

2012-14 Hunting Season Development
Issue Scoping Survey - Final Results

Issue 5: No longer require elk special permit applications to be consistent with the geographical designation on a hunter's elk transport tag (east/west)

Page 6, Q1. Which one of the following options do you prefer for the issue of no longer requiring elk special permit applications to be consistent with the geographical designation on a hunter's elk transport tag (east/west)?

2	eliminate all hunting	Sep 21, 2011 3:55 AM
3	complete draw system	Sep 20, 2011 9:15 PM
4	As stated, I do not believe in the hunting of ANY wildlife. I think there are better ways to manage populations than killing.	Sep 20, 2011 9:03 PM
5	I suggest whatever results in the healthiest elk populations and least animal suffering.	Sep 20, 2011 8:54 PM
6	(Some crowding issues?) Do way with the East/west system, just have one elk tag,it will work its self out.	Sep 20, 2011 8:43 PM
7	keep east/west for early season & open statewide for late season	Sep 20, 2011 8:42 PM
8	early season no change/late season allow statewide hunting	Sep 20, 2011 8:36 PM
9	Thou shalt not kill	Sep 20, 2011 8:17 PM
10	Do not allow any elk hunting either	Sep 20, 2011 7:40 PM
11	No hunting of any animal allowed.	Sep 20, 2011 7:34 PM
12	No hunting of elk, let wildlife populations manage themselves	Sep 20, 2011 7:32 PM
13	HAVE A CLUE: THE WORLD IS A VIOLENT, TREACHEROUS PLACE BECAUSE OF ARROGANT, SELFISH ATTITUDES LIKE SPORT HUNTERS	Sep 20, 2011 7:30 PM
14	stop the hunting	Sep 20, 2011 6:52 PM
15	be able to hunt either east or west side, apply for all special permits.	Sep 20, 2011 6:47 PM
16	NO ELK HUNTING...PERIOD!	Sep 20, 2011 6:46 PM
17	Cougar populations are an essential part of Washington's ecosystem. Scientists have found that stable cougar populations get into less trouble with humans and livestock, and consequently reduce the risk of conflicts with humans. Researchers have defined a stable cougar population to be one that does not exceed a 12% human-caused mortality rate, of the estimated adult cougar population, in any given Game Management Unit (GMU). Please do not exceed a 12% mortality rate when deciding cougar management policy. Also, please do not extend cougar management to include the indiscriminate and inhumane practice of sport hound hunting.	Sep 20, 2011 6:42 PM
18	It is of no concern to many if hunters don't receive a "quality" tag or are crowded.	Sep 20, 2011 6:06 PM
19	allow hunters east and west side elk	Sep 20, 2011 6:00 PM
20	reduce elk tag quantities	Sep 20, 2011 5:51 PM
21	There is no reason for a hunter to need to kill an elk	Sep 20, 2011 5:35 PM
22	Stop feeding the elk in artificial locations so that people can shoot them. Only allow people to hunt elk who can prove that the animals they kill are their only source of meat.	Sep 20, 2011 5:35 PM

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23	eliminate hunting	Sep 20, 2011 5:29 PM
24	Do not kill elk	Sep 20, 2011 4:19 PM
25	Washington regulations are very complicated compared to Arizona, the state I moved from. Arizona appears to manage their elk populations very well; take a look at their management system.	Sep 20, 2011 1:15 PM
26	.	Sep 20, 2011 12:34 PM
27	Have a single Elk tag for the entire state and allow any tag holder to apply for any special permit	Sep 20, 2011 12:32 PM
28	NM has a good way of reducing crowding by hunters. Complicated to manage prehaps but effective. Divide the seasons where limited numbers of tags are issued for each season in certain units or counties.	Sep 20, 2011 12:00 PM
29	cougar harvest should be allocated by a quota based on population abundance of adult resident cougars in each GMU, and that each GMU have a harvest quota not to exceed greater than 12% of this estimated adult abundance.	Sep 20, 2011 11:30 AM
30	Please manage elk so that our predatory wildlife have enough to thrive on.	Sep 20, 2011 11:24 AM
31	No hunting at all.	Sep 20, 2011 11:03 AM
32	Let the cougars take care of the elk and deer population not hunters. Deer/elk is the cougar's main prey of choice, and they do not kill for sport, only for survival as it should be.	Sep 20, 2011 10:54 AM
33	Limit the number the elk to the bare minimal.	Sep 20, 2011 10:44 AM
34	Lift the East/West Elk tag restriction in its entirety giving the Elk hunter's more autonomy.	Sep 20, 2011 9:59 AM
35	Retain east/west tags, but allow hunters to apply for special permits by buying and submitting for archery, buying and submitting for muzzle loader and buying and submitting for modern firearm prior to buying and committing to a weapon of choice. If a hunter is drawn then the hunter can buy their tag to match the weapon of choice drawn for.	Sep 20, 2011 9:57 AM
36	Unknown at this time, none of the listed options are particulary appealing	Sep 20, 2011 9:02 AM
37	Should be able as a resident hunter to hunt and apply anywhere in the state. People hunting an area are not going to pick up camp and move across the state.	Sep 20, 2011 8:44 AM
38	remove the spike-only restriction for general season hunters	Sep 20, 2011 8:26 AM
39	I have hunted Elk in Cowlitz County for 50 years(and still do), the number of Cow tags is way too high, you are needlessly thinning herds	Sep 20, 2011 8:14 AM
40	make tags good for the whole state get rid of west and east side tags	Sep 20, 2011 7:59 AM
41	make it so you can apply for permits without having to purchase a tag first. \$30-\$40 for the ghost point option is too much.	Sep 20, 2011 7:26 AM

