

**15. DEER GENERAL SEASONS AND SPECIAL PERMIT REGULATIONS –  
RULE BRIEFING AND PUBLIC HEARING**

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## “GREEN SHEET”

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**Meeting:** March 12-13, 2010

**Agenda Item 15:** Deer General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – **Rule Briefing and Public Hearing**

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**Background:**

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed rule amendments to WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions, the proposed repeal of WAC 232-28-353 2009 Deer special permits, and the proposed adoption of WAC 232-28-355 2010 Deer special permits.

The issues brought before the public and the Commission include the following:

- Additional reductions in white-tailed deer antlerless harvest in northeast Washington are needed in response to elevated mortality rates associated with the winters of 2007-08 and 2008-09.
  - Adult doe survival is not keeping pace with recruitment in some Olympic Peninsula GMUs; therefore, reduced antlerless deer harvest is needed in Region 6.
  - The Department will no longer close GMU 490 to deer hunting. There isn't a conservation need to close the unit; overall deer survival and recruitment should be adequate to support sustainable buck hunting similar to other western Washington GMUs. Consistent with other watersheds, the owners of the property will determine whether public access will be allowed each year.
  - The new special permit application structure for deer will allow hunters to apply for multiple categories each year including "quality," "antlerless," "senior," "hunters with disabilities," etc. Hunters will accrue and expend points in each category.
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**Policy Issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:**

- Continue sustainable hunting seasons for deer.
  - Adjust deer special permits in response to deer population changes and damage complaints.
  - Offer a new special permit application structure for deer that allows for multiple, distinct categories to be applied for and awarded.
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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

The Game Management Advisory Council was briefed on the seasons as well as the new special permits concepts. Notification was mailed to approximately 450 organizations and individuals informing them of the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed regulations.

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

Take public comment on proposed seasons. Adoption is planned for the April 9-10, 2010 Commission Meeting.

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**Draft motion language:**

N/A

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**Justification for Commission action:**

N/A

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**Communications plan:**

- News Release
  - Hunting Pamphlets
  - Website
  - Washington State Register
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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 09-53, filed 4/15/09, effective 5/16/09)

**WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions.**

It is unlawful to fail to comply with bag, possession, and season limits except as described below. Violations of this section will be punished under RCW 77.15.410.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) deer per hunter during the license year except where otherwise permitted by Fish and Wildlife Commission rule.

**Hunting Method:** Hunters must select one of the hunting methods (modern firearm, archery, muzzleloader).

**Any Buck Deer Seasons:** Open only to the taking of deer with visible antlers (buck fawns illegal).

**Antler Point:** To qualify as an antler point, the point must be at least one inch long measured on the longest side.

**Antler Restrictions:** APPLIES TO ALL HUNTERS DURING ANY GENERAL SEASON AND DESIGNATED SPECIAL PERMIT SEASONS. Buck deer taken in antler restricted GMUs must meet minimum antler point requirements. Minimum antler point requirements are antler points on one side only. Eye guards are antler points when they are at least one inch long.

**2 Point minimum GMUs:** 437, 636, 654, and 681.

**3 Point minimum GMUs:** All mule deer in 100, 200, and 300 series GMUs; white-tailed deer in GMUs 127, 130, 133, 136, 139, 142, 145, 149,

154, 162, 163, 166, 169, 172, 175, 178, 181, 186, and black-tailed deer in GMU 578.

**Permit Only Units:** The following GMUs require a special permit to hunt deer: 290 (Desert), 329 (Quilomene), 371 (Alkali), and 485 (Green River).

**GMUs Closed to Deer Hunting:** 157 (Mill Creek Watershed) (~~490~~ ~~(Cedar River)~~) and 522 (Loo-wit).

**Black-tailed Deer:** Any member of black-tailed/mule deer (species *Odocoileus hemionus*) found west of a line drawn from the Canadian border south on the Pacific Crest Trail and along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary in Yakima County to the Klickitat River; south down Klickitat River to the Columbia River.

**Mule Deer:** Any member of black-tailed/mule deer (species *Odocoileus hemionus*) found east of a line drawn from the Canadian border south on the Pacific Crest Trail and along the Yakama Indian Reservation boundary in Yakima County to the Klickitat River; south down Klickitat River to the Columbia River.

**White-tailed Deer:** Means any white-tailed deer (member of the species *Odocoileus virginianus*) except the Columbian whitetail deer (species *Odocoileus virginianus leucurus*).

#### MODERN FIREARM DEER SEASONS

**License Required:** A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

**Tag Required:** Valid modern firearm deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

**Hunting Method:** Modern firearm deer tag hunters may use rifle,

handgun, shotgun, bow or muzzleloader, but only during modern firearm seasons.

Hunt Season	2009 Dates	2010 Dates	2011 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
<b>HIGH BUCK HUNTS</b>					
	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, Pasayten, Olympic Peninsula, and Henry Jackson Wilderness Areas and Lake Chelan Recreation Area	3 pt. min.
<b>GENERAL SEASON</b>					
<b>Western Washington Black-tailed Deer</b>	Oct. 17-31	Oct. 16-31	Oct. 15-31	407, 418, 426, 448 through 466, 490, 501 through 520, 524 through 556, 560, 568, 572, 574, 601 through 633, 638 through 653, 658 through 673, 684	Any buck
				GMUs 410, 564, Deer Areas 4013, 4926, 6014, and 6020	Any deer
				578	3 pt. min.
				437, 636, 654, 681	2 pt. min.
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>	Oct. 17-30	Oct. 16-29	Oct. 15-28	101 through 124	Any white-tailed buck
	Oct. 17-25	Oct. 16-24	Oct. 15-23	203 through 284, 328, 330 through 368, 372	Any white-tailed buck
	Oct. 17-25	Oct. 16-24	Oct. 15-23	127 through 154, 162 through 186	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.
379, 381				Any white-tailed deer	
<b>Eastern Washington Mule Deer</b>	Oct. 17-25	Oct. 16-24	Oct. 15-23	101 through 154, 162 through 186, 203 through 284, 328, 330 through 368, 372, 379, 381	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.
	Oct. 17-30	Oct. 16-29	Oct. 15-28	373, 382, 388	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.
<b>LATE GENERAL SEASON</b>					
<b>Western Washington Black-tailed Deer</b>	Nov. 19-22	Nov. 18-21	Nov. 17-20	407, 410, 454, 466, 501 through 520, 524 through 560, 568 through 578, 601 through 633, 638 through 653, 658 through 673, 684 and 699	Any buck
				636, 654, 681	2 pt. min.
	Nov. 19-22	Nov. 18-21	Nov. 17-20	GMUs 410 and 564, Deer Areas 4013, 4926, 6014, 6020	Any deer
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>	Nov. 7-19	Nov. 6-19	Nov. 5-19	105 through 124	Any white-tailed buck
<b>HUNTERS 65 AND OVER, DISABLED, OR YOUTH GENERAL SEASONS</b>					
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>	Oct. 17-30	Oct. 16-29	Oct. 15-28	101 through 124	Any white-tailed deer
	Oct. 17-25	Oct. 16-24	Oct. 15-23	127 through 142, 145, 154, Deer Area 1010, and 172 through 178	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
<b>MASTER HUNTER SEASON</b>					
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>	Dec. 9-15	Dec. 9-15	Dec. 9-15	GMUs 130-142	White-tailed, antlerless only

