

**SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON
RECREATIONAL ELK HUNTING
WAC 232-12-286**

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Summary

Meeting dates: August 8-9, 2013

Agenda item: Southwest Washington Recreational Elk Hunting – **Rule Briefing, Public Hearing & Decision**

Presenter(s): Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager

Background summary:

Staff will brief the Commission on a new WAC regarding the processing of elk harvested in southwest Washington.

Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

Reduce the probability of hoof disease spreading.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Notification was made to approximately 9,000 individuals and organizations informing them of the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed regulations. Additionally these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide testimony at the June 13-14, 2014 Commission Meeting in Olympia.

Action requested:

Take public comment on WAC 232-12-286. Adoption is planned for the August 8-9, 2014 Commission Meeting.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

The intent of the new rule is to reduce the probability of hoof disease spreading in western Washington.

Communications Plan:

Washington State Register
Agency Website

Form revised 12/5/12

NEW SECTION

WAC 232-12-286 Reducing the spread of hoof disease—Unlawful

transport of elk hooves. (1) It is unlawful to transport the hooves of harvested elk beyond the site where the animal was killed in Game Management Units 501 through 564, and 642 through 699.

(2) Violation of this section is an infraction under RCW 77.15.160, Infractions.

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PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 14-07-112 on 3/19/14;
 or
 Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
 Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).

Original Notice
 Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
 Continuance of WSR _____

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)

The subject of this proposed rule-making effort is adoption of a new WAC section, WAC 232-12-286, Reducing the spread of hoof disease—Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

Hearing location(s):
 Natural Resources Building, Rm. 172
 1111 Washington Street SE
 Olympia, Washington 98504

Date: August 8-9, 2013 Time: 8:30 a.m.

Submit written comments to:

Name: Wildlife Program Commission Meeting Public Comments
 Address: 600 Capitol Way North
 Olympia, WA 98501-1091
 Email: Wildthing@dfw.wa.gov
 Fax: (360) 902-2162 by (date) July 25, 2014

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact

Tami Lininger by August 1, 2014

TTY (800) 833-6388 or (360) 902-2267

Date of intended adoption: on or after August 8, 2014
 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The proposed new WAC will reduce the probability of hoof disease spreading from units 501 through 564 and 642 through 699 to other areas by limiting the transport of potentially infected hooves to other areas in the state.

Reasons supporting proposal:

This proposal is part of the department's ongoing efforts to protect Washington's unexposed elk population from the spread of hoof disease.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW
 77.04.012, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: RCW
 77.04.012, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law? Yes No
 Federal Court Decision? Yes No
 State Court Decision? Yes No
 If yes, CITATION:

DATE
 June 25, 2014

NAME (type or print)
 Joanna Eide

SIGNATURE

TITLE
 Rules Coordinator

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(COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE)

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None.

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

Name	Office Location	Phone
Drafting..... Nate Pamplin	Natural Resources Building, Olympia	(360) 902-2515
Implementation....Nate Pamplin	Natural Resources Building, Olympia	(360) 902-2515
Enforcement.....Steven Crown	Natural Resources Building, Olympia	(360) 902-2936

Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal 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.

The proposed changes do not directly regulate small business. This rule proposal involves recreational hunting requirements.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No: Please explain: This proposal is not related to hydraulics rules.