main divide between the Diamond Fork drainage and Ahtanum Creek drainage; north along the crest of the main divide between the Diamond Fork drainage and the Ahtanum Creek drainage to Darland Mountain; northeast on US Forest Service Trail 615 to US Forest Service Road 1020; northeast on US Forest Service Road 1020 to US Forest Service Road 613; northeast on US Forest Service Road 613 to US Forest Service Trail 1127; northeast on US Forest Service Trail 1127 to US Forest Service Road 1302 (Jump Off Road), southeast of the Jump Off Lookout Station; northeast on US Forest Service Road 1302 (Jump Off Road) to the power line in T14N, R15E, Section 33; southeast along the power line to Ahtanum Creek and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3721 Corral Canyon (Benton and Yakima counties): That part of GMU 372 beginning at the Yakima River Bridge on SR 241 just north of Mabton; north along SR 241 to the Rattlesnake

Ridge Road (mile post #19); east on Rattlesnake Ridge Road to the Hanford Reach National Monument's (HRNM) southwest corner boundary; east and south along the HRNM boundary to SR 225; south on SR 225 to the Yakima River Bridge in Benton City; west (upstream) along Yakima River to point of beginning (SR 241 Bridge).

Elk Area No. 3722 Blackrock (Benton and Yakima counties): That part of GMU 372 beginning at southern corner of the Yakima Training Center border on Columbia River, northwest of Priest Rapids Dam; southeast on southern shore of Columbia River (Priest Rapids Lake) to Priest Rapids Dam; east along Columbia River to the Hanford Reach National Monument's (HRNM) western boundary; south along the HRNM boundary to the Rattlesnake Ridge Road; west on Rattlesnake Ridge Road to SR 241; south on SR 241 to the Yakima River Bridge just north of Mabton; west along Yakima River to SR 823 (Harrison Road) south of town of Pomona; east along SR 823 (Harrison Road) to SR 821; southeast on SR 821 to Firing Center Road at I-82; east on Firing Center Road to main gate of Yakima Training Center; south and east along Yakima Training Center boundary to southern corner of Yakima Training Center boundary on Columbia River and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3911 Fairview (Kittitas County): Beginning at the intersection of the BPA Power Lines in T20N, R14E, Section 36 and Interstate 90; east along the power lines to Highway 903 (Salmon La Sac Road); northwest along Highway 903 to Pennsylvania Avenue; northeast along Pennsylvania Avenue to No. 6 Canyon Road; northeast along No. 6 Canyon Road to Cle Elum Ridge Road; north along Cle Elum Ridge Road to Carlson Canyon

Road; northeast along Carlson Canyon Road to West Fork Teanaway River; east along West Fork Teanaway River to North Fork Teanaway River; north along North Fork Teanaway River to Teanaway Road; southeast on Teanaway Road to Ballard Hill Road; east on Ballard Hill Rd and Swauk Prairie Road to Hwy 970; northeast on Hwy 970 to Hwy 97; south on Hwy 97 to the power lines in T20N, R17E, Section 34; east on the power lines to Naneum Creek; south on Naneum Creek approximately 1/2 mile to power lines in T19N, R19E, Section 20; east along BPA power lines to Colockum Pass Road in T19N, R20E, Section 16; south on Colockum Pass Road to BPA power lines in T18N, R20E, Section 6; east and south along power lines to Parke Creek; north on Parke Creek to Whiskey Jim Creek; east on Whiskey Jim Creek to Beacon Ridge Road; south on Beacon Ridge Road to the Vantage Highway; east along the Vantage Highway to I-90; west along I-90 to the Yakima Training Center boundary; south and west along the Yakima Training Center boundary to I-82; north on I-82 to Thrall Road; west on Thrall Road to Wilson Creek; south on Wilson Creek to Yakima River; north on Yakima River to gas pipeline crossing in T17N, R18E, Section 25; south and west on the gas pipeline to Umtanum Creek; west on Umtanum Creek to the Durr Road; north on the Durr Road to Umtanum Road; north on Umtanum Road to South Branch Canal; west on South Branch Canal to Bradshaw Road; west on Bradshaw Road to the elk fence; north and west along the elk fence to power line crossing in T19N, R16E, Section 10; west along the power line (south branch) to the Cabin Creek Road; east and north on Cabin Creek Road to Easton and I-90; east on I-90 to point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3912 Old Naches (Yakima County): Starting at the elk fence and Roza Canal along the south boundary T14N, R19E, Section 8; following the elk fence to the bighorn sheep feeding site in T15N, R16E, Section 36; south on the feeding site access road to the Old Naches Highway; west and south on the Old Naches Highway to State Route 12 and the Naches River; down the Naches River to the Tieton River; up the Tieton River approximately 2 miles to the intersection of the metal footbridge and the elk fence at the south end of the bridge in T14N, R16E, Section 3; south along the elk fence to the top of the cliff/rimrock line; southwest along the top of the cliff/rimrock line to the irrigation canal in T14N, R16E, Section 9; southwest along the irrigation canal to the elk fence in T14N, R16E, Section 8; south along the elk fence to the township line between T12N, R15E and T12N, R16E; south along the township line to the South Fork Ahtanum Creek; downstream along the South Fork Ahtanum Creek and Ahtanum Creek to the Yakima River; upstream along the Yakima River to Roza Canal and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 3944 Clemen (Yakima County): That portion of GMU 342 beginning at the junction of Highway 410 and USFS Road 1701 (Big Bald Mountain Road); north to USFS Road 1712; east on USFS Road 1712 (Clemen Ridge Road) to the east edge of Waterworks Canyon; south along the east edge of Waterworks Canyon to the elk fence; west along the elk fence to Highway 410 to the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 4041 Grandy Creek (Skagit County): Begin at the intersection of CP 190 Road and CP 132 Road (Section 28, T36N, R5E); east along the CP 132 Road to the CP 130 Road; east and