**License Required:** A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

**Tag Required:** Valid archery deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

**Special Notes:** Archery tag holders can only hunt during archery seasons with archery equipment (WAC 232-12-054).

Hunt Area	2009 Dates	2010 Dates	2011 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
<b>Early Archery General Deer Seasons</b>					
<b>Western Washington Black-tailed Deer</b>	Sept. 1-25	Sept. 1-24	Sept. 1-23	407 through 426, 448, 450, 454, 466, 501, 504, 505, 510, 513, 520, 554, 564, 568, 572, <del>((601-))</del> 603, <del>((615-))</del> 621 through 633, 642 through 652, 658 through 672, 684 and 699	Any deer
				460, 503, 574, <u>601, 603, 615, 673</u>	Any buck
				437, 654, 681	2 pt. min. or antlerless
				578	3 pt. min.
	Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-19	Sept. 1-18	516, 524, 556, 560, <del>((602, 607, 612, 618,))</del> 636, 638, 653	Any deer
			506, 530, 550, <u>602, 607, 612, 618</u>	Any buck	
<b>Eastern Washington Mule Deer</b>	Sept. 1-25	Sept. 1-24	Sept. 1-23	105 through 127, 145, <u>162, 163, 166, 169,</u> 243, 334	3 pt. min.
				142, 175 through 181, 186, Deer Area 1010, 244 through 247, 249, 250, 260, 372, 373, 379, 381, 388	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-19	Sept. 1-18	149, 154, <u>162, 166, 169,</u> 172, 251, 328, 335, 336, 340, 342, 346, 352, 356, 360, 364, 368	3 pt. min.
	Sept. 1-15	Sept. 1-15	Sept. 1-15	101, 130 through 139, 204 through 242, 248, 254, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284, 382	3 pt. min.
	Sept. 16-25	Sept. 16-24	Sept. 16-23	101, 130 through 139, 204 through 242, 248, 254, 262, 266, 269, 272, 278, 284, 382	3 pt. min. or antlerless
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>		<u>Sept. 1-24</u>	<u>Sept. 1-23</u>	<u>101 through 124</u>	<u>Any white-tailed buck</u>
	Sept. 1-25	Sept. 1-24	Sept. 1-23	<del>((101 through 124,))</del> 204 through 250, 254 through 284, 373, 379, 381	Any white-tailed deer
	Sept. 1-25	Sept. 1-24	Sept. 1-23	127 through 145, <u>162, 163, 166, 169,</u> 175, 178, 181, 186	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-19	Sept. 1-18	154, <del>((162, 166, 169,))</del> 172	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-19	Sept. 1-18	149	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.
<b>Late Archery General Deer Seasons</b>					
<b>Western Washington Black-tailed Deer</b>	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Nov. 23 - Dec. 8	437, 636, 654, 681	2 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	466, 510 through 520, 524, 556, <del>((601, 607 through 618,))</del> 638, 648, and 699	Any deer

	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	460, 506, 530, 560, 572, <u>601, 607 through 618</u>	Any buck
		Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Nov. 23 - Dec. 31	603, 624, 652	Any buck
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 31	Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Nov. 23 - Dec. 31	407, 410, 454, 505, 564, 603, ((624,)) 627, 642, ((652,)) 660 through 672	Any deer
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Nov. 21-30	Nov. 21-30	Nov. 21-30	209, 215, 233, 243, 250	3 pt. min.
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Nov. 23 - Dec. 8	346, 352, 364, 388, Deer Area 3682	3 pt. min.
				145, 163, 178	3 pt. min. or antlerless
				272, 278, 373	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Dec. 2-8	Dec. 2-8	Dec. 2-8	133, 136	Antlerless <u>only</u>
Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Deer Area 1021	Antlerless only	
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	Nov. 10 - Dec. 15	101	Any white-tailed deer
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. ((24)) 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	105, 108, 117, 121, 124	Any white-tailed deer
				127	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless ((white-tailed deer))
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Nov. 23 - Dec. 8	145, 163, 178	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless ((white-tailed deer))
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Nov. 23 - Dec. 15	204, 209, 215, 233, <u>243</u> , 272, 278, 373	Any white-tailed deer
Dec. 2-8	Dec. 2-8	Dec. 2-8	133, 136	Antlerless <u>only</u>	

**MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASONS**

**License Required:** A valid big game hunting license, which includes a deer species option.

**Tag Required:** Valid muzzleloader deer tag on his/her person for the area hunted.

**Hunting Method:** Muzzleloader only.

**Special Notes:** Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during muzzleloader seasons and must hunt with muzzleloader equipment.

Hunt Area	2009 Dates	2010 Dates	2011 Dates	Game Management Units (GMUs)	Legal Deer
High Buck Hunts	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Sept. 15-25	Alpine Lakes, Glacier Peak, Pasayten, Olympic Peninsula, and Henry Jackson Wilderness areas, and Lake Chelan Recreation Area	3 pt. min.
Early Muzzleloader General Deer Seasons					