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42	no east west system. I cant be in to places at the same time anyway. Its a dumb rule	Sep 19, 2011 10:28 PM
43	no more east/west tag's elk tag good for the whole state but when you get a special permit that person only hunts that permit area	Sep 19, 2011 9:25 PM
44	Eliminate the est/west elk tag altogether. Make it a general elk tag just like a deer tag.	Sep 19, 2011 8:29 PM
45	Let the citizens decide where they want to hunt!! They already have to pay big money. Pricing the average citizen out of the peoples resources to support the bloated government agencies as it is now.	Sep 19, 2011 8:05 PM
46	Make the ;permit application process truly a preference point system, not the convoluted one that WA state uses	Sep 19, 2011 8:04 PM
47	allow hunters that do not draw for their side to change their weapon choice and side they want to hunt before the season starts	Sep 19, 2011 7:22 PM
48	Allow hunters to use any weapon instead of making them choose. If i hunt early archery and am unsuccessful I should be able to hunt modern firearm or blackpowder too.	Sep 19, 2011 7:00 PM
49	leave it as it is for the regular season, but allow elk hunters to hunt either side of the state in the late general seasons	Sep 19, 2011 6:01 PM
50	Remove the east west designation from all Elk tags. Allow the hunters to go statewide with a single tag.	Sep 19, 2011 6:00 PM
51	Retain E/W elk tag, allow statewide special permit application, and should a hunter be drawn for a special permit, AND they accept it, their E/W designation will change subject to their special permit issuance.	Sep 19, 2011 4:44 PM
52	Reduce elk hunting to allow natural balance with predator species who take the weak individuals	Sep 19, 2011 4:31 PM
53	allow general elk tag holders access to all units, both eastern and western	Sep 19, 2011 4:31 PM
54	No Change, except for those with over 15 points allow them to submit state wide.	Sep 19, 2011 4:11 PM
55	No Change would be best. If you allow west side hunters to apply for eastern Washington special permits without having to take the penalty of only hunting for spikes and cows on the east side, a large proportion of east side hunters will buy west side tags so they can hunt branch antler bulls instead of east side tags. Those units along the west slope of the cascades will likely then be over-run with hunters and will get hammered, drastically impacting the elk populations in those units.	Sep 19, 2011 4:07 PM
56	Stop resource allocation. Allow hunters to apply for ANY special permits using any weapon regardless of tag but within season constraints. Overcrowding has not been an issue. And, we can get rid of the Master Hunter special privilages.	Sep 19, 2011 3:34 PM
57	allow us to apply for quality, antlerless and bull elk anywhere in the state	Sep 19, 2011 3:22 PM
58	elk tags statewide, same as deer tags	Sep 19, 2011 1:28 PM

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59	Get rid of the east and west category and manage the units	Sep 19, 2011 1:24 PM
60	Do away with Eastern or Western Elk tags and make it an entire State Elk tag, and any Hunter can apply for Quality category permits, and Antlerless/Bull Elk categories separately if desired.	Sep 19, 2011 12:48 PM
61	get rid of all the red tape and special permits, lower permit fees	Sep 19, 2011 12:42 PM
62	Make it like deer tags, no designation between east and west.	Sep 19, 2011 12:23 PM
63	Retain east/west elk tags, but allow statewide special permit applications and allow a weapon choice for permits	Sep 19, 2011 12:11 PM
64	No geographic restrictions but all elk hunts must be by permit and structured to maximize antlered elk populations. See Wyo. and Utah regs.	Sep 19, 2011 12:07 PM
65	Keep early season same for archery but allow statewide for late season.	Sep 19, 2011 10:16 AM
66	remove restriction. If elk are depleted in an area, remove that area from hunting elk until populations recover.	Sep 19, 2011 9:55 AM
67	NO TO EASTERN OR WESTERN HUNTS	Sep 19, 2011 9:01 AM
68	Allow single state-wide Elk Tag. Hunters can regulate their own crowding issues.	Sep 19, 2011 7:35 AM
69	eliminate the east/west designation	Sep 18, 2011 11:09 PM
70	Stop all hunting.	Sep 18, 2011 9:04 PM
71	we should be able to hunt the whole state just like deer and season should be longer too,	Sep 18, 2011 8:22 PM
72	Get rid of the eastside/westside system all together. You can buy an elk tag with weapon of choice for the whole state, just like deer, and apply for all special hunts. If people don't like crowding, they can get off the road and hunt, or find a less crowded GMU.	Sep 18, 2011 12:05 PM
73	have one tag where you can hunt either side and allow hunters to apply for any special hunt	Sep 18, 2011 10:45 AM
74	issue one statewide tag and let hunters choose if area is overcrowded-most hunters recognize this issue	Sep 18, 2011 9:56 AM
75	Keep it the same otherwise overcrowding on the westside. Eliminate September Archery Season, they are killing too many big bulls. Need more muzzleloader units on the westside for elk it is totally unfair for this user group.	Sep 18, 2011 9:54 AM
76	No Comment	Sep 18, 2011 9:35 AM
77	get rid of the east west tag system. Have hunters pick areas to hunt until those tags are gone. Think supply and demand....when issuing hunting tags. Hunters go where the animals are so give out a certain amount of tags to control the number of animals taken.	Sep 18, 2011 8:49 AM
78	State wide tag apply for any weapon/tag permit	Sep 18, 2011 3:04 AM