south along CP 130 Road to CP 110 Road, west, south and east along CP 110 Road to Childs Creek; south down Childs Creek to State Route 20; east on State Route 20 to Grandy Creek; south down Grandy Creek to the Skagit River; south on a line to South Skagit Hwy; west on South Skagit Hwy to State Route 9; north on State Route 9 to State Route 20; east on State Route 20 to Helmick Road; north on Helmick Road to CP 190 Road to CP 132 Road and the point of beginning. (WA Atlas & Gazetteer & Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Map)

Elk Area No. 4941 Skagit River (Skagit County): That portion of GMU 437 beginning at the intersection of State Route 9 and State Route 20; east on State Route 20 to Cape Horn Road NE; south down Cape Horn Road NE to the power line crossing which passes over the Skagit River; east on the power line to the Skagit River; south and west down the Skagit River to Pressentine Creek; south up Pressentine Creek to the South Skagit Highway; west on South Skagit Highway to State Route 9; north on State Route 9 to point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5029 Toledo (Lewis and Cowlitz counties): Beginning at the Cowlitz River and State Highway 505 junction; east along the Cowlitz River to the Weyerhaeuser 1800 Road; south along Weyerhaeuser 1800 Road to Cedar Creek Road; east along Cedar Creek Road to Due Road; south on Due Road to Weyerhaeuser 1823 Road; south along Weyerhaeuser 1823 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1945 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1945 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road to the North Fork Toutle River; west along the North Fork Toutle River to the Toutle River; west on the Toutle River

to the Cowlitz River; North along the Cowlitz River to the junction of State Highway 505 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5049 Ethel (Lewis County): That part of GMU 505 beginning at the intersection of Jackson Highway and Highway 12; south along Jackson Highway to Buckley Road; south on Buckley Road to Spencer Road; east on Spencer Road to Fuller Road; north on Fuller Road to Highway 12; east on Highway 12 to Stowell Road; north on Stowell Road to Gore Road; west on Gore Road to Larmon Road; west on Larmon Road to Highway 12; west on Highway 12 to Jackson Highway and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5050 Newaukum (Lewis County): That part of GMU 505 beginning at the intersection of Interstate 5 and Highway 12; east on Highway 12 to Larmon Road; east on Larmon Road to Leonard Road; north on Leonard Road through the town of Onalaska to Deggler Road; north on Deggler Road to Middle Fork Road; east on Middle Fork Road to Beck Road; north on Beck Road to Centralia-Alpha Road; west on Centralia-Alpha Road to Logan Hill Road; south then west on Logan Hill Road to Jackson Highway; south on Jackson Highway to the Newaukum River; west along the Newaukum River to Interstate 5; south on Interstate 5 to Highway 12 and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5051 Green Mountain (Cowlitz County): Beginning at the junction of the Cowlitz River and the Toutle River; east along the Toutle River to the North Fork Toutle River; east along the North Fork Toutle River to the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1900 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1910 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1910 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 2410 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 2410 Road to the

Weyerhaeuser 4553 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 4553 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4500 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 4500 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4400 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 4400 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4100 Road; east along the Weyerhaeuser 4100 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4730 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 4730 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4732 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 4732 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4790 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 4790 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1390 Road; south along the Weyerhaeuser 1390 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 1600 Road; west along the Weyerhaeuser 1600 Road to the Weyerhaeuser Logging Railroad Tracks at Headquarters; west along the Weyerhaeuser Logging Railroad Track to Ostrander Creek; west along Ostrander Creek to the Cowlitz River; north along the Cowlitz River to the Toutle River and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5052 Mossyrock (Lewis County): Beginning at the intersection of Winston Creek Road and State Highway 12; east on State Highway 12 to the Cowlitz River; east on the Cowlitz River to Riffe Lake; southeast along the south shore of Riffe Lake to Swofford Pond outlet creek; south on Swofford Pond outlet creek to Green Mountain Road; west on Green Mountain Road to Perkins Road; west on Perkins Road to Longbell Road; south on Longbell Road to Winston Creek Road; north on Winston Creek Road to State Highway 12 and the point of beginning. (All lands owned and managed by the Cowlitz Wildlife Area are excluded from this Elk Area.)