<b>Western Washington Black-tailed Deer</b>	Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	407, 418, 426, 448, 450, 501, 504, 505, 506, 510, 513, 516, 520, 530, 554, 556, 568, 572, 574, 603, 607, 612, 615, 624, 636, 638, 642, 648, 660, 663, 672, 673, 684	Any buck
				410, 454, 564, 627, 652, 666, Deer Areas 4926 and 6020	Any deer
				437, 636	2 pt. min.
				578	3 pt. min.
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>	Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	101 through 124, 203, 204, 209, 215, 231, 233, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 248, 250, 251, 260, 278, 284	White-tailed, any buck
				142	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
				133, 136, 145, 149, 175, 181, 186	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.
				((101 through 124,)) 373, 379	White-tailed, any deer
<b>Eastern Washington Mule Deer</b>	Sept. 26 - Oct. 4	Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	Sept. 24 - Oct. 2	101 through 124, 133, 136, 142, 145, 149, 175, 181, 186, 203, 204, 209, 215, 231, 233, 239, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 248, 250, 251, 254, 260, 262, 266, 269, 272, 284, 328, 330 through 342, 352 through 360, 368, 373, 382	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.
				278, 379	Mule deer, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
<b>Late Muzzleloader General Deer Seasons</b>					
<b>Western Washington Black-tailed Deer</b>	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	407, 410, 501, 504, 564, 633, 666, 684, and Deer Areas 4926 and 6020	Any deer
				654	2 pt. min.
				460, 550, 602, 658	Any buck
	Nov. 26 - Dec. 6	Nov. ((26)) 25 - Dec. 6	Nov. 24 - Dec. 6	651, 667, 673	Any buck
Dec. 7-15	Dec. 7-15	Dec. 7-15	651, 673	Any deer	
<b>Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer</b>	Nov. 26 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	113	Any white-tailed ((deer)) buck
				172, 181	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	379	Any white-tailed deer
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 1	Nov. 24 - Dec. 1	Nov. 23 - Dec. 1	130, 133, 136, 139	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	381	Any white-tailed deer
<b>Eastern Washington Mule Deer</b>	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	382	3 pt. min.
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 1	Nov. 24 - Dec. 1	Nov. 23 - Dec. 1	130	Antlerless
	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	Nov. 20-30	381	3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	379	3 pt. min.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240. 09-09-083 (Order 09-53), § 232-28-351, filed 4/15/09, effective 5/16/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210. 08-09-090 (Order 08-78), § 232-28-351, filed 4/18/08, effective 5/19/08; 07-11-017 (Order 07-62), § 232-28-351, filed 5/3/07, effective 6/3/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. 06-11-032 (Order 06-92), § 232-28-351, filed 5/8/06, effective 6/8/06; 05-11-022 (Order 05-89), § 232-28-351, filed 5/10/05, effective 6/10/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047 and 77.12.020. 04-11-036 (Order 04-98), § 232-28-351, filed 5/12/04, effective 6/12/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. 03-13-047 (Order 03-129), § 232-28-351, filed 6/12/03, effective 7/13/03.]

**WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions.**

**Recommended Adjustments**

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR 102) filing and are included in your notebook language.

**Page 1**

The following should be added at the beginning of the rule to clarify the penalty for violations: "It is unlawful to fail to comply with bag, possession, and season limits except as described below. Violations of this section will be punished under RCW 77.15.410."

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Under the late general season for western Washington black-tailed deer, GMU 410 should be removed from the "Any buck" category. GMU 410 should only appear in the "Any deer" category. This change corrects an error that was made last year.

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Under the archery general seasons, GMU 603 should be moved from any deer to any buck. All of these northern Olympic peninsula units are experiencing low recruitment and antlerless harvest is not appropriate at this time.

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Under the early muzzleloader season for western Washington black-tailed deer, GMU 636 should be moved from the "Any buck" category to the "2 pt. min." category. When the new muzzleloader season for GMU 636 was added last year, it was inadvertently put into the wrong category. This change will make the muzzleloader season consistent with the modern firearm and archery seasons in this GMU.

NEW SECTION

**WAC 232-28-355 2010 Deer Special Permits.**

It is unlawful to fail to comply with bag, possession, and season limits except as described below. Violations of this section will be punished under RCW 77.15.410.

**Deer Special Permit Hunting Seasons (Open to Permit Holders Only)**

Hunters must purchase a deer hunting license prior to purchase of 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 archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm permit hunts. Hunters drawn for a special permit hunt must comply with weapon restrictions, dates, and other conditions listed for the hunt.

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Kelly Hill	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMU 105	5
Douglas	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMU 108	5
Aladdin	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMU 111	5
49 Degrees North	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMU 117	5
Huckleberry	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMU 121	5
Mt. Spokane	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 20-24	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMU 124	5
Tucannon	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 20-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 166	1
Wenaha	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 8-15	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 169	2
Lick Creek	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 20-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 175	1
Grande Ronde	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 20-24	Mule deer, 3 pt. min.	GMU 186	1
East Okanogan	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 204	5

Sinlahekin	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 215	5
Chewuch	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 218	15
Pearrygin	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 224	15
Gardner	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 231	10
Pogue	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 233	15
Alta	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 242	20
Manson	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 243	8
Chiwawa	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 245	25
Slide Ridge	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 246	10
Entiat	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 247	25
Swakane	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 250	17
Mission	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 251	8
Ritzville	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any buck	GMU 284	10
Desert	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	Any buck	GMU 290	15
Desert	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 20-28	Any buck	GMU 290	4
Naneum	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 15-21	Any buck	GMU 328	16
Quilomene	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 8-21	Any buck	GMU 329	14
Teanaway	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 15-21	Any buck	GMU 335	16
L.T. Murray	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 15-21	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	16
Bethel	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 8-21	Any buck	GMU 360	5
Cowiche	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 8-21	Any buck	GMU 368	10
Alkali	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 6-21	Any buck	GMU 371	5
Kahlotus	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 10-19	Any buck	GMU 381	10
Grayback	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-23	3 pt. min.	GMU 388	40
Nooksack	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 19-24	Any buck	GMU 418	25
Skagit	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 19-24	Any buck	GMU 426	10
Sauk	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 19-24	2 pt. min.	GMU 437	25
Stillaguamish	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 19-24	Any buck	GMU 448	10
Snoqualmie	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 19-24	Any buck	GMU 460	10
Green River	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 30 - Nov. 5	Any buck	GMU 485	5
Lewis River	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-17	Any buck	GMU 560	1

Washougal	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-17	Any buck	GMU 568	2
Siouxon	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-17	Any buck	GMU 572	1
Wind River	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 17-23	Any buck	GMU 574	40
West Klickitat	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 17-23	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	40
Wynoochee	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-24	Any buck	GMU 648	10
Satsop	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-24	Any buck	GMU 651	10
Mashel	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-24	2 pt. min.	GMU 654	10
Capitol Peak	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-24	Any buck	GMU 663	10
Skookumchuck	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-24	Any buck	GMU 667	10
Chiliwist	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Any buck	GMU 239	10
Entiat	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Any buck	GMU 247	48
Chiwawa	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 245	15
Slide Ridge	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 246	5
Desert	Archery	Any	Nov. 24-29 - Dec. 12	Any buck	GMU 290	24
Naneum	Archery	Any	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMU 328	9
Quilomene	Archery	Any	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMU 329	13
Teanaway	Archery	Any	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMU 335	14
L.T. Murray	Archery	Any	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	8
West Klickitat	Archery	Any	Nov. 24-30	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	100
Kitsap	Archery	Any	Nov. 1-24	Any buck	GMU 627	10
Skokomish	Archery	Any	Nov. 1-24	2 pt. min.	GMU 636	10
Blue Mtns. Foothills	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMUs 149, 154, 162, 166	60
Alta	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 242	25
Chiwawa	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 245	3
Slide Ridge	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 246	1
Mission	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 251	17
Desert	Muzzleloader	Any	Oct. 16-24	Any buck	GMU 290	2
Teanaway	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 8-14	Any buck	GMU 335	2
L.T. Murray	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 8-14	Any buck	GMUs 336, 340	4
Bald Mountain	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 8-21	Any buck	GMUs 342, 346	10
Naneum	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 8-14	Any buck	GMU 328	2

