

Fishing License Fees — Resident (Out-the-door)

| License Type | Current | Proposed | \$ Increase |
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| Fishing Licenses | | | |
| Combination - Freshwater, Saltwater, Shellfish & Seaweed | \$55.35 | \$62.35 | \$7.00 |
| Fish Washington Package Combination, Puget Sound Crab, Two Pole, Columbia River Salmon-Steelhead | \$79.62 | \$86.62 | \$7.00 |
| Combination - 1 Day Freshwater, Saltwater, Shellfish & Seaweed | \$11.35 | \$12.75 | \$1.40 |
| Combination - 2 Days Freshwater, Saltwater, Shellfish & Seaweed | \$15.75 | \$17.81 | \$2.06 |
| Combination - 3 Days Freshwater, Saltwater, Shellfish & Seaweed | \$19.05 | \$21.61 | \$2.56 |
| 1-Day Charter - Freshwater, Saltwater, Shellfish & Seaweed | \$8.05 | \$9.78 | \$1.28 |
| 1-Day Guide - Freshwater, Saltwater, Shellfish & Seaweed | \$8.05 | \$9.78 | \$1.28 |
| Freshwater | \$29.50 | \$33.63 | \$4.13 |
| Saltwater | \$30.05 | \$34.26 | \$4.21 |
| Shellfish & Seaweed | \$17.40 | \$19.05 | \$1.65 |
| Puget Sound Crab Endorsement | \$8.75 | \$9.99 | \$1.24 |
| Annual Razor Clam | \$14.10 | \$15.42 | \$1.32 |
| 3-Day Razor Clam | \$9.70 | \$10.53 | \$0.83 |
| Two Pole Endorsement | \$14.80 | \$16.95 | \$2.15 |
| Columbia River Salmon And Steelhead Endorsement | \$8.75 | \$9.99 | \$1.24 |
| Additional Catch Record Cards | \$12.60 | \$14.42 | \$1.82 |
| Duplicate Fishing License | \$9.70 | \$10.86 | \$1.16 |



Hunting License Fees — Resident (Out-the-door)

| License Type | Current | Proposed | \$ Increase |
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| Hunting - Big Game | | | |
| Bear | \$24.00 | \$27.30 | \$3.30 |
| Bear -w/Small Game | \$46.00 | \$52.60 | \$6.60 |
| Cougar | \$24.00 | \$27.30 | \$3.30 |
| Cougar - w/Small Game | \$46.00 | \$52.60 | \$6.60 |
| Deer | \$44.90 | \$51.34 | \$6.44 |
| Deer - w/Small Game | \$66.90 | \$76.64 | \$9.73 |
| Elk | \$50.40 | \$57.66 | \$7.26 |
| Elk - w/Small Game | \$72.40 | \$82.96 | \$10.56 |
| Deer & Elk | \$84.50 | \$96.88 | \$12.38 |
| Deer & Elk - w/Small Game | \$106.50 | \$121.50 | \$15.00 |
| Deer, Elk, Bear & Cougar | \$95.50 | \$109.53 | \$14.03 |
| Deer, Elk, Bear & Cougar - w/Small Game | \$117.50 | \$132.50 | \$15.00 |
| Special Hunt Application | \$7.10 | \$8.09 | \$0.99 |
| Special Hunt Application - Quality Goat, Sheep, Moose | \$13.70 | \$15.68 | \$1.98 |
| Goat, Sheep or Moose Tag | \$332.00 | \$381.50 | \$49.50 |
| Master Hunter Second Deer | \$22.50 | \$25.80 | \$3.30 |
| Master Hunter Second Elk | \$22.50 | \$25.80 | \$3.30 |
| Second Deer Tag | \$43.40 | \$49.84 | \$6.44 |
| Deer or Elk Damage Tag | \$22.50 | \$25.80 | \$3.30 |
| Multi-Season Deer Application | \$7.10 | \$8.09 | \$0.99 |
| Multi-Season Elk Application | \$7.10 | \$8.09 | \$0.99 |
| Multi-Season Deer Tags | \$139.10 | \$159.89 | \$20.79 |
| Multi-Season Elk Tags | \$182.00 | \$209.23 | \$27.23 |
| Duplicate Big Game License | \$9.70 | \$10.86 | \$1.16 |

