

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

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“GREEN SHEET”

Meeting: April 9-10, 2010

Agenda Item 6: Deer General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations – **Rule Action**

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Background:

The Commission will act on proposed rule amendments to WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions; proposed repeal of WAC 232-28-353 2009 Deer special permits; and 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 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.

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

Amend WAC 232-28-351 2009-2011 Deer general seasons and definitions, repeal WAC 232-28-353 2009 Deer special permits, and adopt WAC 232-28-355 2010 Deer special permits.

Draft motion language:

I move to amend WAC 232-28-351, repeal WAC 232-28-353, and adopt WAC 232-28-355 2010 as proposed.

Justification for Commission action:

Provides recreational opportunity for the citizens of Washington, helps reduce wildlife damage to agricultural crops, and protects deer from overharvest.

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), (~~(, 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
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.
GENERAL SEASON					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	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.
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	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
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	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.
LATE GENERAL SEASON					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	Nov. 19-22	Nov. 18-21	Nov. 17-20	407, 410 , 454, 466, 501 through 520, 524 through 560, 568, 572 through 578, 601 through 633, 638 through 653, 658 through 673, 684 and 699	Any buck
				636, 654, 681	2 pt. min.
				GMUs 410 and 564, Deer Areas 4013, 4926, 6014, 6020	Any deer
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	Nov. 7-19	Nov. 6-19	Nov. 5-19	105 through 124	Any white-tailed buck
HUNTERS 65 AND OVER, DISABLED, OR YOUTH GENERAL SEASONS					
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	Oct. 17-30	Oct. 16-29 Oct. 21-24	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
MASTER HUNTER SEASON					
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	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
Early Archery General Deer Seasons					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	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, ((601-)) -603, ((615-)) 621 through 633, 642 through 652, 658 through 672, 684 and 699	Any deer
				460, 503, 574, 601, 603, 615, 673	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, ((602, 607, 612, 618,)) 636, 638, 653	Any deer
				506, 530, 550, 602, 607, 612, 618	Any buck
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	Sept. 1-25	Sept. 1-24	Sept. 1-23	105 through 127, 145, 162, 163, 166, 169, 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, 162, 166, 169, 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
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer		Sept. 1-24	Sept. 1-23	101 through 121	Any white-tailed buck
	Sept. 1-25	Sept. 1-24	Sept. 1-23	((101 through 124,)) 124, 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, 162, 163, 166, 169, 175, 178, 181, 186	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-19	Sept. 1-18	154, ((162, 166, 169,)) 172	White-tailed, 3 pt. min. or antlerless
	Sept. 1-20	Sept. 1-19	Sept. 1-18	149	White-tailed, 3 pt. min.
Late Archery General Deer Seasons					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	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, ((601, 607 through 618,)) 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
		<u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 31</u>	<u>603, 624, 652</u>	<u>Any buck</u>
	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	<u>White-tailed</u> , 3 pt. min. or antlerless ((white-tailed deer))
	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 24 - Dec. 8	Nov. 23 - Dec. 8	145, 163, 178	<u>White-tailed</u> , 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					

Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	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.
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	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
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	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
Late Muzzleloader General Deer Seasons					
Western Washington Black-tailed Deer	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	
Eastern Washington White-tailed Deer	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
Eastern Washington Mule Deer	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."

Pages 2 and 3

Maintain the deer hunting closure in GMU 490 (Cedar River). This change allows additional time to negotiate hunter access with the landowner.

Page 3

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.

Delete GMUs 574 and 578 from the late black-tailed deer hunt for modern firearm hunters. These units were not part of the 2009-11 hunting season rules adopted last year and were added in error earlier this year.

Under the modern firearm general season table, in the Hunters 65 and Over, Disabled, or Youth General Seasons section, the season dates for antlerless white-tailed deer should change from October 16 – 29 to October 21 – 24. There have been two very hard winters, presenting the need to reduce the antlerless harvest so that the population can recover quicker.

Pages 4 & 5

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.

Page 4

GMU 124 should be moved to the any white-tailed deer row and out of the any white-tailed buck row. This area is not seeing the same problems with deer survival as the more northern units in GMUs 101-121.

Page 6

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.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments were proposed since the Code Reviser (CR 102) filing and are NOT included in your notebook WAC language.