Quilomene	Muzzleloader	Any	Sept. 25 - Oct. 3	Any buck	GMU 329	2
West Klickitat	Muzzleloader	Any	Dec. 1-8	3 pt. min.	GMU 578	100
Olympic	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 1-24	Any buck	GMU 621	5

**Bucks**

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Palouse	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 6-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 127-142	750
Blue Mtns. Foothills East	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 8-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 149, 154, 162-166	100
Blue Mtns. Foothills West	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 8-19	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.	GMUs 145, 172-181	50
East Okanogan	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 204	50
Sinlahckin	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 215	50
Chewuch	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 218	15
Pearrygin	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 224	15
Gardner	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 231	15
Pogue	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 233	20
Chiliwist	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 239	15
Alta	Modern Firearm	Any	Nov. 1-20	Any white-tailed buck	GMU 242	20
East Klickitat	Modern Firearm	Youth	<del>Oct. 16-29</del>	Any buck	GMU 382	5
Grayback	Modern Firearm	Youth	<del>Oct. 16-29</del>	Any buck	GMU 388	5
West Klickitat	Modern Firearm	Youth	<del>Oct. 16-31</del>	Any buck	GMU 578	5
Big Bend	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 248	10
Ritzville	Archery	Any	Dec. 1-8	Any buck	GMU 284	4
Alkali	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-25	Any buck	GMU 371	50
Whitcomb	Archery	Any	Sep. 11-15	Any buck	Deer Area 3071	7
Paterson	Archery	Any	Sep. 11-15	Any buck	Deer Area 3072	10
Roosevelt	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 15	ONLY 2 pt. x 2 pt. mule deer bucks	GMU 133	20
Harrington	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 15	ONLY 2 pt. x 2 pt. mule deer bucks	GMU 136	20
Steptoe	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 15	ONLY 2 pt. x 2 pt. mule deer bucks	GMU 139	20
Almota	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 15	ONLY 2 pt. x 2 pt. mule deer bucks	GMU 142	20
Dayton	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	3 pt. min.	GMU 162	25
Tucannon	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	3 pt. min.	GMU 166	10
Wenaha	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	3 pt. min.	GMU 169	25
Mountain View	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	3 pt. min.	GMU 172	15

Ritzville	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25-30	Any buck	GMU 284	1
Alkali	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 26 - Oct. 15	Any buck	GMU 371	
Kahlotus	Muzzleloader	Any	Oct. 2-9	Any buck	GMU 381	30

<b>Antlerless</b>						
<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Weapon/Tag</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Dates</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Permits</b>
Northeast	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	White-tailed, antlerless	GMUs 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, and 121	50
Lincoln	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 501	15
Stella	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 504	15
Mossyrock	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 505	30
South Rainier	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 513	10
Winston	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 520	20
Pysht	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 603	15
Olympic	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 621	35
Skokomish	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 636	20
Wynoochee	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 648	110
Mashel	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 654	40
North River	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 658	35
Minot Peak	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 660	20
Capitol Peak	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 663	15
Skookumchuck	Modern Firearm	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 667	20
Entiat	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Antlerless	GMU 247	53
Swakane	Archery	Any	Nov. 21-30	Antlerless	GMU 250	70
Whitcomb	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-10	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	7
Paterson	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-10	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	10
Grayback	Archery	Any	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 388	100
Sherman	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 101	40
Northeast	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	White-tailed, antlerless	GMUs 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, and 121	<del>180</del> 100
Selkirk	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 113	30
Whitcomb	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 27 - Oct. 1	Antlerless	Deer Area 3071	7
Paterson	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 27 - Oct. 1	Antlerless	Deer Area 3072	10
Mossyrock	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 505	10

Stormking	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 510	5
South Rainier	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 513	5
Packwood	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 516	5
Winston	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 520	5
Coweeman	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 550	30
Yale	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 554	2
Toutle	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 556	3
Olympic	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 621	20
North River	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 658	5

### 2nd Deer

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Republic	Any	Any	Sep. 1 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 1030	25
Colville River	Any	Any	Sep. 1 - Dec. 31	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1035	25
Benge	Any	Any	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless	Deer Area 2010	30
Lakeview	Any	Any	Jan. 1-30	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	20
Methow	Any	Any	Sep. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2012	100
North Okanogan	Any	Any	Sep. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2013	50
Central Okanogan	Any	Any	Sep. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2014	25
Omak	Any	Any	Sep. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2015	25
Conconully	Any	Any	Sep. 8 - Oct. 9	Antlerless	Deer Area 2016	25
Mt. Spokane	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-29 and Nov. 6-19	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 124	50
Spokane North	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-29 and Nov. 6-19	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1050	350
Mica Peak	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 127	25
Spokane South	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1060	125
Cheney	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 130	100
Spokane West	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	Deer Area 1070	75
Roosevelt	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 133	150
Harrington	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 136	150
Step toe	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 139	150
Colfax	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	Deer Area 1080	75
Almota	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 142	100
Mayview	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 145	50

Blue Creek	Modern	Any	Nov. 8-19	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 154	50
Dayton	Modern	Any	Nov. 8-19	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 162	80
Ten Ten	Modern	Any	Nov. 8-19	Antlerless	Deer Area 1010	60
Marengo	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 163	50
Peola	Modern	Any	Nov. 1-12	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 178	50
East Okanogan	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 204	100
Sinlahekin	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 215	40
Chewuch	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 218	10
Pearrygin	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 224	10
Gardner	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 231	10
Pogue	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 233	10
Chiliwist	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 239	10
Alta	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 242	10
Big Bend	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 248	33
Mission	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 251	33
St. Andrews	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 254	20
Foster Creek	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 260	20
Withrow	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 262	18
Badger	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 266	13
Desert	Modern	Any	Dec. 13-26	Antlerless	GMU 290	50
Kahlotus	Modern	Any	Dec. 4-11	Antlerless	GMU 381	50
East Klickitat	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	GMU 382	30
Grayback	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	GMU 388	20
Green River	Modern	Any	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	GMU 485	10
Shaw	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Any deer	Deer Area 4004	20
Lopez	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Any deer	Deer Area 4005	30
Orcas	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Any deer	Deer Area 4006	30
Decatur	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Any deer	Deer Area 4007	30
Blakely	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Any deer	Deer Area 4008	30
Cypress	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Any deer	Deer Area 4009	30
San Juan	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Any deer	Deer Area 4010	30

