

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION POLICY DECISION

POLICY TITLE: Policy Guidelines for
Negotiation and
Maintenance of the
Colville Agreement

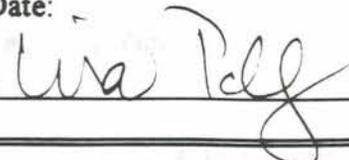
POLICY NUMBER: C6001

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Effective Date: October 3, 1997

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See Also:

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Goals for the Agreement:

- Create partnerships with the Colville Tribe
- Provide maximum non-Indian hunting and fishing recreation compatible with healthy fish and wildlife populations.

Elements for the Agreement:

The following elements will be incorporated in the agreement.

- A cooperative law enforcement element.
 - * Includes access to the Colville tribal radio system.
- A commitment to cooperative fish and wildlife management.
 - * Includes data collection and sharing.
 - * Includes management consultation.
 - * Includes access to wildlife for reintroduction efforts.
 - * Includes salmon restoration
- Hunting opportunity for upland birds, migratory birds and small game.
 - * Includes pheasant and doves.
- Tribal commitment to assist landowners, especially on-reservation landowners experiencing damage from big game or problems with dangerous wildlife.
- The tribe commits to maintenance or enhancement of existing non-Indian fishing opportunities on the reservation.

- The tribe and state would recognize the state license for non-Indian fishers on boundary waters.
 - * Includes revenue sharing.
- The tribe and state commit to mule deer conservation. This conservation effort will include both habitat and harvest strategies.
- The agreement shall include a dispute resolution process.
- The agreement shall include provisions for five-year review by the Colville Tribal Council and the Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- Other elements the Director deems as required to meet the goals set out above.

Delegation of Authority:

Consistent with this policy, the Commission delegates to the Director the authority to finalize a new agreement with the Colville Tribe. Subsequent changes will normally be incorporated in the "five-year review" element stated above. The Director has the authority to make changes to maintain this agreement within the framework of this policy.