Page 3

Under Modern, General Season, eastern Washington white-tailed deer, add GMU 373 to Oct. 16-29, any white-tailed buck. This change corrects an oversight in the last three year package process.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

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

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
Traditional bow hunters would like to have a separate license and separate, longer seasons than the general archery seasons.	We are not recommending major changes to hunting seasons as this is only the second year of a three year (2009-11) regulation package. Also, further divisions among the weapon types and carving out additional seasons from the available timeframe is not prudent.
A four point restriction on white-tailed deer bucks in GMUs 117 and 121 is necessary to conserve the low deer population in northeast Washington.	<p>This issue was heavily debated during the 2009-11 three year package, and the Commission did not adopt a point restriction in this area. The white-tailed deer population in northeast Washington has declined as a result of two hard winters in 2008 and 2009. The Department is recommending significant reductions in antlerless seasons and permits as a result of these declines.</p> <p>Department biologists believe that there are sufficient bucks for breeding without antler restrictions in this area and that increasing the survival of yearling bucks will not significantly impact population recovery.</p> <p>This issue of hunter preference for antler restrictions in northeast Washington will be re-assessed in preparation for future hunting season regulations.</p>
The Makah tribe is supportive of the antlerless deer harvest restrictions for archers in GMU 601 and would like the restriction implemented in 603 as well. Their research on black tailed deer fawns indicates poor recruitment and a need to restrict antlerless harvest.	This was an omission and will be added to our recommendation.
Would like to see disabled hunters be allowed to harvest a doe in western Washington during the general season.	At this point, the Department is concerned about exceeding the doe harvest objectives without limitations. Setting permit levels allows us to better manage doe harvest.
It is very difficult for disabled hunters to hunt without vehicle access behind closed gates.	The Department recognizes this issue and has been working very hard to develop agreements with landowners to allow disabled hunter access behind closed gates. Please contact the Department for more information on this program.
The master hunter antlerless whitetail hunt in GMUs 130 to 142 should be a second tag.	Actually, this hunt has been targeted for review during the next three year package. The intent has been to reduce white-tailed deer numbers on private lands, which can be accomplished in many ways. This doesn't necessarily warrant a Master Hunter hunt in order to accomplish antlerless harvest objectives.

<p>The deer hunting season needs to coincide with the rut to ensure that the does are properly bred by mature bucks. After the rut has taken place, the hunting season for all 3 weapon types would be either sex. Both archery and muzzle loader seasons would be opened together from November 15 – 30 state wide. The modern firearm season would be from December 1 – 15 state wide. Deer licenses should cost \$25 and permit applications \$5.</p>	<p>Deer seasons are designed to address many objectives including breeding and pregnancy rates. Changing the season structure as you suggest would not improve those parameters. Broad-scale, either sex seasons as you describe would result in excessive harvest in many areas.</p> <p>The Legislature sets license and permit application prices and are designed to allow broad participation by all citizens.</p>
<p>Like seeing the new mule deer rut hunts in region one, would like the state to consider a permit in GMU 101 for November 1-9 timeframe before the late bow season opened up.</p>	<p>We considered similar options in the 2009-2011 hunting regulation package, but the archery hunters opposed these types of changes and impacts to an opportunity they have held for many years.</p>
<p>I discovered what I suspect is a bug/oversight in the proposal. The modern firearm general late season includes GMU 578 and lists "any buck" in the legal deer column. GMU is managed under 3 pt. restriction. Also, GMU 578 hasn't been a general late season GMU for the past several years. Clarification is needed if this unit will indeed be open in the late general season for "any deer".</p>	<p>You are correct and we have made the change in our recommendation.</p>
<p>As a landowner in the West Klickitat Unit I am very interest in regulations that can affect my property. Is 578 going to be open for Late General Deer Season? If that is the new regulaton I am opposed to having it open for the general late season. I support the draw only late buck hunts in 578.</p>	<p>Thank you for your support. We corrected this error and the proposal is for a permit hunt during the late season in GMU 578.</p>
<p>I noticed that there had been a change in the 2009 hunting regulations in regard to deer hunting for the disabled hunters and I was hoping to draw your attention to it for the future seasons. Specifically, under the 2009 General Modern firearms season for deer there is a section listed for "youth, seniors and disabled" but no corresponding section under the Archery and Muzzle-loader section. Could you please address this and make an allowance change for the future, and allow the disabled Archery and Muzzle-loader tag hold to also participate in what is now a specific firearm only participation hunt?</p>	<p>This is really a GMU specific issue because many archery and muzzleloader general season hunts allow the harvest of an antlerless deer. Therefore, an antlerless permit is not necessary. We would be happy to work with you on making sure specific hunts allocate hunters with disabilities, antlerless opportunity for all tag holders.</p>

Below are the recommendations of the Stevens County Fish and Wildlife Advisory Council as well as the Northeast Washington Wildlife Group.