Camano	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Any deer	Deer Area 4011	30
Whidbey	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Any deer	Deer Area 4012	100
Vashon-Maury	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Any deer	Deer Area 4013	100
Guemes	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Any deer	Deer Area 4926	30
Randle	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 503	5
Willapa Hills	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 506	10
Stormking	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 510	15
Packwood	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 516	15
Ryderwood	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 530	10
Cowecman	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 550	10
Yale	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 554	10
Lewis River	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 560	3
Washougal	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 568	10
Siouxon	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 572	3
Wind River	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 574	3
West Klickitat	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 578	10
High Prairie	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	Deer Area 3088	15
Anderson	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31 and Nov. 18-21	Antlerless	Deer Area 6014	40
Kitsap	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 627	10
Mashel	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 654	10
North River	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 658	16
Deschutes	Modern	Any	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 666	40
Mt. Spokane	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 124	25
Mica Peak	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 127	25
Clarkston	Archery	Any	Nov. 20 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Deer Area 1021	30
Spokane North	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1050	75
Spokane South	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1060	25
Coifax	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24	Antlerless	Deer Area 1080	10
Shaw	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 4004	20
Lopez	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 4005	20
Orcas	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 4006	20

Decatur	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 4007	20
Blakely	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 4008	20
Cypress	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 4009	20
San Juan	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 4010	20
Camano	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 4011	20
Whidbey	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 4012	20
Vashon-Maury	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 4013	20
Guemes	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Deer Area 4926	20
Anderson	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Deer Area 6014	8
Miller	Archery	Any	Dec. 15-30	Antlerless	Deer Area 6020	30
Green Bluff	Muzzleloader	Any	Dec. 9-31	White-tailed, antlerless	That portion of GMU 124 east of Hwy 2	75
Mt. Spokane	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 124	25
Spokane North	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1050	25
Cheney	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25 - Dec. 1	Antlerless	GMU 130	25
Spokane West	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 25 - Dec. 1	Antlerless	Deer Area 1070	25
Roosevelt	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 1	Antlerless	GMU 133	25
Harrington	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 1	Antlerless	GMU 136	25
Mayview	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 145	25
Chiwawa	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 245	8
Swakane	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 250	5
Mission	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 251	5
Foster Creek	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 260	10
Moses Coulee	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 269	10
Lakeview	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 1-18	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	10
Shaw	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any deer	Deer Area 4004	20
Lopez	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any deer	Deer Area 4005	20
Orcas	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any deer	Deer Area 4006	20
Decatur	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any deer	Deer Area 4007	20
Blakely	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any deer	Deer Area 4008	20
Cypress	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any deer	Deer Area 4009	20
San Juan	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any deer	Deer Area 4010	20

Camano	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any deer	Deer Area 4011	20
Whidbey	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any deer	Deer Area 4012	20
Vashon-Maury	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any deer	Deer Area 4013	20
Guemes	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any deer	Deer Area 4926	20
East Klickitat	Muzzleloader	Any	Nov. 20-30	Antlerless	GMU 382	15
Yale	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 554	2
Washougal	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 568	10
West Klickitat	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 578	10
High Prairie	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	Deer Area 3088	5
Anderson	Muzzleloader	Any	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3 and Nov. 24 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	Deer Area 6014	3

**Youth**

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Blue Mtns. Foothills East	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMUs 149, 154, 163, Deer Area 1010	30
Blue Mtns. Foothills West	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 172-181	30
Mt. Spokane	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 124	5
Steptoe	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 139	5
Almota	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 142	5
East Okanogan	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 204	35
Wannacut	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 209	10
Sinlahekin	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 215	20
Chewuch	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 218	30
Pearrygin	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 224	35
Gardner	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 231	15
Pogue	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 233	10
Chiliwist	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 239	20
Alta	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 242	25
Chiwawa	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 245	15
Entiat	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 247	15
Swakane	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 250	10
Mission	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 251	20
Bridge Port	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	20

Palisades	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	20
Benge	Modern	Youth	Oct. <del>23-31</del> 30-Nov. 7	Antlerless	Deer Area 2010	30
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Kahlotus	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 381	15
<u>East Klickitat</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 16-29</u>	<u>Any buck</u>	<u>GMU 382</u>	<u>5</u>
East Klickitat	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	GMU 382	20
<u>Grayback</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 16-29</u>	<u>Any buck</u>	<u>GMU 388</u>	<u>5</u>
Grayback	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	GMU 388	10
Green River	Modern	Youth	Oct. 17-23	Any deer	GMU 485	5
Lincoln	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 501	10
Stella	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 504	10
Mossyrock	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 505	10
Stormking	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 510	10
South Rainier	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 513	10
Packwood	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 516	10
Winston	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 520	10
Yale	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 554	10
Toutle	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 556	25
Lewis River	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Washougal	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 568	10
Siouxon	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 572	5
Wind River	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 574	10
<u>West Klickitat</u>	<u>Modern</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 16-31</u>	<u>Any buck</u>	<u>GMU 578</u>	<u>5</u>
West Klickitat	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 578	10
Skokomish	Modern	Youth	Oct. 9-31	2 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 636	5
Satsop	Modern	Youth	Oct. 9-31	Any deer	GMU 651	10
Mashel	Modern	Youth	Oct. 9-31	2 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 654	20
North River	Modern	Youth	Oct. 9-31	Any deer	GMU 658	10
Skookumchuck	Modern	Youth	Oct. 9-31	Any deer	GMU 667	60
East Okanogan	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 209	5

Pogue	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 239	5
Alta	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Mission	Muzzleloader	Youth	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 251	10

**Senior 65+**

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Blue Mtns. Foothills East	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 149, 154, Deer Area 1010	30
East Okanogan	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 204	5
Wannacut	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Sinlahekin	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 215	5
Chewuch	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 218	10
Pearygin	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 224	10
Gardner	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 231	5
Pogue	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 239	10
Alta	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Chiwawa	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 245	8
Entiat	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 247	8
Swakane	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 250	8
Mission	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 251	8
Bridgeport	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	10
Palisades	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	10
Sunnyside	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 372	10
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Kahlotus	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 381	10
East Klickitat	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	GMU 382	20
Grayback	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	GMU 388	5
Lincoln	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 501	5
Stella	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 504	5
Mossyrock	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 505	15
Stormking	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 510	5

South Rainier	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 513	5
Packwood	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 516	5
Winston	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 520	5
Yale S	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 554	5
Toutle	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 556	10
Lewis River	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 560	2
Washougal	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 568	10
Siouxon	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 572	2
Wind River	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 574	2
West Klickitat	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 578	5
Copalis	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 642	20
North River E	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 658	10
Williams Creek	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 673	20

