

WDFW Help

If I remove the head from my legal bull elk or buck deer, but I leave the antlers attached, does this meet "evidence of sex" requirements in Washington?

- No. It is illegal to possess or transport big game animals unless evidence of the animal's gender is left naturally attached to the carcass until the carcass is processed or stored for consumption.
- For a bull elk and buck deer, evidence of gender includes EITHER: the head with antlers intact and naturally attached to at least one quarter or the largest portion of meat; OR the penis or testes naturally attached to at least one quarter or to the largest portion of meat.
- Bull elk or buck deer taken in antler-restriction areas must have the head or skull plate, with both antlers naturally attached, accompany the carcass while in transit or in possession.

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