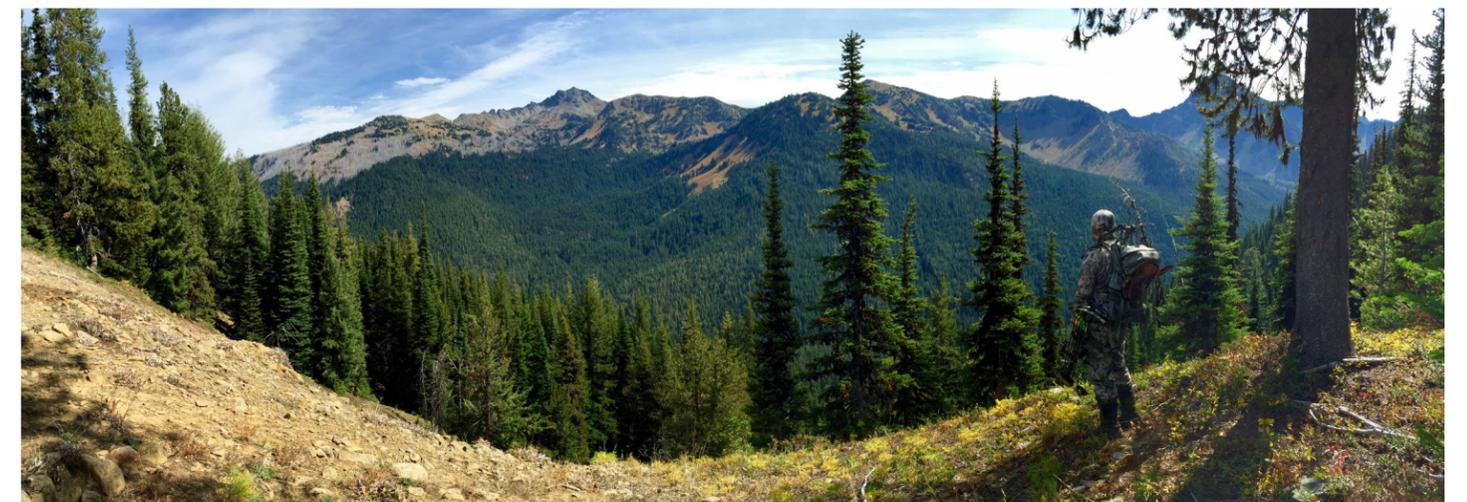
| License Type | Current | Proposed | \$ Increase |
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| Hunting - Small Game | | | |
| Small Game | \$40.50 | \$46.28 | \$5.78 |
| Turkey Tags | \$15.90 | \$18.21 | \$2.31 |
| Western WA Pheasant | \$84.50 | \$96.88 | \$12.38 |
| Western WA Pheasant - w/Small Game 3 Days | \$40.50 | \$46.28 | \$5.78 |
| Small Game Special Hunt Application | \$7.10 | \$8.09 | \$0.99 |
| Migratory Bird Authorization | \$13.20 | \$13.92 | \$0.72 |
| Migratory Bird Permit | \$17.00 | \$19.48 | \$2.48 |
| Duplicate Small Game License | \$9.70 | \$10.86 | \$1.16 |
| Raffles | | | |
| Deer Raffle | \$6.00 | \$6.83 | \$0.83 |
| Elk Raffle | \$6.00 | \$6.83 | \$0.83 |
| Moose Raffle | \$6.00 | \$6.83 | \$0.83 |
| Goat Raffle | \$6.00 | \$6.83 | \$0.83 |
| Sheep Raffle | \$11.50 | \$13.15 | \$1.65 |
| WA Bg Raffle - NE, SC, NC, 3 Deer | \$1700 | \$19.48 | 2.48 |
| WA Big Game Raffle- SE | \$22.50 | \$25.80 | \$3.30 |

Average age of license purchasers

With the average age of hunters and anglers increasing (see table below), WDFW is looking for ways to encourage young people to make hunting and fishing lifetime sports.

The department is asking for changes in legislation that would:

- Allow young anglers to fish without a license until the age of 16, aligning with the age young hunters are required to buy a discounted license. Currently, youth are defined as persons under the age of 15 for fishing, and under the age of 16 for hunting.
- Provide an incentive – a \$20 discount – toward the first purchase of a hunting license for new hunter education graduates.
- Give the department the authority to create multi-year license packages as well as provide WDFW's director with the ability to offer promotional pricing.
- Allow the public to purchase temporary fishing licenses, rather than annual licenses, to participate in the popular lowland lake trout opener, which typically provides anglers a great opportunity to catch fish.
- Expand the hunters education deferral program to increase youth participation in hunting.