Recommendations:

1. Curtail antlerless harvest in GMU's 117 & 121 for all user groups until deer numbers allow further antlerless harvest.
2. Allow only youth, senior, and disabled to harvest antlerless deer until numbers allow more liberal harvest. No late season harvest of antlerless deer.
3. Curtail late buck permits in GMU's 117 and 121 for all user groups.
4. Institute a four [4] point minimum antler point restriction in GMU's 117 and 121. [Four [4] point antler restriction would be defined as at least three [3] points on the upper two thirds of the main beam with a brow tine on that side which would equal the fourth point.] A buck with four points on one side and three on the other would be a legal buck. Fork horns and spikes would be illegal to harvest. Point restrictions would remain intact until the buck to doe ratio is satisfactory. This would be two years or more if needed but evaluate after two years at the end of the current three year package. It is important to note that white tailed deer can reach the four point antler growth at 1 1/2 years old in many cases with the proper habitat and nutrition.
5. Review and possibly restrict baiting practices for deer as well as elk.
6. Develop a predator plan that is integrated with the whitetail management plan that would maintain appropriate predator/deer ratios.
7. Provide a habitat plan that offsets the decline we have faced for years. Include areas of joint effort where our groups can be of assistance.

We did significantly reduce antlerless white-tailed deer harvest last year and our proposals are for even more cuts in the coming year.

Buck permits are at very low levels now, but are not eliminated. Further buck harvest restrictions are not considered necessary for deer management at this time. We have sufficient buck to doe ratios to ensure that all does are being bred effectively.

The concept of increasing the survival of yearling bucks and increasing the proportion of older bucks is something that can be considered. The consideration of antler point restrictions was heavily debated last year, but can be reviewed again. Because this is considered largely an issue of hunter preference, outreach to other northeast Washington deer hunters seems appropriate.

During development of the 2009-11 hunting season package, the issue of baiting deer and elk was not supported by the public. Concerns over harvest success can be addressed in many ways should success rates become problematic to achieving harvest objectives. This is another issue that continues to be brought up within the hunting community and deserves further discussion as well.

The white-tailed deer management plan is due out for public comment in the next few weeks and your thoughts on how to incorporate predator and habitat management would be encouraged and appreciated.

SUMMARY OF ORAL PUBLIC INPUT
Testimony from the March 12-13, 2010 Commission Meeting.

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

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
Disabled hunters should be allowed to hunt antlerless white-tailed deer with archery tags and muzzleloader tags during the modern firearm general season.	If the question is about the overall use of a weapon type, a modern firearm tag holder can use archery or muzzleloader equipment during the modern season. If the issue is about being able to hunt multiple seasons, that is not an approach that is consistent with our policies. The Agency policy is to try to provide reasonable accommodation of access for hunters with disabilities. It is not to provide extra opportunity that others aren't allowed to have.

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.

Quality						
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 10
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
Sinlahekin	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	Oct. 16-29	Any buck	GMU 382	5
Grayback	Modern Firearm	Youth	Oct. 16-29	Any buck	GMU 388	5
West Klickitat	Modern Firearm	Youth	Oct. 16-31	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
Step toe	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	8
Kahlotus	Muzzleloader	Any	Oct. 2-9	Any buck	GMU 381	30

Antlerless						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
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	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
Coweman	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

Second deer permits are only valid with the purchase of a second deer license. The second deer license must be for the same tag type as the first deer license.

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 20
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	40
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
Coweeman	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. 24-25 - Dec. 15	White-tailed, antlerless	GMU 124	25
Mica Peak	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24-25 - 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. 24-25 - Dec. 15	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1050	75
Spokane South	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24 and Nov. 24-25 - Dec. 15	White-tailed, antlerless	Deer Area 1060	25
Colfax	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
Colfax	Archery	Any	Sep. 1-24	Antlerless	Deer Area 1080	10
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
Pearygin	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. 23-31 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 10
<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	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 658	10
Williams Creek	Modern	65+	Oct. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 673	20