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79	Get rid of east/west elk all together and make it state wide. overcrowding? no, it would be less crowded	Sep 18, 2011 12:53 AM
80	Its all Washington, if its crowded people will move to other areas. You should not have to choose east/west. The indians don't have to choose, they can hunt anywhere. Why are we limited.	Sep 17, 2011 11:01 PM
81	Remove the East and West limitation already!!	Sep 17, 2011 8:51 PM
82	Again, as a hiker and outdoor enthusiast, how does this prevent illegal killing of Elk; if you stopped hunting then nature would take its course.	Sep 17, 2011 11:01 AM
83	Ask the elk hunter	Sep 17, 2011 10:03 AM
84	Have State wide tags/ Only allowed to put in for special tags from primary residents address eastside or westside.	Sep 17, 2011 8:04 AM
85	We are one state, not two. Drop the East/West garbage and allow statewide license. Also, put cow tags back in the Packwood area. Stop the Indians from roaming free. The Elk were put on the West side in the 20's and Yakima in 1916. Therefore the Indians should have a license like the rest of us	Sep 16, 2011 7:19 PM
86	Allow hunters to hunt any unit east or west during the general season.	Sep 16, 2011 11:45 AM
87	Let the elk be!	Sep 16, 2011 10:38 AM
88	None	Sep 16, 2011 5:55 AM
89	Don't kill them at all	Sep 15, 2011 9:40 PM
90	Don't hunt or kill elk.	Sep 15, 2011 7:11 PM
91	Find another release for your murderous instincts than hunting.	Sep 15, 2011 6:47 PM
92	Only allow application of permit to the tag held (East or West) but allow statewide hunting if the hunter is not drawn. Example; I live on the west side and would like to archer hunt the east side in the early season and the west side in the late season due to the long drive with snowy icy conditions. If I have a west side tag I should only be able to apply to west side special hunts. If I am not drawn then I am free to hunt wherever, east or west.	Sep 15, 2011 6:19 PM
93	No hunting! If predator species were allowed to thrive, prey species populations would have natural controls; humans with weapons no longer operate as part of the natural environment.	Sep 15, 2011 5:25 PM
94	STOP all hunting of Elk.	Sep 15, 2011 4:28 PM
95	ban elk huntong	Sep 15, 2011 4:28 PM
96	Just let us hunt where we want to there are way too many restrictions already	Sep 15, 2011 4:24 PM
97	Remove elk that do not have adequate food.	Sep 15, 2011 4:01 PM
98	No hunting of elk	Sep 15, 2011 3:51 PM

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99	No hunting	Sep 15, 2011 3:38 PM
100	No hunting.	Sep 15, 2011 12:54 PM
101	Stop hunting all together!	Sep 15, 2011 10:28 AM
102	Total human-caused mortalities must not exceed 12% of the estimated adult elk population in any GMU.	Sep 15, 2011 9:32 AM
103	No elk hunting	Sep 15, 2011 8:12 AM
104	go to one elk tag, no east or west.	Sep 15, 2011 12:12 AM
105	separate permits for every kind	Sep 14, 2011 3:22 PM
106	Hunt must remain sustainable and leave ecologically effective living population to be shared with wolves and cougars and other wildlife consumers..	Sep 14, 2011 1:51 PM
107	Eliminate the east/west tag, going to an elk tag available to use state wide like the deer tag. Adjust hunting dates to be the same for each weapon. Hunters would then have to choose where to hunt. Seasons could be adjusted as they are now for certain units.	Sep 13, 2011 2:13 PM
108	Eliminate east/west elk tag requirement.	Sep 12, 2011 10:04 AM
109	Everyone should apply for a permit for eastern washington. You select a unit and if you are drawn you get an any bull tag. If you are not drawn then you recieve a spike only tag for that unit. Limit the eastside hunting to one unit! This is the same thing that Oregon does.	Sep 12, 2011 8:19 AM
110	Allow hunters with disabilities to apply east or west on disabled permits, and allow east or west cow tag applications	Sep 11, 2011 11:19 AM
111	Make it that if you live on the west side you are a nonresident. Then limit the nonresidents to 2000 permits.	Sep 11, 2011 10:33 AM
112	Seperate the state into Quads when purchasing elk tags and applying for special permits.	Sep 10, 2011 10:03 AM
113	THERE SHOULD BE NO CHANGE BECAUSE THAT SCREWS THE WEST SIDE UP FOR THEIR HUNTING SEASON AND ITS NOT FAR.	Sep 8, 2011 4:23 PM
114	allow hunters to have statewide tags and apply for east or west special permits	Sep 7, 2011 8:26 PM
115	Why don't you let conservationists buy tags to protect elk?	Sep 7, 2011 6:57 PM
116	retain eastern/western districts and add restriction to eastern/western residency to purchase tags/permits	Sep 7, 2011 9:50 AM
117	bow hunters don't stand a chance anymore because the seasons have changed that in sept. the heat dosen't give us a chance to locate the herds, heck the last time I really herd a bull buggle was in montana camping. herds around here work at night so bow hunters lack that time to work a bull, and I won't go back to riffle and deal with all the other city slickers that go out blaseing at everything that moves and it dosen't mean anything to them to shot 350-400 yrds !!!!!!!!!!!!! I'm	Sep 6, 2011 5:39 AM

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sick of this state thinking that it is at the top of the list for hunting and the price that they charge is crazy.