<b>Hunters with Disabilities</b>						
<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Weapon/Tag</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Dates</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Permits</b>
East Okanogan	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 204	7
Wannacut	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 209	5
Sinlahekin	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 215	7
Chewuch	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 218	5
Pearygin	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 224	5
Gardner	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 231	7
Pogue	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 233	5
Chiliwist	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 239	5
Alta	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 242	5
Chiwawa	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 245	7
Entiat	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 247	7
Mission	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 251	7
Saint Andrews	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMU 254	7
Bridge Port	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	7
Palisades	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	7
Horse Heaven Hills	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	GMU 373	10
Kahlotus	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Nov. 1-9	Antlerless	GMU 381	10

East Klickitat	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	GMU 382	15
Grayback	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-29	Antlerless	GMU 388	5
Green River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 30 - Nov. 5	Antlerless	GMU 485	5
Lincoln	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 501	2
Stella	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 504	2
Mossyrock	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 505	3
Stormking	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 510	2
South Rainier	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 513	2
Packwood	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 516	2
Winston	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 520	2
Yale	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 554	2
Toutle	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 556	3
Lewis River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 560	1
Washougal	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 568	7
Siouxon	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 572	2
Wind River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 574	1
West Klickitat	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 578	2
Capitol Peak	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 663	20
Skookumchuck	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 667	30
North River	Modern	Hunter with Disability	Oct. 17-31	Antlerless	GMU 658	3
Wind River	Archery	Hunter with Disability	Sep. 1-24	Antlerless	GMU 574	1
West Klickitat	Archery	Hunter with Disability	Sep. 1-24	3 pt. min. or antlerless	GMU 578	1
East Okanogan	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 204	3
Sinlahekin	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 215	3
Gardner	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 231	3
Chiwawa	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 245	3
Mission	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 251	3
Entiat	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 247	3
Saint Andrews	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 254	3
Bridge Port	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMUs 248, 260	3
Palisades	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMUs 266, 269	3

Capitol Peak E	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	<del>Muzzleloader</del> - Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 663	2
North River F	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	<del>Muzzleloader</del> - Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 658	1

Master Hunter						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Republic	Any	Master Hunter	Sep. 1 - Dec. 31	Any deer	Designated properties within Deer Area 1030	HC 25
Miller	Any/2nd tag	Master Hunter	Jan.1-20	Antlerless deer; archery and crossbow equipment only	That part of Deer Area 6020 east of Sequim Bay	30
Lakeview	Any/2nd tag	Master Hunter	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless	Deer Area 2011	20

Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits				
Ar ea	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
Re gion 1	All general season and permit seasons established for GMUs included with the permit	Any white-tailed deer	Any 100 series GMU EXCEPT GMU 157	2
Re gion 2		Any white-tailed deer	GMUs 204-215	2
Re gion 2		Any deer	GMUs 215-251	1
Re gion 2		Any deer	GMU 290	1
Re gion 3		Any deer	GMUs 335-368, 382, 388	1
Re gion 4		Any deer	Any 400 series GMU EXCEPT GMUs 485 and 490	2
Re gion 5		Legal buck for 500 series GMU of choice or antlerless	Any 500 series GMU open for a general deer hunting season or a special deer permit hunting season	6
Re gion 6		Legal buck for GMU of choice	GMUs 654, 660, 672, 673, 681	1

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REPEALER

The following section of the Washington Administrative Code is repealed:

WAC 232-28-353

2009 Deer special permits.

**WAC 232-28-355 Deer Special Permits.**

**Recommended Adjustments**

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR 102) filing and are included in your notebook language.

**Page 9**

Add year 2010 to the title. The title of the WAC should now read: "2010 Deer Special Permits." This change specifies the year which the special permit hunting seasons are valid.

Insert the following language at the beginning of the rule to clarify the penalty for violation: "It is unlawful to fail to comply with bag, possession, and season limits except as described below. Violations of this section will be punished under RCW 77.15.410."

**Pages 9-13**

For consistency throughout the rule, the weapon/tag references were changed from "modern firearm" to "modern."

**Page 11**

Under the "Quality" category, changes the Desert Archery permit hunt dates to Nov 29 – Dec 12 to avoid an overlap with the modern firearm permit hunters.

**Pages 12 & 19**

Under the buck category, move the East Klickitat, Grayback, and West Klickitat hunts to the youth category. Place the hunts adjacent to the antlerless hunts of the same name. This change will facilitate youth points to be accrued and expended in the proper category under the new special permits system.

**Page 13**

Under the antlerless category, white-tailed deer antlerless permits were shifted from muzzleloader to modern firearm to provide opportunity to both groups. Fifty permits were provided to modern firearm hunters and one hundred were provided to muzzleloader hunters.

**Pages 14 & 23**

The Republic hunt was moved from the 2<sup>nd</sup> tag category to the Master Hunter category because this hunt will need to be carefully coordinated with the town of Republic and individual property owners.

**Page 19**

Under the "Youth" category, changes the Benge hunt permit dates to Oct. 30 – Nov. 7 to avoid overlap with the modern firearm general season.

**Page 21**

Under the Senior 65+ category in the hunt name column delete the "S" after Yale and delete the "C" after North River. These letters are no longer necessary under the new system.

**Page 23**

Under the Hunters with Disabilities category, delete the "E" after the Capitol Peak hunt, and delete the "F" after the North River hunt. These letters are no longer necessary under the new system.

For both Capitol Peak hunt and North River hunt, delete the word "muzzleloader" from the hunt date column. This change eliminates redundant terminology.



# 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 09-24-111; 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)  
Hunting Rules – See Attachment A

**Hearing location(s):**  
 Natural Resources Building, Room 172  
 1111 Washington Street SE  
 Olympia, Washington 98501  
 (360) 902-2515

**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](mailto:Wildthing@dfw.wa.gov)  
 fax (360) 902-2162

Date: March 12-13, 2010 Time: 8:00 am

By: Wednesday, February 24, 2010

**Date of intended adoption:** April 9-10, 2010  
 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

**Assistance for persons with disabilities:**  
 Contact: Susan Yeager by March 8, 2010  
 TTY (800) 833-6388 or (360) 902-2267

**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:** 77.012.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.32.070, 77.32.530

**Statute being implemented:** 77.012.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.32.070, 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:

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**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

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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:

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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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No: Please explain: Not hydraulics rules.

## ATTACHMENT A

### **WAC 220-55-115 Recreational License Dealer Fees**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**  
The proposed language allows hunters to replace lost permits at vendors statewide and reimburses vendors for the cost of providing supplemental permits.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Provide greater flexibility for hunters to replace lost permits.

### **WAC 232-12-047 Unlawful methods for hunting**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**  
The proposed language clarifies that handguns may be used for personal protection by all hunters. Hunters will have greater certainty on their rights to possess handguns for personal protection.

