

**Recreational Licenses
WAC Chapter 220-55-040,
220-55-172, & 220-55-174
Briefing**

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Wildlife Licensing Rules

Purpose of Changes

- Address tag “replacement”
- Increase sales of the Multi-season deer license
- Improve customer satisfaction with the second deer or elk tag
- Clarify requirements for Master Hunter second deer or elk tags
- Improve harvest reporting for damage permits

Wildlife Licensing Rules

WAC 220-55-040

- Creates a replacement tag for incidents when a harvested animal is unfit for consumption
- Clarifies language for refunds and exchanges
- Allows refunds for those hunters whose businesses require them to be out of state during the time their license was valid

Wildlife Licensing Rules

Combination Licenses

- RCW 77-32-470 (5) Allows the Commission to create combination licenses and set the fee at or below the combined cost of the licenses

Wildlife Licensing Rules

WAC 220-55-172

- Multi-season deer permits are combined with the original big game license that includes deer
 - 2013 Cost: \$226.90
 - 2014 Cost: \$182.00
- Currently only sell about 4000 of the 8500 licenses available
- Commitment to cover the Private Land Access Program expansion

Wildlife Licensing Rules

WAC 220-55-172

- Second Deer Tag is combined with an original big game license that includes deer
- The fee is reduced by \$21 which makes the second tag cost the same as a deer license
 - 2013 Cost: \$60
 - 2014 Cost: \$39
- Based on second deer permits available in 2013 will result in a loss of \$73,500

Wildlife Licensing Rules

WAC 220-55-172

- Master Hunter Deer Tag is combined with an original big game license that includes deer
- This is a new tag that would be required of Master Hunters for a fee of \$20
- Estimated loss of revenue based on second deer permits available in 2013 is less than \$4,000
- Eliminates confusion with harvest reporting

Wildlife Licensing Rules

WAC 220-55-172

- Damage Deer Tag is combined with an original big game license that includes deer
- This is a new tag that would be required of hunters utilizing a damage prevention permit or kill permit for a fee of \$20
- Estimated revenue based on damage prevention and kill deer permits available in 2013 is \$6,000
- Facilitates harvest data collection

Wildlife Licensing Rules

WAC 220-55-174

- Creates a Master Hunter Elk tag and a Damage Elk Tag are each combined with an original big game license that includes elk
- These are new tags that would be required of hunters for a fee of \$20
- Estimated net revenue based on Master Hunter special permits, damage prevention permits, and kill permits for elk in 2013 is \$2,000
- Facilitates and improves harvest data collection

Wildlife Licensing Rules Summary

- Reduces the fee for the Multi-season deer tag
- Reduces the fee for a second deer tag
- Creates a Master Hunter tag and a Damage Tag
- As a package it will increase revenue by over \$300,000
- Facilitates and improves harvest data collection

Questions???