118	Retain east/west side elk tags, but allow Master Hunters to apply for any special permit	Sep 4, 2011 10:19 AM
119	Get rid of east/west tag and make elk tags good for the whole state.	Sep 3, 2011 1:34 PM
120	eliminate the Geographical Designation completely	Sep 3, 2011 1:00 AM
121	abolish east/west elk tags and use permits to control herd populations only. Overcrowding shouldn't be WDFW problem and stop changing boundries and making permit areas if herds are healthy.	Sep 2, 2011 11:40 PM
122	Allow Elk hunters to Hunt East or West with Elk Tag	Sep 2, 2011 10:01 PM
123	I I buy an elk tag I don't like the state telling me I can only hunt half of my resources. Allow hunters to hunt both sides of the state with a elk tag. Don't specify east and west.	Sep 2, 2011 6:01 AM
124	allow hunters to hunt any bulls statewide any weapon any season until bull is retained drop all special permits and allow short cow season for any weapons	Sep 1, 2011 10:09 PM
125	just have a state elk tag no east or west	Sep 1, 2011 7:45 PM
126	need to go to a state wide draw like other states get ride of advance hunter program and drop the peshastin elk tag	Sep 1, 2011 12:13 PM
127	we drew a special permit last year an couldn't get to the land cause Port Blakely had a gate on it.A special permit not filled!	Sep 1, 2011 10:30 AM
128	Bowhunters are shooting the majority of the big bulls. Some of the bowhunters are hunting between 1:00 AM and 4:00 AM because the elk will call during the night time hours. They are using lights to aid in shooting. We need more Muzzleloader elk hunting units open on the Westside.	Aug 31, 2011 8:43 PM
129	Change the east/west elk tag to a washington state elk tag, then people can hunt where ever they like.	Aug 31, 2011 7:01 PM
130	go to a permit basis like the state of arizona for the hole state this state is a joke for elk hunting	Aug 30, 2011 9:51 PM
131	Have the elk tag open for east and west, and allow them to apply for any unit	Aug 30, 2011 7:25 PM
132	Just like deer tags no designation of east or west	Aug 30, 2011 6:03 PM
133	western washington needs to go to spike only for a couple years (2 or 3) to allow bulls to mature, while the east side should give more big bull permits out	Aug 29, 2011 9:11 PM
134	NO LONGER HAVE AN EAST/WEST DESIGNATION FOR ELK TAGS	Aug 29, 2011 7:45 PM
135	Include an antlerless tag with purchase of East/West permits	Aug 29, 2011 6:34 PM
136	Would like all elk hunting by permit only as in many other states. Grew up in Wenatchee Valley & have spent lots of time on the Colockum & like most	Aug 29, 2011 3:11 PM

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hunters will never be able to hunt a trophy bull in the local area. Don't make it harder to draw a tag. I don't buy tags in Wa any longer because of poor mgmt of our elk herds.

137	Do away with the east/west tags. Open it Statewide to all hunters. As a resident I should not have to choose between east and west.	Aug 29, 2011 8:47 AM
138	get rid of the any bull tags for the eastside and go back to 3 pt min.And then decide what to do and make both elk seasons at the same time of year	Aug 28, 2011 5:58 PM
139	Add six new "Category" type permit categorys. EMF for WMF, EA for WA, EM for WM, WMF for EMF, WA for EA, WM for EM Hunts. Have a limited a number of permits from a select number of units on each side.Another thing would be to have a drawing like the Multiseason tag but for a "Statewide permit application", have about 1000 winners being able to be able to put in for any category state wide. Use permit data you have from all the years of Multiseason hunters to see the tread they have done over the years to see what would happen if you allowed "Retain east/west elk tags, but allow statewide special permit applications." I personallly think due to the economy that it would lead to a increase in Westside over crowding with all the Westside hunters applying for Eastside hunts. We need more Muzzleloaders units to hunt on both side especially the westside. Thanks for more Muzzleloader Deer Hunting units. Lastly we need to be just able to buy a point for the year without buying designating our tags. The "Ghost Tag" way is not the way to go on this because many like I do not maybe until September which method I would like to hunt. Thank You	Aug 28, 2011 11:11 AM
140	Go to a statewide elk tag	Aug 27, 2011 6:04 PM
141	Retain the East/West designation. Issue statewide tags to hunters that have hunted elk previously but, never harvested elk in washington, or the previous year.	Aug 27, 2011 1:45 PM
142	REMOVE REQUIREMENT TO FIRST PURCHASE SPECIFIC WEAPON TAG TO APPLY FOR PERMIT	Aug 27, 2011 1:43 PM
143	Do away with eastside / westside all together !!!.	Aug 27, 2011 1:34 PM
144	Allow hunters to pick weapon type after draw.	Aug 26, 2011 5:34 PM
145	Make all units by permit only and only issue the tags needed to manage the herd. This will provide a better experience for those who draw.	Aug 26, 2011 3:58 PM
146	Allow hunters with eastern or western elk tags to apply for quality, antlerless and bull elk tags statewide then if not drawn the hunter has to declare eastern or western for general season	Aug 26, 2011 1:56 PM
147	Keep the system as is only if drawn for quality bull or bull permit do not allow them to draw again for two to four years	Aug 26, 2011 9:21 AM
148	allow statewide special permit application and do not restrict choice of weapon either, so any permit	Aug 26, 2011 8:42 AM
149	I think this change is a step in the right direction, but weapon choice needs to be open for permit applications as well as region. If the system were changed so	Aug 25, 2011 11:14 PM

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that you would buy your license and tag without a region or weapon choice, then you could put in for whatever permits you wanted. If drawn your tag would be good for that permit, if not you could then select your weapon and region before the tag is issued. Such a system would give hunters more options, and would likely result in more permit applications being sold.