Hunters with Disabilities						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
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	Muzzleloader- Sep. 25 - Oct. 3	Antlerless	GMU 663	2
North River F	Muzzleloader	Hunter with Disability	Muzzleloader- 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				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special deer permits will be allocated through a random drawing to those hunter education instructors that qualify. - Permit hunters must use archery equipment during archery seasons, muzzleloader equipment during muzzleloader seasons, and any legal weapon during modern firearm seasons. - Qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, inclusive of the year prior to the permit drawing. - Instructors who are drawn, accept a permit, and are able to participate in the hunt, will not be eligible for these incentive permits for a period of ten years thereafter. - Permittees may purchase a second license for use with the permit hunt only. 				
Area	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
Region 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
Region 2		Any white-tailed deer	GMUs 204-215	2
Region 2		Any deer	GMUs 215-251	1
Region 2		Any deer	GMU 290	1
Region 3		Any deer	GMUs 335-368, 382, 388	1
Region 4		Any deer	Any 400 series GMU EXCEPT GMUs 485 and 490	2
Region 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

Region 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 15

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 15-19

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

Page 16

Increase the number of permits available for the GMU 485 Green River hunt from 5 to 10. The permits in GMU 485 are negotiated between the landowners, the Muckleshoot tribe, and the Department. This change reflects the current agreement.

Page 17

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 18 & 25

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 19

Under the buck category, add 8 permits to the Alkali muzzleloader special permit hunt. This change is to correct a typographical error.

Page 19 cont...

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.

Page 20

Insert the following language to clarify the license and tag requirements for second deer permits: "Second deer permits are only valid with the purchase of a second deer license. The second deer license must be for the same tag type as the first deer license."

Pages 20 & 29

The Republic hunt was moved from the 2nd 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 21

Change the permit level under the 2nd deer permit category for the Kahlotus hunt for modern tag holders from 50 to 20 permits. The antlerless deer harvest in this unit increased more dramatically than expected during the previous year.

Delete the permits in the 2nd deer category for GMU 485 Green River. The permits in GMU 485 are negotiated between the landowners, the Muckleshoot tribe, and the Department. This change reflects the current agreement.

Page 22

Under the second deer category, the archery permits for Mt Spokane, Mica Peak, Spokane North, and Spokane South hunts should start on November 25th for the later part of the permit season to avoid an overlap with modern firearm quality permits in these areas.

Pages 22 & 23

Under the second deer category, the archery permit hunt in Deer Area 1080 Colfax should be changed to a muzzleloader hunt. This area is not very conducive to archery hunting.

Page 24

Under the Youth category, delete the Steptoe and Almota Youth hunts. These are redundant with general season opportunities for youth hunters and are therefore unnecessary.

Page 24 cont...

Change the permit level under the Youth deer permit category for the Kahlotus hunt from 15 to 10 permits. The antlerless deer harvest in this unit increased more dramatically than expected during the previous year.

Page 25

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 27

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 29

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.

Agenda Item 6

Please insert this document after page 32.

WAC 232-28-355 Deer Special Permits.

SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments were proposed since the Code Reviser (CR 102) filing and are NOT included in your notebook WAC language.

Page 15

Under the Quality category, for Modern, change the number of permits for Ritzville, Nov. 1-20, to 9 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between the three primary user groups.

Under the Quality category, for Modern, change the number of permits for Naneum, Nov. 15-21, to 15 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between the three primary user groups.

Under the Quality category, for Modern, change the number of permits for Teanaway, Nov. 15-21, to 15 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between the three primary user groups.

Page 16

Under the Quality category, for Archery, change the number of permits for Chiwawa, Dec. 1-8, to 14 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between the three primary user groups.

Under the Quality category, for Archery, change the number of permits for Slide Ridge, Dec. 1-8, to 3 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between the three primary user groups.

Under the Quality category, for Archery, change the number of permits for Desert, Nov. 29-Dec. 12, to 18 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between the three primary user groups.

Under the Quality category, for Archery, change the number of permits for Naneum, Nov. 24-Dec. 8, to 7 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between the three primary user groups.

Under the Quality category, for Archery, change the number of permits for Quilomene, Nov. 24-Dec. 8, to 11 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between

Under the Quality category, for Archery, change the number of permits for L.T Murray, Nov. 24-Dec. 8, to 9 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between

Under the Quality category, for Muzzleloader, change the number of permits for Chiwawa, Nov. 25-30, to 2 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between the three primary user groups.

Under the Quality category, for Muzzleloader, change the number of permits for L. T. Murray, Nov. 8-14, to 2 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between the three primary user groups.

Page 17

Under the Bucks category, for Archery, change the number of permits for Alkali, Sept. 1-25, to 4 permits. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between the three primary user groups.