Elk Area No. 5053 Randle (Lewis County): Beginning at the town of Randle and the intersection of U.S. Highway 12 and State Route 131 (Forest Service 23 and 25 roads); south on State Route 131 to Forest Service 25 Road; south on Forest Service 25 Road to the Cispus River; west along the Cispus River to the Champion 300 line bridge; south and west on the Champion 300 line to the Champion Haul Road; north along the Champion Haul Road to Kosmos Road; north on Kosmos Road to U.S. Highway 12; east on U.S. Highway 12 to Randle and point of beginning. (All lands owned and managed by the Cowlitz Wildlife Area are excluded from this Elk Area.)

Elk Area No. 5054 Boistfort (Lewis County): Beginning at the town of Vader; west along State Highway 506 to the Wildwood Road; north along the Wildwood Road to the Abernathy 500 line gate (Section 20, T11N, R3W, Willamette Meridian); northwest along the 500, 540, and 560 lines to the Weyerhaeuser 813 line; northwest along the 813, 812, 5000J, 5000 and 4000 lines to the Pe Ell/McDonald Road (Section 15, T12N, R4W); west along the Pe Ell/McDonald Road to the Lost Valley Road; northeast along the Lost Valley Road to the Boistfort Road; north along the Boistfort Road to the King Road; east along the King Road to the town of Winlock and State Highway 603; south along Highway 505 to Interstate 5; south along Interstate 5 to State Hwy 506; west along State Hwy 506 to the town of Vader and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5056 Grays River Valley (Wahkiakum County): On or within 3/4 mile of agricultural land in the Grays River Valley within the following sections: T10N, R7W, Sections 8, 9, 17, 18

and T10N, R8W, Sections 13, 23, 24, 26.

Elk Area No. 5057 Carlton (Lewis County): That part of 513 (South Rainier) lying east of Highway 123 and north of Highway 12.

Elk Area No. 5058 West Goat Rocks (Lewis County): Goat Rocks Wilderness west of the Pacific Crest Trail.

Elk Area No. 5059 Mt. Adams Wilderness (Skamania and Yakima counties): The Mt. Adams Wilderness.

Elk Area No. 5060 Merwin (Cowlitz County): Begin at the State Route 503 and the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 junction; north and west on the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 to Day Place Road; west on Day Place Road to Dubois Road; south on Dubois Road to State Route 503; east on State Route 503 to the State Route 503 and the Longview Fibre Road WS-8000 junction and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5061 Wildwood (Lewis County): Beginning at the junction of the Pacific West Timber (PWT) 600 Road and the Wildwood Road (SE1/4 S29 T11N R3W); southwest on the 600 Road to the 800 Road (NW1/4 S36 T11N R4W); southwest on the 800 Road to the 850 Road (SW1/4 S3 T10N R4W); northwest on the 850 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road (S20 T11N R4W); north on the Weyerhaeuser 4720 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road (S17 T11N R4W); east on the Weyerhaeuser 4700 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 5822 Road (NW1/4 S16 T11N R4W); east on the Weyerhaeuser 5822 Road to the Weyerhaeuser 5820 Road (NW1/4 S10 T11N R4W); southeast on the Weyerhaeuser 5820 Road to the PWT 574 Road (SE1/4 S10 T11N R4W); south on the PWT 574 Road to the 570 Road

(NW1/4 S14 T11N R4W); south on the 570 Road to the 500 Road (NW1/4 S14 T11N R4W); northeast on the 500 Road to the 560 Road (SW1/4 S12 T11N R4W); east on the 560 Road to the 540 Road (SE1/4 S12 T11N R4W); east and south on the 540 Road to the 500 Road (SE1/4 S18 T11N R3W); east on the PWT 500 Road to the Wildwood Road (N1/2 S20 T11N R3W); south on the Wildwood Road to the point of beginning, the PWT 600 Road junction (SE1/4 S29 T11N R3W).