150	Allow elk hunters to hunt elk in any open area of the state within the limits of their chosen firearm whether it's modern rifle or muzzleloader.	Aug 25, 2011 7:03 PM
151	Make it all one state. No east or west	Aug 25, 2011 2:58 PM
152	Do away altogether with East/West tags and just have one tag good for anywhere in the state, because two tags serve no purpose in present day!!	Aug 25, 2011 2:15 PM
153	Remove the East/West line all together and allow hunters with valid Wshington tags to hunt the entire state as is with deer tags.	Aug 25, 2011 11:47 AM
154	allow anyone to apply the extra money should help fund more free phones for the homeless in seattle	Aug 25, 2011 9:47 AM
155	sell an additional permit for statewide elk with only 1 hunt choice will generate more revenue and require more from the people who want this option sortof a trophy fee this will avoid a mass rush of hunters buying west side tags and applying in eastside that could get lopsided quickly	Aug 25, 2011 7:44 AM
156	remove east west designation for elk. let us hunt in the units we choose. theres no east west deer why would there be an overcrowding issue for elk? if hunters know of great units they are already buying that tag anyway.	Aug 24, 2011 8:53 PM
157	Remove all east/west restrictions..	Aug 24, 2011 6:11 PM
158	Not an elk hunter no opinion	Aug 24, 2011 5:48 PM
159	Eliminate the east/west tags and replace with general statewide tags and set aside certain gmus for draw only hunts (similar to Colorado)	Aug 24, 2011 5:13 PM
160	do away with eastside westside. An elk tag is an elk tag.	Aug 24, 2011 4:12 PM
161	Change to: Purchase an Elk tag and hunt E or W Washington w/o specification. The problem of hunter crowding will take care of itself. Same problem in Ohio, people over hunted/crowded and the animals left or they knew that area had many hunters during season and they changed locations or weapon choice to limit hunter-hunter interaction.	Aug 24, 2011 12:18 PM
162	Elimate east/west tag requirements	Aug 24, 2011 12:10 PM
163	buy tags by region. state wide antlerless.	Aug 23, 2011 9:09 PM
164	definatly no change	Aug 23, 2011 6:57 PM
165	Allow choice of tag after permits are selected!	Aug 23, 2011 3:16 PM
166	I recommend no change. Within five years with wolves increasing in eastern Washington we will be lucky to have permits for elk. Allowing permit applications across the state will decrease odds for a permit draw tremendously. Drawing an	Aug 23, 2011 2:54 PM

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	elk permit will become like drawing a moose permit, about like winning the lottery.	
167	Eliminate west/east elk tags. Manage elk populations and not hunters (ie shorten seasons for more sensitive areas or lengthen seasons to remove excessive populations, but allow any hunter to hunt wherever they choose).	Aug 23, 2011 2:19 PM
168	Eliminate E/W tags, but at the same time create more quality units so the points will get used up. Double the quality units.	Aug 23, 2011 11:50 AM
169	Simplify - all hunters can apply for all categories.	Aug 23, 2011 11:14 AM
170	Sorry, your choices are not clearly explained IMO.	Aug 23, 2011 11:09 AM
171	No more S/P categories/ statewide Elk tag/ Make Deer/Elk multi season over the counter	Aug 23, 2011 9:52 AM
172	No change. People need to declare their tags up front. This part of the process actually limits crowding in some areas and spreads hunters to the east side.	Aug 22, 2011 9:51 PM
173	Keep it the same but should not have to designate tag for weapon type should be able to buy a point rather than go the "Ghost Number" way. Sometimes I don't know what weapon or side until September and I cannot accumulate points without designating tag which is wrong. I should be able to just buy a point for the year and keep my options open. Thank You	Aug 22, 2011 9:51 PM
174	Remove East/West tag system, increase hunter land access with large private land owners (timber companies, farms, ect..)	Aug 22, 2011 9:27 PM
175	No Change- I believe in the current system. I don't believe it is fair for Eastern Washington residents and that the odds of drawing a local tag would be reduced to the point of discouraging participation in the permit process reducing future revenue for the Department to manage our wildlife.	Aug 22, 2011 8:56 PM
176	allow the hunter to purchase the tag buy what ever specials they want and then mark an east/ West on the tag when they have chosen there side.	Aug 22, 2011 7:05 PM
177	wipe out the east or west hunts,,make it state wide. but retain the drawing special hunts.	Aug 22, 2011 5:07 PM
178	Like most states. charge a licence and permit fee. After the draw let people buy whichever tag they want.	Aug 22, 2011 4:50 PM
179	Charge a non-resident fee when purchasing an Eastern WA elk tag while residing in Western WA and visa versa.	Aug 22, 2011 2:48 PM
180	do away with east / west tag go back to state wide tag & apply for any unit you want	Aug 22, 2011 11:54 AM
181	GET RID OF THE EASTSIDE/WESTSIDE SYSTEM AND GO BACK TO ONE ELK TAG FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN THE GENERAL SEASON	Aug 22, 2011 11:15 AM
182	Retain east/west elk tags requireing eastsiders to put in for eastern tag and westsiders to put in for western tags only. allow special permits for statewide in a limited number, and special permits for eastsiders to hunt western wa and	Aug 22, 2011 11:03 AM