Moves crossbow regulations from the archery requirement rule to the unlawful methods for hunting rule.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Provide consistency with the U.S. Constitution and state law.

Crossbows are lawful under modern firearm seasons and not under archery seasons.

### **WAC 232-12-051 Muzzleloading firearms**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**  
The proposed language clarifies that handguns may be used for personal protection by all hunters. Hunters will have greater certainty on their rights to possess handguns for personal protection.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Provide consistency with the U.S. Constitution and state law.

### **WAC 232-12-054 Archery requirements – Archery special use permits**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**  
The proposed language clarifies that handguns may be used for personal protection by all hunters. Hunters will have greater certainty on their rights to possess handguns for personal protection.

Moves crossbow regulations from the archery requirement rule to the unlawful methods for hunting rule.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Provide consistency with the U.S. Constitution and state law.

Crossbows are lawful under modern firearm seasons and not under archery seasons.

### **WAC 232-28-248 Special Closures and Firearm Restriction Areas.**

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**  
The proposed language closes deer hunting on Cottonwood Island and Howard Island. The purpose is to protect endangered Columbian white-tailed deer. The anticipated effect is to further the recovery of Columbian white-tailed deer while retaining deer hunting on the mainland in GMU 564 proper.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

The proposed language allows the retention of hunting in GMU 564 proper, but does not allow deer hunting on Cottonwood and Howard Islands which are sites proposed for Columbian white-tailed deer release to further Columbian white-tailed deer recovery.

### **WAC 232-28-266 Damage Prevention Permits**

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

This proposal changes the timeframe that turkey Damage Prevention Permits are valid, so they can be used beginning on October 10. This proposal does not change the number of turkey permits approved.

This proposal also dedicates an additional 50 antlerless elk permits to Game Management Units in Region 5 to address increased elk damage complaints.

#### **Reasons supporting proposal:**

In April 2009, the Fish and Wildlife Commission approved 200 turkey Damage Prevention Permits for GMUs 105 to 124 which were valid beginning December 15. WDFW enforcement officers found that landowners experienced damage issues during October and November, before the approved Damage Prevention Permit season.

Elk Damage Prevention Permits currently allocated throughout the state have not been adequate to address elk damage in Region 5.

### **WAC 232-28-273 Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons and permit quotas**

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

The proposed WAC amends seasons for moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat. The Department recommends status quo seasons for moose and minor permit level changes for bighorn sheep and mountain goat. Winter surveys indicate moose populations are stable. The Department recommends status quo permit levels. All bighorn sheep populations that currently are hunted either meet or exceed population objectives. The Department recommends minor permit level changes (from 40 to 46) based on the population thresholds in the Game Management Plan (2008). The changes include closing the Wenaha (previously 1 permit), opening Swakane (1 permit), and opening Chelan Butte (1 permit). Mountain goat populations are stable in all hunted populations. Changes in permit levels are based on annual survey counts and tend to be conservative given the sensitivity of goats to over harvesting. The Department recommends status quo permit levels in all areas, except reducing the permit level from 2 to 1 in the Bumping River population management unit due to recent survey counts. The anticipated effects are sustainable recreational hunting opportunities and long-term viable populations.

#### **Reasons supporting proposal:**

Permit level changes are based on the population thresholds in the Game Management Plan (2008).

### **WAC 232-12-284 Bighorn sheep -Marking requirements**

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

The proposed WAC amends the marking requirements for bighorn sheep that are harvested or in possession. The Department implemented a few ewe-only bighorn sheep hunts last hunting season and was unable to effectively mark ewe horns due to their smaller size. Given the intent of the rule and difficulty marking ewe horns, the Department is recommending amending the rule to only include marking requirements for bighorn sheep rams, not ewes. There is no anticipated effect to populations or hunting opportunity.

#### **Reasons supporting proposal:**

The intent of the rule is to address the potential for illegal harvest and commercialization of bighorn sheep ram horns, because a mature ram skull can have a market value of several thousand dollars. Fortunately, the same situation does not occur for bighorn sheep ewes. As such, the Department is recommending dropping the marking requirement for bighorn ewes.

### **WAC 232-28-285 2010-2011 Pilot cougar hunting seasons with the aid of dogs**

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

Implements Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2438 and establishes pilot cougar with the aid of dogs in Chelan, Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, and Klickitat counties for the 2010-11 winter. The objective of the bill is to use a pilot cougar hunt with the aid of dogs to address public safety and the protection of private property (e.g., pets and livestock), as well as to allow the Department to more effectively manage cougar populations.

The Department is recommending a status quo permit season for the 2010-2011 pilot cougar hunt, with the following exceptions:

1. Change the opening day of the permit hunt from Dec 19 to Dec 1 (except GMUs 101, 105, and 204).
2. Increase the kill quota for Klickitat hunt zone to 10 total cougars or 4 females.
3. Increase the cap on the number of permits issued from 2x the total quota to 3x the total quota.
4. If a second drawing occurs, select additional hunters from the unselected pool of applicants that reside in a participating county.
5. Routine calendar date changes for the six counties continuing the pilot program.

The anticipated effect is to stabilize cougar populations at current levels.

At date of this filing, only Klickitat County has met the basic requirements for inclusion in the pilot cougar hunt. This filing serves as a public notice that other counties may request inclusion in the pilot cougar program up until rule action by the Fish and Wildlife Commission in April 2010.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

The rule implements ESHB 2438. The objective of the bill is to use a pilot cougar hunt with the aid of dogs to address public safety and the protection of private property (e.g., pets and livestock), as well as to allow the Department to more effectively manage cougar populations.

**WAC 232-28-286 2010, 2011, and 2012 Spring black bear seasons and regulations**

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

The proposed WAC amends spring black bear hunting seasons. To expand the benefit of the spring seasons in the Blue Mountains, the Department is recommending adding a spring bear hunt in GMU 181 (Couse) with 4 permits. The anticipated effect is better distribution of harvested bears geographically and a slight increase in total harvest.

For Westside spring bear hunts, the Department is recommending reducing the season length in the Kapowsin Tree Farm unit from April 15-June 15 to April 15-May 15 based on discussions with the landowners. There is a slight anticipated effect to the number of hunter days.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

The objectives of spring bear hunts in the Blue Mountains are to better distribute the harvest geographically and increase total harvest while minimizing female take. Through time, the spring season has proven successful for both objectives.

The Fish and Wildlife Commission began implementing spring black bear hunts in western Washington in 2006. The purpose of these hunts is to reduce tree damage by bears during the spring.