Elk Area No. 5062 Trout Lake (Klickitat County): Those portions of GMUs 560 (Lewis River) and 578 (West Klickitat) beginning at the intersection of SR 141 and Sunnyside Road; north on Sunnyside Road to Mount Adams Recreational Area Road; north on Mount Adams Recreational Area Road to USFS Road 23; north on USFS Road 23 to DNR T-4300 Road; west on DNR T-4300 Road to Trout Lake Creek Road; south on Trout Lake Creek Road to SR 141; east and south on SR 141 to the intersection of SR 141 and Sunnyside Road to the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5063 Pumice Plain (Cowlitz and Skamania counties): That part of GMU 522 beginning at the confluence of the N. Fork Toutle River and Castle Creek; East along the N. Fork Toutle River to USFS trail 207; south along USFS trail 207 to USFS trail 216E; southwest along USFS trail 216E to USFS trail 216; west along USGS trail 216 to USGS 216G; northwest along USFS trail 216G to USGS trail 221; north along USFS 221 to Castle Creek; northwest along Castle Creek to N. Fork Toutle River and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5064 Upper Smith Creek (Skamania County): That part of GMU 522 beginning at the U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99 and

U.S. Forest Service Trail 225 (Smith Creek Trail) junction; south on Trail 225 to Ape Canyon Creek; south and west up Ape Canyon Creek to U.S. Forest Service Trail 216 (Loowit Trail); north on Trail 216 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 216D (Abraham Trail); north on Trail 216D to U.S. Forest Service Trail 207 (Truman Trail); north and east on Trail 207 to U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99; north and east on U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99 to the junction of U.S. Forest Service Rd. 99 and U.S. Forest Service Trail 225 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5065 Mount Whittier (Skamania County): That part of GMU 522 beginning at the U.S. Forest Service Trail 1 (Boundary Trail) and U.S. Forest Service Trail 214 (Whittier Ridge Trail) junction; west on the U.S. Forest Service Trail 1 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 230 (Coldwater Trail); north on U.S. Forest Service Trail 230 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 211 (Lakes Trail); east on Trail 211 to U.S. Forest Service Trail 214; south on U.S. Forest Service Trail 214 to the junction of U.S. Forest Service Trail 214 and U.S. Forest Service Trail 1 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5090 JBH (Wahkiakum County): The mainland portion of the Julia Butler Hansen National Wildlife Refuge, as administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as described: Beginning at the junction of State Route 4 and Steamboat Island Slough Road, northwest on Steamboat Island Slough Road to Brooks Slough Road, east on Brooks Slough Road to State Route 4, south on State Route 4 to Steamboat Slough Road and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 5099 Mudflow (Cowlitz County): That part of GMU 522 (Loo-wit) that is within the boundary of the St. Helens Wildlife Area.

Elk Area No. 6010 Mallis (Pacific County): That part of GMUs 506, 672, and 673 within one mile either side of State Road 6 between the east end of Elk Prairie Road and the Mallis Landing Road.

Elk Area No. 6011 Centralia Mine (Lewis County): That portion of GMU 667 within Centralia Mine property boundary.

Elk Area No. 6012 Tri Valley (Grays Harbor and Mason counties): Those portions of GMUs 648 (Wynoochee) and 651 (Satsop) within one mile of Brady-Matlock Road from State Highway 12 north to the junction with Schaefer State Park Road (east Satsop Road) and all lands within one mile of Wynoochee Valley Road from State Highway 12 north to the junction with Cougar Smith Road, and all lands within one mile of Wishkah Valley Road from north Aberdeen city limit to the junction with Wishkah-East Hoquiam Road and all lands within 2 miles north of SR 12 between the Satsop River and Schouweiler and Hurd roads and then a line north from the end of Hurd Road to a point 2 miles north of SR 12.

Elk Area No. 6054 Puyallup River (Pierce County): Beginning at the intersection of the Mount Rainier National Park western boundary and the Nisqually River, west down Nisqually River to mouth of Mashel River; north up Mashel River to SR 161 bridge (Eatonville-LaGrande Rd); north on SR 161 through Eatonville to Orville Rd E (Kapowsin-Eatonville Rd); north on Orville Rd E to

Hancock's Kapowsin Tree Farm ownership boundary at the north end of Ohop Lake (Kapowsin and Buckley Tree Farms map); east along Kapowsin Tree Farm boundary to Mount Rainier National Park boundary; south long Mount Rainier National Park boundary to Nisqually River and point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6061 Twin Satsop Farms (Mason County): That portion of GMU 651 starting at the junction of the Deckerville Road and the Brady-Matlock Road; southwest to the junction with the West Boundary Road; north on West Boundary Road to the Deckerville Road; east on the Deckerville Road to the junction of Brady-Matlock Road and point of beginning. In addition, the area within a circle with a radius of two miles centered on the junction of State Route 108 and the Eich Road.

Elk Area No. 6062 South Bank (Grays Harbor County): That portion of GMU 660 (Minot Peak) described as follows: Beginning at Highway 12 and Wakefield Road Junction (South Elma); south on Wakefield Road, across the Chehalis River to the South Bank Road; southeast on the South Bank Road to Delezene Road; south on the Delezene Road to a point one mile from the South Bank Road; southeast along a line one mile southwest of the South Bank Road to the Oakville-Brooklyn Road; east on the Oakville-Brooklyn Road to Oakville and Highway 12; northwest on Highway 12 to Wakefield Road to Elma and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6063 (Grays Harbor and Jefferson counties): Private lands within Elk Area 6064 east of Highway 101.