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	westsiders to hunt eastern wa given in even numbers to resident on either side of the state, not based on population.	
183	No change in current draw system, but restore general early archery elk season back to 14 days at least(preferably Sept. 14-29)	Aug 22, 2011 9:24 AM
184	Allow hunting on east or west with either tag, but only allow special hunt applications in the area in which you purchased your tag, either east or west.	Aug 22, 2011 8:07 AM
185	get rid of eastern / western tags altogether	Aug 22, 2011 6:51 AM
186	after purchasing a liscense allow hunters to apply for all hunts but be able to commit to a tag choice after the drawings are held	Aug 21, 2011 10:11 PM
187	let us hunt the whole state	Aug 21, 2011 3:12 PM
188	Eliminate East/West Tag Restrictions	Aug 21, 2011 2:42 PM
189	Have one tag good for entire state the same as deer or allow both tags to be purchased with a limmitt of one harvest	Aug 21, 2011 1:17 PM
190	make it one tag thats good for eastern and western like it was.	Aug 21, 2011 12:57 PM
191	Just make it simple.	Aug 21, 2011 7:28 AM
192	statewide elk/weapon specific general season tag. Apply for any tag/weapon quality, bull, anlterless special permit has nothing to with general season tag, but if drawn that tag is your only elk hunt no general season hunting.	Aug 20, 2011 11:42 PM
193	Do not require east & west TAG	Aug 20, 2011 10:02 PM
194	Every year more wilderness area roads are gated causing a decrease in hunters and revenue. More hunters are going out of state. Allow statewide permit applications at least	Aug 20, 2011 5:58 PM
195	Sell one tag for the whole state. Problem solved.	Aug 20, 2011 2:33 PM
196	WE ARE ONE STATE SO LETS HUNT THE WHOLE STATE!!!!	Aug 20, 2011 2:06 PM
197	eliminate east/west elk tags	Aug 20, 2011 1:28 PM
198	No comment	Aug 20, 2011 11:08 AM
199	Allow all hunters to hunt elk in any legal area in the state.	Aug 20, 2011 10:32 AM
200	State wide tag (east and west combined)	Aug 20, 2011 9:50 AM
201	Close the season for two years so the herds can produce.	Aug 20, 2011 9:33 AM
202	Keep East/West--Do away with Antlerless and special permits-this will bring elk population back up	Aug 20, 2011 8:24 AM
203	General Elk tag good for state wide. Return to old system of purchasing arhery or muzzleloader tags. Get the anti hunters OUT of the game dept!	Aug 20, 2011 7:45 AM

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204	allow with either tag to apply for any special permit and make the season's longer so not all the hunters are hunting the same weekends.	Aug 20, 2011 7:15 AM
205	Eliminate East/West Elk tags and issue statewide Elk tag.	Aug 20, 2011 12:42 AM
206	Do away with east-west designation and allow any hunter to apply for any special permit any area	Aug 19, 2011 11:54 PM
207	Allow hunters to hunt where ever they want, as long as they have a tag.	Aug 19, 2011 11:30 PM
208	The current traditional ammunition restrictions pertain to quail, dove, pheasant and any upland bird hunted on the pheasant release sites. No scientific studies have been cited showing population-level impacts on any species. The WDFW seems to be acting on emotion and politics, citing the "potential" for problems associated with traditional ammunition as the basis for these far-reaching restrictions.	Aug 19, 2011 11:25 PM
209	Open the whole state get rid of east-west period!!! There are not or soon will be not enough hunters to crowd anything. Don't talk about quality hunts, Washington doesn't have any.	Aug 19, 2011 8:02 PM
210	let all hunters in the areas of their choice	Aug 19, 2011 7:51 PM
211	get rid of the eastern or western choice, let hunters choose there hunt or change throughout the season like deer choices are.	Aug 19, 2011 6:05 PM
212	if we have to chose east or west we need to keep it the way it is and only be able to draw from the region they are hunting in	Aug 19, 2011 5:01 PM
213	would like to see more permit opportunities and units. loss of license revenue could be gained back with an increase in special permit prices. Let anyone apply for statewide permits. This will create a much more enjoyable hunt with less pressure from hunters and overpursued elk.	Aug 19, 2011 4:33 PM
214	I would like it to be like deer hunting and have the right to hunt anywhere in the state. The summer I like to hunt eastern but the winter I like to hunt close to home on the western. I wouldnt mind evan paying for the right to have my tag for both sides. Thanks	Aug 19, 2011 3:14 PM
215	get rid of the east west and go statewide either spike only or 3 point rule	Aug 19, 2011 2:26 PM
216	current system with 3 zones (westside, northeast, and southeast)	Aug 19, 2011 2:19 PM
217	No east/west tag. Hunters can apply for any special tag.	Aug 19, 2011 1:30 PM
218	Adopt a statewide elk tag the same as we do now for deer	Aug 19, 2011 12:50 PM
219	Allow hunters to apply for any special permit (archery) (muzzleloader) (modern) before they decide which weapon to use.	Aug 19, 2011 12:18 PM
220	get rid of the east /west. we are one state /allow for permits for antlerless/bull elk	Aug 19, 2011 11:54 AM
221	No change except make elk tags like deer. No east/west. Make it one state	Aug 19, 2011 11:16 AM
222	Get rid of the east-west and go back to the why it was before you went to the 5	Aug 19, 2011 10:20 AM

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regions where one tag would cover the whole state and if you want to hunt the east side one weekend and the west the next. No other state has where you have to pick a side you have to hunt on. I know Montana and Oregon has one tag for both side so you can go hunt on either side. We need to go back to that. That way people will spread out more over the state instead of over hunting in one region all of the time.