**WAC 232-28-287 2009-2010, 2010-2011, and 2011-2012 Cougar permit seasons and regulations**

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

The rule establishes cougar permit hunt seasons without the aid of dogs. The proposal removes permit hunt seasons in hunt areas with a concurrent pilot cougar permit hunt with the aid of dogs. The purpose of the change is to consolidate two permit seasons into one for simplification and allow anyone to apply for the hunt. The anticipated effects are simplification of hunting seasons and long-term sustainable cougar populations.

In addition, the proposal increases the permit level in the Blue Mountains zone from 40 to 100. The purpose of the increased permit level is to aid in achieving harvest objectives in the Blue Mountains.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Consolidates two cougar permit hunt seasons into one permit season where anyone can apply. Increased permit level in Blue Mountains is to aid in achieving harvest objectives in the Blue Mountains.

**WAC 232-28-288 2010-2011 Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations**

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

The rule establishes the 2010 and 2011 fall black bear seasons. Proposed seasons are status quo compared to 2009 seasons, except the recommendation to open the season on Aug 14 rather than Aug 1 in three Black Bear Management Units (i.e., South Cascades BBMU, Okanogan BBMU, and Northeastern B BBMU). The purpose is to provide recreational harvest opportunities for black bear, while maintaining long-term sustainable populations in each BBMU (except Puget Sound and Columbia Basin BBMUs). The anticipated effects of the rule are continued recreational harvest opportunities similar to 2009 levels, with slight reduced season length in 3 of 9 BBMUs, and long-term sustainable bear populations.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Population indicators for black bears support status quo hunting seasons in each BBMU, except South Cascades, Okanogan, and Northeastern B. In those BBMUs, indicators suggest that hunting seasons should be more conservative.

**WAC 232-28-290 Washington raffle hunts**

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

The WAC establishes rules associated with conducting a raffle for a big game hunting license/transport tag. The purpose of the amendment is to implement SHB 1778 and provide spending direction for WDFW dedicated raffle account. The proposal directs Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to spend revenue from single species raffle hunts on the management of respective species raffled, and spend revenue from multiple species raffle hunts on game management. The anticipated effect is spending consistent with SHB 1778 and public input.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Proposal implements SHB 1778 and addresses public input supporting dedicated accounts.

**WAC 232-28-291 Special hunting season permits**

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

The purpose is to modify the permit application rules to allow permit application in drawing by category rather than by species.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Consistency with initiative to provide greater permit application opportunities for hunters and expand funding for hunter access programs.

**WAC 232-28-292 Washington auction hunts**

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

The WAC establishes rules associated with conducting an auction for a big game hunting license/transport tag. The purpose of the amendment is to implement SHB 1778 and provide spending direction for WDFW dedicated auction account. The proposal directs Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to spend revenue from single species auction hunts on the management of respective species auctioned, and spend revenue from multiple species auction hunts on game management. The anticipated effect is spending consistent with SHB 1778 and public input.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Proposal implements SHB 1778 and addresses public input supporting dedicated accounts.

### **WAC 232-28-295 Landowner hunting permits**

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

In 2009, two "any elk" permits were allocated to the Teanaway Ranch LHP in Kittitas County; one public and one LHP landowner permit. This proposal removes one Landowner Hunting Permit (LHP) cooperator (Teanaway Ranch) from the program. This rule change will likely result in one less general public hunter accessing the Teanaway Ranch for elk hunting.

#### **Reasons supporting proposal:**

In the fall of 2009, the LHP cooperator contacted WDFW, informed the agency that they did not wish to continue in the LHP program, and requested that we cancel their contract for future years.

### **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 language adjusts the boundaries of deer and elk areas and also creates a new elk area. Adjustment of the boundaries will help staff deal with wildlife damage problems where they are occurring. Creation of new areas also protects elk when appropriate.

#### **Reasons supporting proposal:**

The proposed language makes existing boundaries more appropriate when the Department is dealing with damage or nuisance issues. The new area helps protect elk on a small scale without excluding hunting entirely on the GMU scale.

### **WAC 232-28-342 Small Game Seasons**

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

Since 2006, fall, either sex turkey hunting seasons in southeastern Washington have been liberalized, taking advantage of increasing turkey populations and providing expanded hunting opportunity. This proposal moves fall turkey hunting season in Game Management Units (GMUs) 145-154 and 162-186 (Blue Mountains GMUs) to the "early fall general" season from the "early fall permit only" season. During the 2006, 2007, and 2008 fall permit seasons, approximately 44 percent of special permit holders participated in the hunt, with approximately 45 percent of those hunters successfully filling their permit. In 2008, 89 turkeys were harvested in these GMUs during the fall permit season. Changing to a general season hunt will allow greater opportunity for turkey hunters while season length, hunter success, and mixed ownerships will moderate turkey harvest.

#### **Reasons supporting proposal:**

The proposed changes provide increased hunter opportunity in areas where expanding populations can support increased fall harvest.

### **WAC 232-28-351 Deer general seasons and definitions**

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

The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season deer hunting opportunity, balance the hunting opportunity between user groups, increase opportunity when deer populations allow, and reduce opportunity when declining deer numbers warrant such a change.

#### **Reasons supporting proposal:**

Provides recreational, deer hunting opportunity and protects deer from overharvest. Maintains sustainable general deer hunting season opportunities for 2010 and 2011. Helps address deer damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed.

### **WAC 232-28-352 Elk general seasons and definitions**

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

The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season elk hunting opportunity, balance the hunting opportunity between user groups, increase opportunity when elk populations allow, and reduce opportunity when declining elk numbers warrant such a change.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

Provides recreational, elk hunting opportunity and protects elk from overharvest. Maintains sustainable general elk hunting season opportunities for 2010 and 2011. Helps address elk damage problems and provides for elk population control when needed.

**WAC 232-28-355 Deer special permits**

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

Introduces new category structure for special permits which provide more opportunities to apply. New structure is intended to provide more opportunity to the public and generate more revenue for WDFW. Maintain deer special hunting season opportunities for 2010. Adjust special deer permits for 2010 in response to deer population changes and damage complaints. Provides for recreational harvest of deer. Helps reduce agricultural damage and provides for population control of deer where needed.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

New category structure will allow more opportunities to apply which will increase revenue for WDFW. Provides recreational, deer hunting opportunity and protects deer from overharvest. Addresses deer damage problems.

**WAC 232-28-356 Elk special permits**

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

Introduces new category structure for special permits which provide more opportunities to apply. New structure is intended to provide more opportunity to the public and generate more revenue for WDFW. Maintain elk special hunting season opportunities for 2010. Adjust special elk permits for 2010 in response to elk population changes and damage complaints. Provides for recreational harvest of elk. Helps reduce agricultural damage and provides for population control of elk where needed.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

New category structure will allow more opportunities to apply which will increase revenue for WDFW. Provides recreational, elk hunting opportunity and protects elk from overharvest. Addresses elk damage problems.