Elk Area No. 6064 Quinault Valley (Grays Harbor and Jefferson counties): That portion of GMU 638 (Quinault) within the

Quinault River watershed.

Elk Area No. 6066 Chehalis Valley (Grays Harbor County): That portion of GMU 660 (Minot Peak) beginning at Highway 12 and Highway 107 junction near Montesano; east and south on Highway 12 to Oakville; south on Oakville-Brooklyn Road to a point one mile west of South Bank Road; northwest along a line one mile southwest of South Bank Road to Delezene Road; north along Delezene Road to South Bank Road; northwest along South Bank Road to Wakefield Road; north on Wakefield Road to Chehalis River; west on Chehalis River to Highway 107 bridge; north on Highway 107 to Highway 12 and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6067 North Minot (Grays Harbor County): The portion of GMU 660 (Minot Peak) beginning at the junction on State Route 107 and the Melbourne A-line, on the Melbourne A-line to the Vesta F-line; south on Vesta F-line to Vesta H-line (Vesta Creek Road); south on Vesta Creek Road to the North River Road; south and east on North River Road to the Brooklyn Road; east on Brooklyn Road to the Garrard Creek Road; east and north on Garrard Creek Road to the South Bank Road; east on South Bank to South State Street (Oakville); north on South State Street to U.S. 12; northwest and west on U.S. 12 to State Route 107; south and southwest on SR 107 to the Melbourne A-line and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6068 Willapa (Grays Harbor County): That part of GMU 658 south of SR 105 between the intersection of SR 105 and Hammond Road and the SR 105 bridge over Smith Creek; and within one mile north of SR 105 west from Hammond Road and east of the SR 105 bridge over Smith Creek.

Elk Area No. 6069 Hanaford (Lewis and Thurston counties): That part of GMU 667 (Skookumchuck) beginning at the intersection of Salzer Valley Road and Centralia-Alpha Road; east and north on Salzer Valley Road to Little Hanaford Road; west on Little Hanaford Road to Teitzel Road; north on Teitzel Road to Big Hanaford Road; west on Big Hanaford Road to State Route 507; north on State Route 507 to Skookumchuck Road; east on Skookumchuck Road to the first bridge over the Skookumchuck River; east along the Skookumchuck River to the Skookumchuck Road bridge; east on Skookumchuck Road to the steel tower power line; southwest along the power line to Big Hanaford Road; east and south along Big Hanaford Road to Weyerhaeuser Road E150; east on Weyerhaeuser Road E150 to Weyerhaeuser Road E247; south and west on Weyerhaeuser Road E247 to Weyerhaeuser Road E240; south on Weyerhaeuser Road E240 to North Fork Road; south on North Fork Road to Centralia-Alpha Road; west on Centralia-Alpha Road to Salzer Valley Road and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6071 Dungeness (Clallam County): Portions of GMUs 621 (Olympic) and 624 (Coyle) beginning at the mouth of the Dungeness River; east and south along the coast of the Strait of Juan De Fuca to the mouth of Jimmycomelately Creek on Sequim Bay; south and west up Jimmycomelately Creek to Don Schmith Road; north on Don Schmith Road to Palo Alto Road; west and southwest on Palo Alto Road to US Forest Service Road 2880; southwest on US Forest Service Road 2880 to the Dungeness River; north down the Dungeness River to its mouth and the point of beginning.

Elk Area No. 6072 Sol Duc Valley (Clallam County): That portion of GMU 607 (Sol Duc) between the Sol Duc River and Hwy 101 from a point at the Sol Duc River bridge over Hwy 101 approximately 2 miles north of Forks to the westernmost Sol Duc River bridge over Hwy 101 at a point approximately 1 mile east of Lake Pleasant.

Elk Area No. 6073 Clearwater Valley (Jefferson County): That portion of GMU 615 (Clearwater) within one mile of the Clearwater Road from the Quinault Indian Reservation boundary to a point 4 miles to the north.

DEER AREAS

Deer Area No. 1010 (Columbia County): GMU 162 excluding National Forest land and the Rainwater Wildlife Area.

Deer Area No. 1020 Prescott (Columbia and Garfield counties): That portion of GMU 149 between Hwy 261 and Hwy 127.