223	ALLOW ONE ONE PERMIT FOR BOTH SIDES	Aug 19, 2011 9:57 AM
224	IF A HUNTER RECEIVES A SPECIAL PERMIT, THAT PERSON SHOULD NOT BE ALUD ANOTHER SPECIAL PERMIT FOR 2 YEARS NO MATTER WHERE THEY HUNT.	Aug 19, 2011 9:17 AM
225	Do away with the East or West tag and only have one tag for the whole state.	Aug 19, 2011 9:16 AM
226	Keep special permit application process the same, but allow general elk hunts statewide regardless of which permit you have.	Aug 19, 2011 9:08 AM
227	remove east /west restriction all together! allowing all tag holders to apply for all special permits will increase revenues.	Aug 19, 2011 8:45 AM
228	Allow one state-wide elk tag and allow hunters to apply for Quality special permits, and Antlerless and Bull Elk categories	Aug 19, 2011 8:29 AM
229	screw them westsiders they always making rules that us on the East side have to go by	Aug 19, 2011 8:25 AM
230	open elk season's and areas the same as deer, statewide	Aug 19, 2011 7:27 AM
231	Give an option to purchase both eastern and western licence at the existing price individualy. While retaining statewide bag limits and increasing income.	Aug 18, 2011 11:48 PM
232	Just ONE statewide tag, put in for permits as warranted, similar to deer tag / permis	Aug 18, 2011 10:19 PM
233	Allow for purpose of special permit applications to apply for any/all tags be it east or west side and any/all weapon category. If drawn they use/hunt where drawn. After application process they have until Aug. 1st to pick weapon category and east/west side tag. Will then receive an actual elk tag once a decision is made.	Aug 18, 2011 10:13 PM
234	I would like to not specify if I hunt for Elk in eastern or western Washington. By choosing one side it really limits my chances to go. I would also like to have some areas that are open to muzzleloader that are NOT open to modern rifle. I started hunting with muzzleloader because of crowding. If I hunt Elk during the late hunt I have to hunt all the same areas as modern rifle.	Aug 18, 2011 9:48 PM
235	have 9 points havent drown yet	Aug 18, 2011 9:23 PM
236	buy an elk tag and hunt where ever you want WITH concurrent seasons.	Aug 18, 2011 9:14 PM
237	open every area to everone plus open all permits. Manage take by number of permits.	Aug 18, 2011 8:45 PM
238	retain east\west elk tags, but if applying for out of area permit increase the the fee to apply	Aug 18, 2011 8:21 PM

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239	stop selling our hunting land	Aug 18, 2011 7:30 PM
240	Do away with the two tags and go to one state wide Elk tag	Aug 18, 2011 7:18 PM
241	One statewide elk tag, apply for anything, due away with the east-west tags	Aug 18, 2011 6:50 PM
242	I would like to see no change. However, there needs to be some recognized difference between applying for an actual hunt and the ghost number. I had occasion to apply for the elk ghost hunt while residing in western washington and then moved to eastern washington in the late summer. I tried to switch my tag to eastern washington, but was told I could not because I had applied for a special permit, when in fact I had only purchased the ghost point option. Would be nice to allow these people to change tag areas if desired.	Aug 18, 2011 6:09 PM
243	Remove the east/west tags and allow hunters to hunt elk across the state	Aug 18, 2011 6:00 PM
244	If you are going to allow hunters to apply for all areas, make the seasons on both sides of the state run concurrently	Aug 18, 2011 5:54 PM
245	One Elk Tag good Statewide, broken down by type of weapon used, including Okanogan County	Aug 18, 2011 4:59 PM
246	do away with the east/west choice and make the elk season like deer to where you can hunt any gmu in the state as long as its open to hunt with the weapon of your choice	Aug 18, 2011 4:08 PM
247	Retain east/west elk tags, but allow statewide special permit applications with limited number of entries.	Aug 18, 2011 3:50 PM
248	Do away with the whole East/West designation.	Aug 18, 2011 3:36 PM
249	The state should have (1) elk tag for the entire state. No east/west. It's our hunting fees that pay for all elk projects which aren't east/west specific.	Aug 18, 2011 3:30 PM
250	NO EASTERN OR WESTERN REQUIREMENT FOR GENERAL ELK TAGS ARCHERY	Aug 18, 2011 3:28 PM
251	Get rid of the spike on tags in eastern WA...what a joke as your losing revenue to other states and people hunting elk all together. Not familiar with the west side to comment	Aug 18, 2011 3:03 PM
252	Remove th east/west elk tag requirement. Hunt anywhere elk tags, with land owners permission.	Aug 18, 2011 2:59 PM
253	N/A	Aug 18, 2011 2:40 PM
254	Everybody wants to have thier cake and eat it too. I came to this state (eastside) and hated the east-west side issue, but have come to see the light! 5 out of 5 people I talked to in my office that currently hunt eastside would hunt west and apply for east if the rule changes. I think the likelihood is more than reasonable....no change!	Aug 18, 2011 2:29 PM
255	eliminate East/West tags, no restriction on area	Aug 18, 2011 2:05 PM
256	NO CHANGE	Aug 18, 2011 2:02 PM

