

# 2009 Game Animal Population and Hunting Information

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**District/Wildlife Area:** District 16

**Pheasant:** Pheasant hunting occurs at releases at the Voice of America site outside of Sequim. Hunting is only on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays between October 3 and November 30.

**Forest Grouse:** September produces most of the grouse harvest. Most hunters will find success driving the roads in the private industrial timberlands in the western portion of the Olympics, focusing on clearcut areas for blue grouse and alder stands for ruffed grouse.

**Waterfowl:** Access is limited for waterfowl hunting. There are some opportunities at the Dungeness Recreation Area and saltwater hunting adjacent to the Dungeness Wildlife Refuge.

**Deer:** Deer numbers are relatively low throughout the Western Olympics. Some of the higher harvest occurs in the Pysht GMUu and the Merrill and Ring Tree Farm. Industrial timberlands produce most of the deer.

**Elk:** The western Olympics provide classic Roosevelt elk hunting opportunities. Elk can be found in the river bottoms throughout the western Olympics. Opportunities should be similar to past years.