

## Agenda Item 22

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### SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

WAC 232-28-295 Landowner hunting permits.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
If these permits are to address damage problems, they should be antlerless only.	There are additional objectives of the landowner hunting permits which include expanding access to hunters onto the property.
Raffle hunters should be allowed on these properties as part of the contract with the state.	This would potentially limit the general hunters' access opportunities on these properties because harvest is so tightly regulated.
Raffles conducted by landowners should not mean that the rules are not in the pamphlet.	The Commission has decided that public benefits are received whether a landowner conducts the drawing (raffle) or the Department. The drawings listed in the pamphlet are conducted by the Department.
It is not stated as to why landowners enter into these "contract" with WDFW. If it is for depredation, then permits should all be antlerless.	Landowner Hunting Permit agreements are primarily a recreational hunting access agreement made in line with Fish and Wildlife Commission Policy C6002. In some cases, these permits help landowners address game damage situations while also increasing public recreational opportunity.



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### SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

WAC 232-28-266 Damage prevention permit hunts.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
The department needs to address the mandatory reporting requirements consistent with these permits, when the harvest and hunting opportunity occurs after January 31.	If a hunter reports on time and then is offered one of these permits from a landowner, they still can participate. Their license is still valid. The only problem is an inaccurate report which can be corrected by contacting the agency.
The quota seems to tie the hands of managers. Eliminate the quota and let department staff decide.	We have not reached the statewide quotas for any category in recent years. The current proposal just allows greater certainty for Region Five officers. In addition, with the Commission setting the levels, there is a good public process and solicitation of comment.
Should not allow bull harvest. Bulls are a high commodity and often problematic in terms of herd management.	We agree and the only area where bulls may be harvested is adjacent to Hanford where the bull ratios and issues are not a problem.
Only 50 antlerless depredation permits for GMU's 501 – 578? Is this sufficient? These are listed as “additional” permits, but in the WAC, the official and legal language for State Rules only has a total of 50. What is the real Total if these are additional tags?	These 50 permits are specifically designated for GMUs 501 – 578. Two hundred other permits can be used statewide, including these GMUs.
Seasons outlined in Elk Area 3721 are outside the actual season set forth in prior language of the WAC (is hunting going to be allowed from April 1 – July 31 as listed?????)	The intent is to allow permits in Elk Area 3721 be valid outside of the general season framework established earlier in the WAC.