Deer Area No. 1021 Clarkston (Asotin County): That portion of GMU 178 beginning at the junction of the Highway 12 bridge and Alpowa Creek; east on Highway 12 to Silcott Road; south and east on Silcott Road to Highway 128; southwest on Highway 128 to McGuire Gulch Road; southeast along the bottom of McGuire Gulch to Asotin Creek; east on Asotin Creek to the Snake River; north and west on the Snake River to Alpowa Creek; southwest of Alpowa Creek to the Highway 12 bridge and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 1030 Flat Creek (Stevens County): That portion of GMU 105, beginning at the junction of Northport-Flat Creek Rd (Co. 4005) and Bull Hill Rd; north on Bull Hill Rd to USFS Rd 240; north on USFS Rd 240 to USFS Rd 230 (Belshazzar Mtn Rd);

east and north on USFS Rd 230 to East Boundary of Colville National Forest at Section 24; north on Forest Boundary to Sheep Creek Rd (USFS 15, Co. 4220); west on Sheep Creek Rd to USFS Rd 170 at Kiel Springs; south on USFS Rd 170 to Lael-Flat Creek Rd (USFS 1520); south on Lael-Flat Creek Rd (USFS 1520, Co. 4181) to Northport-Flat Creek Rd; north on Northport-Flat Creek Rd to Bull Hill Rd junction and point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 1040 Summit Lake (Stevens County): That portion of GMU 105, beginning at the intersection of Sand Creek Rd (Co. 4017) and the Kettle River at the Rock Cut Bridge; north and east on Sand Cr Rd to Lael-Flat Cr Rd (Co. 4181, USFS Churchill Mine Rd, 1520); east on Lael-Flat Cr Rd (Churchill Mine Rd) to intersection with USFS Rd 15 near Fisher Cr; north and east on USFS Rd 15 to USFS Rd 180; north and west on USFS Rd 180 and continue west on Box Canyon-Deep Creek Rd (USFS Rd 030, Co. 4212) to the intersection of Box Canyon-Deep Creek Rd and the Kettle River; south on the Kettle River to the intersection of Sand Creek Rd and the Kettle River at the Rock Cut Bridge and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 2010 Benge (Adams County): That part of GMU 284 beginning at the town of Washtucna; north on SR 261 to Weber Road; east on Weber Road to Bengel Road; north on Bengel Road to Wellsandt Road; east on Wellsandt Road to McCall Road; east on McCall Road to Gering Road; east on Gering Road to Lakin Road; east on Lakin Road to Revere Road; south on Revere Road to Rock Creek; south along Rock Creek to the Palouse River; south and west along the Palouse River to SR 26; west on SR 26 to Washtucna and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 2011 Lakeview (Grant County): That part of GMU 272 beginning at the junction of SR 28 and First Avenue in Ephrata; west on First Avenue to Sagebrush Flats Road; west on Sagebrush Flats Road to Davis Canyon Road; north on Davis Canyon Road to E Road NW; north on E Road NW to the Grant-Douglas county line; east along the county line to the point where the county line turns north; from this point continue due east to SR 17; south on SR 17 to SR 28 at Soap Lake; south on SR 28 to the junction with First Avenue in Ephrata and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 2012 Methow Valley (Okanogan County): All private land in the Methow Watershed located outside the external boundary of the Okanogan National Forest and north of the following boundary: starting where the Libby Creek Road (County road 1049) intersects the Okanogan National Forest boundary; east on road 1049 to State Hwy 153; north on Hwy 153 to the Old Carlton Road; east on the Old Carlton Road to the Texas Creek Road (County road 1543); east on the Texas Creek Road to the Vintin Road (County road 1552); northeast on the Vintin Road to the Okanogan National Forest boundary.

Deer Area No. 3071 Whitcomb (Benton County): That part of GMU 373 made up by the Whitcomb Unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge.

Deer Area No. 3072 Paterson (Benton County): That part of GMU 373 made up by the Paterson Unit of the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge.

Deer Area No. 3682 Ahtanum (Yakima County): That part of GMU 368 beginning at the power line crossing on Ahtanum Creek in T12N, R16E, Section 15; west up Ahtanum Creek to South Fork Ahtanum Creek; southwest up South Fork Ahtanum Creek to its junction with Reservation Creek; southwest up Reservation Creek and the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary to the main divide between the Diamond Fork drainage and Ahtanum Creek drainage; north along the crest of the main divide between the Diamond Fork drainage and the Ahtanum Creek drainage to Darland Mountain; northeast on US Forest Service Trail 615 to US Forest Service Road 1020; northeast on US Forest Service Road 1020 to US Forest Service Road 613; northeast on US Forest Service Road 613 to US Forest Service Trail 1127; northeast on US Forest Service Trail 1127 to US Forest Service Road 1302 (Jump Off Road), southeast of the Jump Off Lookout Station; northeast on US Forest Service Road 1302 (Jump Off Road) to the power line in T14N, R15E, Section 33; southeast along the power line to Ahtanum Creek and the point of beginning.

Deer Area No. 4004 (San Juan County): That part of GMU 410 made up of Shaw Island.

Deer Area No. 4005 (San Juan County): That part of GMU 410 made up of Lopez Island.

Deer Area No. 4006 (San Juan County): That part of GMU 410 made up of Orcas Island.

Deer Area No. 4007 (San Juan County): That part of GMU 410 made up of Decatur Island.

