

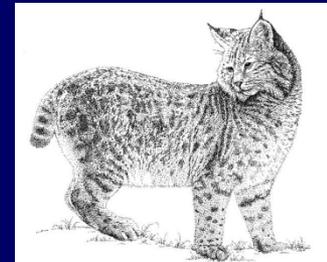
Hunting Restrictions

WAC 232-12-242

Rule Briefing and Hearing

Hunting Restrictions

- Overview of Hound Hunting in Washington
 - Use of hounds was once a common hunting method.
 - Both harvest and pursuit seasons
 - Cougar, bear, bobcat hound hunting ceased in 1996.
 - Coyote hunting with dogs is also now prohibited.
 - Pilot cougar hunts with dogs (2004-2010)



Hunting Restrictions

- Current use of hounds:
 - Conflict situations
 - Bear depredation
 - Public Safety Cougar Removals
 - General seasons for Raccoon, Rabbit, Hare



Hunting Restrictions

- Reinststate hound and night hunting restrictions
 - Applies only during modern firearm deer/elk seasons
 - Reduces conflict between hunters
 - Lessens potential for unlawful use of dogs
 - Dogs pursuing deer/elk



Proposed Changes

- 2013 rule making
 - WAC cleanup and reorganization
- Rule removed from Small Game Seasons
 - Not reinserted elsewhere as planned
- Proposal:
 - Place with other hunting restrictions
 - Update RCW and WAC references within the rule

Questions ?

