



CC: COMMISSION
Phil A. 3-9-2010
via email

March 12-13
2010
FWC Meeting

PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL
OF A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE (RCW 34.05.330)

Rec'd by fax 3-1-10

The Office of Financial Management (OFM) has adopted this form for members of the public who wish to petition a state agency to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule (regulation). Full consideration will be given to a petitioner's request.

(see letter dated Feb 3)

Please complete the following:

PETITIONER'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT) Larry Guenther			TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE) 509-684-3751		
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AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE RULE WA Dept Fish & Wildlife					

Please submit completed and signed form to the "Rules Coordinator" at the appropriate state agency. The agency will contact you within 60 days.

Check all that apply below and explain on the back of this form with examples. Whenever possible, attach suggested language. You may attach other pages if needed.

1. NEW: I am requesting that a new WAC be developed.

I believe a new rule should be developed.

- The subject of this rule is:
- The rule will affect the following people:
- The need for the rule is:

2. AMEND: I am requesting a changing to existing WAC 232-28-351
2009-2011 Deer General seasons to GMU 117+121

3. REPEAL: I am requesting existing WAC _____ be removed.

I believe this rule should be changed or repealed because (check one or more):

- It does not do what it was intended to do.
- It imposes unreasonable costs.
- It is applied differently to public and private parties.
- It is not clear.
- It is no longer needed.
- It is not authorized. The agency has no authority to make this rule.
- It conflicts with another federal, state, or local law or rule. Please list number of the conflicting law or rule, if known:
- It duplicates another federal, state or local law or rule. Please list number of the duplicate law or rule, if known:
- Other (please explain): (see letter)

PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE

Larry Guenther

DATE

3/5/2010

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February 3, 2010

Miranda Wecker, Chairman
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Miranda Wecker

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CC: W-L Program
Wendy Childs
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Dear Honorable Chairperson,

The Stevens County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee (SCF&WAC) overwhelmingly opposes the Washington Fish & Wildlife Commissions' decision to adopt the 2009- 2012 game regulations that fail to include a four-point, white-tail, point restriction for GMU 117 and 121, and we appeal to the Commission to reconsider this matter.

It is our strong belief that the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) based their recommendation on information that was inaccurate, using projected numbers for the deer population based on a formula rather than an actual count. By their own admission, the Department cannot get an accurate count because of the timbered terrain in our region. They did not use information provided by the local advisory group which had spent time talking with local residents including farmers and ranchers. These folks live along side of these animals and know better than anyone the condition of the herd.

Northeast Washington has experienced two, successive, hard winters which has had a devastating effect on the deer population. Prior to the Commissions' adoption of the 2009-2012 game regulations, the Stevens County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee had recommended a point restriction for whitetail buck harvest for a three-year pilot period (2010 – 2012) to help restore the deer herd. At the end of pilot, the plan would have been openly evaluated by a joint team of local citizens and WDFW staff to determine its effectiveness.

The SCF&WAC recommendation supports the viability of our deer herd and the future of hunting in this region. It's a bottom-up approach that makes long-term sense and worth your re-consideration.

Respectfully,

Larry Guenther, Chairman
Stevens County Commissioners

Tony Delgado, Chairman
Stevens Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee

LG/TD:lmw
Cc: WDFW Director Phil Anderson