Deer Area No. 4008 (San Juan County): That part of GMU 410 made

up of Blakely Island.

Deer Area No. 4009 (Skagit County): That part of GMU 410 made up of Cypress Island.

Deer Area No. 4010 (San Juan County): That part of GMU 410 made up of San Juan Island.

Deer Area No. 4011 (Island County): That part of GMU 410 made up of Camano Island.

Deer Area No. 4012 (Island County): That part of GMU 410 made up of Whidbey Island.

Deer Area No. 4013 (King County): That part of GMU 454 made up of Vashon and Maury islands.

Deer Area No. 6014 (Pierce County): That part of GMU 652 made up of Anderson Island.

Deer Area No. 4926 Guemes (Skagit County): That part of GMU 407 (North Sound) on Guemes Island.

Deer Area No. 3088 High Prairie (Klickitat County): That portion of GMU 388 (Grayback) that is south of SR 142.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020. 08-01-052 (Order 07-292), § 232-28-337, filed 12/13/07, effective 1/13/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. 07-01-049 (Order 06-300), § 232-28-337, filed 12/14/06, effective 1/14/07; 06-17-095 (Order 06-196), § 232-28-337, filed 8/15/06, effective 9/15/06; 06-11-032 (Order 06-92), § 232-28-337, filed 5/8/06, effective 6/8/06; 06-02-063 (Order 05-271), § 232-28-337, filed 1/3/06, effective 2/3/06; 05-11-023 (Order 05-84), § 232-28-337, filed

5/10/05, effective 5/15/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047 and 77.12.020. 04-11-036 (Order 04-98), § 232-28-337, filed 5/12/04, effective 6/12/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. 03-13-047 (Order 03-129), § 232-28-337, filed 6/12/03, effective 7/13/03.]

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

WAC 232-28-337 Deer and elk area descriptions

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
The 3911 north boundary should be adjusted to a previous lower power line.	The current boundary was located at the upper powerline partially in response to requests from landowners in the area. Also, we have occasions where elk will find refuge and bed down 2-3 miles from croplands, but still raid those crops during the evening, crossing the AHE boundary just after dark. The current boundary reduces the likelihood of elk finding safe refuge in close proximity to croplands.
We support the recommended changes and urge the Region 3 staff to consider eliminating that portion of 3911 (AHE) east of the Beacon Ridge Road. The majority of the area is private land and Ginko State Park. The private land is all posted and there has never been an elk complaint in this area.	The Department is still reviewing this possibility. If the Department determines this is necessary, we will present amendments to the Commission during the normal time frame that we address deer and elk area boundaries, which is a briefing in November with potential adoption in December.
Enlarge 3911 to include public land – Reecer Creek Wenatchee National Forest Area as before. 3911 is almost entirely on private ground now. Some AHE folks are paying farmers for access. This is not fair to most other AHE hunters. Private citizens are also feeding elk on their property, which makes it more difficult to harvest an elk. We need more public area in 3911.	The damage problem that the 3911 hunt is designed to address is mainly a private lands issue. We are trying to focus the elk harvest on those animals causing problems on private land, not those elk living on public land.

PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Fish and Wildlife

☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR** 07-24-061 **; or**
☐ **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR** _____**; or**
☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).**

☒ **Original Notice**
☐ **Supplemental Notice to WSR** _____
☐ **Continuance of WSR** _____

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)
WAC 232-12-004 Classification of wild birds
WAC 232-12-045 Hunting equipment restrictions
WAC 232-28-273 2006-2008 Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons and permit quotas
WAC 232-28-295 Landowner hunting permits
WAC 232-28-337 Deer and elk area descriptions
WAC 232-28-342 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 Small game seasons
WAC 232-28-351 2006-2008 Deer general seasons and definitions
WAC 232-28-352 2006-2008 Elk general seasons and definitions

Hearing location(s):
Natural Resources Building, Room 172
1111 Washington Street Southeast
Olympia, WA 98504
(360) 902-2515

Date: March 7-8, 2008 Time: 8:00 am

Submit written comments to:
Name: Wildlife Program Commission Meeting Public Comments
Address: 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia WA 98501-1091
e-mail Wildthing@dfw.wa.gov
fax (360) 902-2162

By: Friday, February 15, 2008

Assistance for persons with disabilities:
Contact: Susan Yeager by March 5, 2008
TTY (800) 833-6388 or (360) 902-2267

Date of intended adoption: April 11-12, 2008
(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

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

Reasons supporting proposal:
See Attachment A

Statutory authority for adoption: 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210

Statute being implemented: 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Federal Court Decision?	☐ Yes	☒ No
State Court Decision?	☐ Yes	☒ No

If yes, CITATION:

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None

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:
Name:
Address:

phone ( ) _____
fax ( )_____
e-mail _____

☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared.
These rules regulate recreational hunters and do not directly regulate small business.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

☐ Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:
Name:
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phone ( ) _____
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e-mail _____

☒ No: Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

ATTACHMENT A

WAC 232-12-004 Classification of wild birds

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The amendment adds Eurasian collared dove to the list of predatory birds in Washington.