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257	If you have a Washington Elk tag you should be able to hunt anywhere in Washington.	Aug 18, 2011 1:58 PM
258	Why should People be limited what side of the mountains they hunt elk on it just doesnt make sense to me.	Aug 18, 2011 1:53 PM
259	Do away with East and West!	Aug 18, 2011 1:47 PM
260	Go back to four elk area tags like years ago. West, Yakima, Blue mt and Colockum. Only can apply for permits and hunt in the area tag you buy	Aug 18, 2011 12:49 PM
261	I request no change with this further information. My father is 70+ years old and currently has 16 Elk points. It would be unfair to allow people who have been collecting Western WA points to now apply them to Eastern WA. I am very hopeful that he can be drawn for a Quality Elk hunt while he can still hunt elk. The proposed changes will simply not be fair to those who have acumulated points!!	Aug 18, 2011 10:43 AM
262	Get rid of the East or West designation on the Elk tags.	Aug 18, 2011 9:40 AM
263	No opinion	Aug 17, 2011 9:57 PM
264	eliminate east/west hunt areas and allow the hunter to choose where they hunt	Aug 17, 2011 8:14 PM
265	allow hunters to hunt east or west with a elk tag	Aug 17, 2011 5:26 PM
266	I think WA should start a program for a points only option without being forced to buy a Elk tag period. Also if you choose to buy an Elk tag it should be a state wide tag followed by special permits for certain areas being the draw for hunters. I'm tired of being forced to choose either W or E of the state. This would also increase local revenue for businesses with the hunters who A: spend more time traveling since you would have options and B:increases of people putting in for special permits.	Aug 17, 2011 3:31 PM
267	Allow hunters to apply for state wide. If drawn must purchase east or west.	Aug 17, 2011 11:58 AM
268	retain east and west tags, allow more special apps to be submitted for all weapons, mod, arch, and muzzle	Aug 16, 2011 10:32 PM
269	Retain the east/west elk tags, but allow statewide special permit application with limited entries	Aug 16, 2011 9:19 PM
270	allow hunters to apply for permits statewide and get rid of the east west permit system alltogether	Aug 16, 2011 8:18 PM
271	KEEP IT AS IS!!!!!! HARD ENOUGH FOR US EASTERN WA PEOPLE TO DRAW A TAG!!!!	Aug 16, 2011 6:13 PM
272	Make it a over the counter statewide tag again.	Aug 16, 2011 2:57 PM
273	Keep east/west elk tags, but allow hunters to buy a (say \$50) wavier to put in for statewide permits and if unsuccessfull having to hunt original designation.	Aug 16, 2011 2:22 PM
274	Get rid of the eastern and western tags and make it just an elk tag for the whole state.	Aug 16, 2011 1:55 PM

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275	GET RID OF EA. WE. TAGS ALLTOGETHER. JUST HAVE AN ELK TAG GOOD FOR ONE BULL ELK.	Aug 16, 2011 1:52 PM
276	bring back the cow or bull tag for bow season and that will pull pressure off the modern season in both east/west WA	Aug 16, 2011 12:52 PM
277	Allow hunters east and west to apply for all eastern and western tag opportunities, do not designate 2 tags make it all one statewide tag and allow hunters to hunt both east and west of the cascades	Aug 16, 2011 11:29 AM
278	state wide Elk tags and permits	Aug 16, 2011 10:40 AM
279	no change, but go to a 3 point or better antler system on the east side	Aug 16, 2011 9:02 AM
280	Eliminate East-West selection entirely: overcrowding is a "fear" and a balance will occur naturally given hunters can only hunt so many days due to other obligations, regardless of geography.	Aug 16, 2011 8:50 AM
281	Manage via GMU's not East/West.	Aug 16, 2011 8:17 AM
282	Eliminate the East/West system and allow any licensed Elk hunter to apply for any permit	Aug 16, 2011 8:06 AM
283	apply for any special permit then buy appropriate tag drawing odds are already terrible	Aug 16, 2011 8:04 AM
284	drop the east/west tags. However, depending on physical address only allow east or west address to apply for that particular side.	Aug 16, 2011 7:31 AM
285	Do away with east/west designations altogether and allow hunters to apply for whatever permits they want to	Aug 16, 2011 7:23 AM
286	State elk tag. Apply for any and all special permits.	Aug 16, 2011 4:48 AM
287	abolish east/west tag restrictions altogether, both for the general season and special drawings. Just have state-wide elk tags.	Aug 15, 2011 9:54 PM
288	retain east/west elk tags but allow statewide special permits in all categories	Aug 15, 2011 8:26 PM
289	Retain east/west elk tags, but allow a select number of special permit applications/hunts open to any tag	Aug 15, 2011 7:41 PM
290	Get rid of it in general. Why does it matter if I select eastern or western until I actually go hunting? If I don't get drawn for a permit and I want to change regions then let me.	Aug 15, 2011 6:19 PM
291	Leave the East / West system alone and change the special bull / cow permit drawing back to the way it was two years ago (the new drawing system stinks and is very close to costing you this particular hunter's out-of-state money that you have been getting for almost 20 years)	Aug 15, 2011 6:11 PM
292	Do away with east/west elk tags and let hunters apply for any special permit.	Aug 15, 2011 5:53 PM
293	Make the elk tag state wide instead of east or west side. Just like the deer tags are.	Aug 15, 2011 5:43 PM

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294	allow hunters to apply for bull and disabled permits..., disabled permits should have no east or west requirement	Aug 15, 2011 5:34 PM
295	Get rid of the east/west seperation and let us hunt where we want to.	Aug 15, 2011 5:25 PM
296	retain east/west tags, allow special permit winners to switch their tag to the area that they received the permit for. That way we spread people out, maintian one tag per year limit, allow people to apply for special hunts, and if special hunt tag received they can change thier elk tag to match. If they do not win, they can still hunt in there area of primary choice...	Aug 15, 2011 5:15 PM
297	allow elk hunter to hunt state wide	Aug 15, 2011 4:43 PM
298	keep as is. Make them choose but I believe they should add a couple more rut rifle hunts per unit on east side and cut back on the large numbers on peaches ridge and observatory regular bull hunts.	Aug 15, 2011 1:38 PM