Page 18

Under the Bucks category, for Muzzleloader, change the number of permits for Alkali, Sept. 26-Oct. 15, to 1 permit. This change reflects the allocation of special permits for bucks between the three primary user groups.

Page 23

Under the Youth category, change the Mount Spokane hunt to:

<u>Spokane</u>	Modern	Youth	Oct. 16-24	Antlerless	<u>Deer Area</u>	<u>50</u>
<u>North</u>					<u>1050</u>	

Page 24

Under the Youth category, change the date on the Green River, modern to Oct. 30-Nov. 5. This change corrects an error. The dates in the Green River Watershed are negotiated with the land manager who graciously allows access for state hunters.

Agenda Item 6

Please insert this document after page 32b.

SUMMARY OF WRITTEN PUBLIC INPUT

WAC 232-28-355 2010 Deer special permits.

COMMENTS	AGENCY RESPONSE
<p>This program of providing 2nd deer tags looks great and may entice more members to stay in state.</p>	<p>Thank you for your support, the second deer tags have been very popular, and as you can see, we have recommended more antlerless tags being shifted to second tags. Because second tag permit holders tend to be more successful than antlerless tag holders, some reduction in the number of total permits available was required.</p>
<p>Second tag antlerless hunts only recently required the loss of points; I would like to see those points reinstated because of the current proposals and my recent loss of points because of being awarded a second tag.</p>	<p>There are many reasons for hunters to have their current level of points. All are related to choices they made. It is not prudent to reinstate points because hunters were awarded permits in the recent past for any reason.</p> <p>The second tag and points issue was related to hunters with many points applying for buck permits that were difficult to draw and putting a second tag permit as a last choice. They would often draw the second tag based on the number of points accumulated, but not lose their points. This made them more competitive year after year for the second tags, which was considered unfair.</p>
<p>There are far too few hunt choices in the "buck" category. More hunt choices are needed to keep the hunts in the category within reasonable drawing success rates. You need more hunt choices to increase the drawing odds (which is one of your goals per the website). One suggestion I have is to move all the "general late season" hunts out of the general season and into the "bucks" category. I would suggest you do this per GMU and you could offer a very liberal quantity of permits. This could be applied to modern firearm, archery, and muzzleloader.</p>	<p>Most hunters support the retention of general seasons rather than switching to permit only. If we don't get adequate sales of permits in the buck category, we can look at shifting permit hunt categories in the future.</p>

<p>There are also way to few hunts available in the "doe" category. Again, I think this will push drawing odds down (and not meet your improved odds goal). I would suggest you move many of the 2nd deer tags to "doe" category.</p> <p>There are way to many 2nd deer hunt choices available. I understand the need and management model for maintaining whitetail deer density in washington state, and also understand the need for managing whitetail expansion - so the 2nd deer whitetail tags make sense. However, there are several 2nd deer permits listed in GMUs in the eastern cascades that have struggling/declining mule deer herds. 2nd deer tags for GMUs - Mission, St Andrews, Foster Creek, Eask Klicitat, Grayback, and West Klickitat) seems very out of place. These hunts should be in the "doe hunt" category. Further, I would suggest you increase the doe tags for youth, in these GMUs, and reduce the number of doe permits for adults, disability, and seniors.</p>	<p>The use of 2nd tag permit hunts is very popular with hunters. How we divide up antlerless harvest between the categories will be important in the future. You may be right about dividing up opportunity better between the users, but only time will tell.</p>
<p>There are 3 specific youth permits that you have chosen to move to the "bucks" category. Hunts in Grayback, East Klickitat, and West Klickitat. These hunts should be moved into the youth hunt category. Placing them into the "bucks" category will significantly decrease the drawing odds of these hunts. Placing them back into the "youth" category will increase the drawing odds of these hunts, and all the other hunts within the youth category. You left 4 other "any deer" hunts in the youth category, so it seems very out of place to move these 3 hunts to the "bucks" category. Pull all the youth hunts into the youth category so as to increase the drawing odds across the board. As a hunting community, we need to increase the drawing odds and hunting opportunities for youth - they are the future of land conservation, the hunting tradition, and WDFW revenue.</p>	<p>We agree with you about the youth hunts all being in the same category and have made that change in our recommendation.</p>



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

Date of intended adoption: April 9-10, 2010
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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
See Attachment A

Reasons supporting proposal:
See Attachment A

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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:

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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) cooperater (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 cooperater 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.

WAC232-28-352 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.