Reasons supporting proposal:
The Eurasian collared dove is a non-native species that has recently expanded its range into Washington. The effects of this species are not known, but there is some evidence that it may compete with our native mourning doves. The proposed amendment would classify the species as a predatory bird, which would allow it to be taken year-round with a hunting license as provided under WAC 232-12-005.

WAC 232-12-045 Hunting equipment restrictions

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
This proposal will restrict the use of telemetry equipment for hunting deer, elk, bear, moose, mountain goat, and bighorn sheep that have radio transmitters attached to them.

Reasons supporting proposal:
It is too easy for hunters to find and harvest wildlife with transmitters attached to them and hunting in this manner may bias the results of research projects.

WAC 232-28-273 2006-2008 Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons and permit quotas

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
Rule amends 2008 seasons and permit quotas for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goats. The purpose of the rule is to maximize recreational hunting opportunities for these species while meeting the population and recreational objectives for each herd as indicated in the Game Management Plan. The rule changes include minor statewide permit level changes for moose (+14 permits) and bighorn sheep (+2 permits), as well as hunt boundary changes for mountain goat. The anticipated effect is stable to increase populations of these hunting species.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Recommended adjustments in permit quotas are based on meeting population objectives for each species as indicated in the Game Management Plan.

WAC 232-28-295 Landowner hunting permits

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The proposal identifies permit levels and season dates for Landowner Hunting Permit (LHP) program participants for the 2008 hunting seasons. There are calendar date modifications for some permits, but no changes in permit levels are being proposed. If adopted, the proposal will allocate 70 deer permits and 186 elk permits among 5 LHP cooperators. Sixty percent of the permits will be for antlerless animals while 24% will be for antlered animals and 16% for any elk.

Reasons supporting proposal:
The proposed permits are consistent with the Commission's private lands hunter access program policy (C-6002). The permits will result in general public hunter access on private property and will help mitigate deer and elk foraging on private agricultural lands.

WAC 232-28-337 Deer and elk area descriptions

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The proposed change removes elk feeding areas from GMU 368.

Reasons supporting proposal:
This proposal allows the continuation of December hunting seasons without impacting feeding activities or creating unethical hunting situations.

WAC 232-28-342 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09 Small game seasons

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
Since 2003, the Department has proposed liberalized fall, either sex turkey hunting seasons in northeastern and southeastern Washington, to provide expanded hunting opportunity and to address undesired turkey population increases. This proposal would change fall turkey hunting opportunities by increasing fall turkey permit levels in some southeastern Washington Game Management Units (GMUs), while moving some northeastern GMUs from "early fall permit only" to "early fall general season" designations.

The amendment also extends the mourning dove season from 15 to 30 days in September, modifies the mourning dove falconry season to be consistent with federal rules, and makes the September goose season in Grays Harbor consistent with the remainder of Goose Management Area 3.

Reasons supporting proposal:
The proposed changes provide: 1) greater turkey population control in areas experiencing unwanted population growth or, 2) increased turkey hunter opportunity in areas where expanding populations can support increased fall harvest.

The 2003-09 WDFW Game Management Plan prescribes a restrictive dove season until a significant increase is observed in the 10-year Washington breeding population index. In 2007, a significant increase was observed in this index, and the department is recommending an increase in the 2008 dove season length from 15 to 30 days, with season dates September 1-30. Grays Harbor County was included in Goose Management Area 3 in 2006, and the 2008 September goose season in Grays Harbor County is proposed for change to be consistent with season dates in the remainder of Goose Management Area 3.

WAC 232-28-351 2006-2008 Deer general seasons and definitions

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
This rule amends the 2008 seasons for deer. The rule clarifies the antler restriction in GMU 554; focuses late season opportunity in a portion of GMU 162; and retains a late deer season in the main part of GMU 368.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Recommended adjustments clarify restrictions, and helps focus harvest where desired. The change from GMU 368 to Deer Area 3682 helps retain the late hunt without impacting elk feeding operations.

WAC 232-28-352 2006-2008 Elk general seasons and definitions

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
This rule amends the 2008 seasons for elk. The rule modifies the season dates for the Elk Area 3911 damage hunt to provide better incentives for harvesting elk early in the season. Hunts that end in January are amended to end on January 20th to allow time for hunters to report prior to the January 31 reporting deadline. This proposal also establishes a hunt in Elk Area 3681, which avoids conflict with elk feeding stations and ethical issues while retaining the late elk season in the main part of GMU 368.

Reasons supporting proposal:
Recommended adjustments clarify restrictions, and helps focus harvest where desired. The change from GMU 368 to Elk Area 3681 helps retain the late hunt without impacting elk feeding operations.