The bill will allow WDFW to:

Hunting

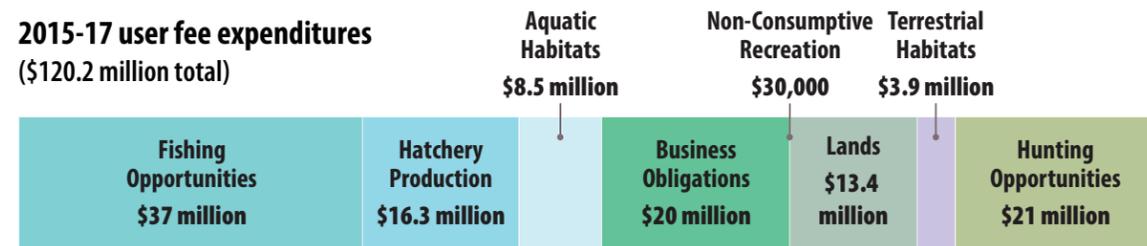
- Increase hunting access on private forest lands in western Washington – through a targeted effort to enter into private land access agreements.
- Develop a mobile application for hunting.
- Provide an incentive – a \$20 discount – toward the first purchase of a hunting license for new hunter education graduates.
- Make it easier for mentors to participate in the hunter education deferral program, which helps increase youth participation in hunting.
- Maintain funding for game species management, pheasant hunting, and hunter education.

Fishing

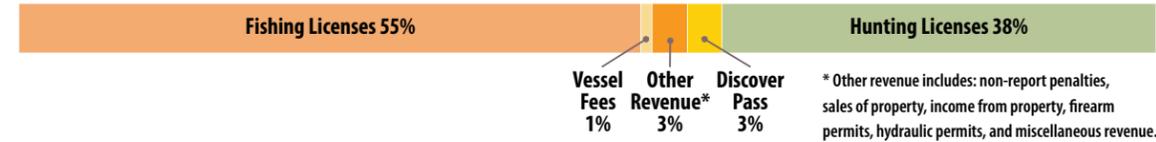
- Increase salmon hatchery production in Puget Sound, the Columbia River, and the coast.
- Offer a catch-and-release steelhead fishing opportunity on the Skagit River and provide the monitoring required for opening this fishery.
- Maintain and improve WDFW’s mobile application for fishing.
- Offer customers ability to buy a temporary fishing license, instead of the currently required annual license, to participate in the popular lowland lake trout opener.
- Allow young anglers to fish without a license until the age of 16. Currently, for fishing licenses, youth are defined as persons under the age of 15.
- Maintain funding for trout hatchery production, warm water game fish management, and recreational shellfish opportunities.

How WDFW spends user fees

2015-17 user fee expenditures (\$120.2 million total)



User fee revenue sources



What a Typical Resident Customer Purchases

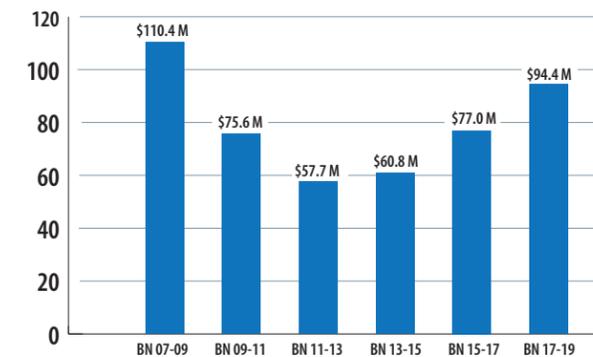
| | CURRENT Out-the-door Price | PROPOSED Out-the-door Price | Price Difference |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Trout Angler Freshwater License | \$29.50 | \$33.63 | \$4.13 |
| 3-Day Razor Clam | \$9.70 | \$10.53 | \$0.83 |
| Salmon Angler Combination - Freshwater, Saltwater, Shellfish & Seaweed Columbia River Salmon & Steelhead Endorsement | \$64.10 | \$72.34 | \$8.24 |
| Fish Washington Combination - Freshwater, Saltwater, Shellfish & Seaweed Puget Sound Crab Endorsement Two Pole Endorsement Columbia River Salmon-Steelhead Endorsement | \$79.62 | \$86.62 | \$7.00 |
| Turkey Hunter Small Game License and Turkey Tag | \$56.40 | \$64.49 | \$8.09 |
| Big Four with Small Game Deer, Elk, Bear, Cougar and Small Game | \$117.50 | \$132.50 | \$15.00 |



License revenue to support hunting and fishing opportunities



WDFW General Funds are still less than pre-recession levels



The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has experienced chronic budget shortfalls – essentially a gap between available funding and required spending. Today, the projected gap for the next two-year budget cycle has grown to about \$31 million.

The shortfall has several causes, including the fact that state funding from general taxes and the sale of recreational licenses has not kept pace with the cost of managing fish, wildlife and their habitats.

To close the gap and make new strategic investments, the Department is primarily requesting State General Fund that would cover 75 percent of the proposal. Increased recreational license revenue would fund the remaining balance.

WDFW is requesting a 15 percent increase in recreational hunting and fishing license fees, with caps to cushion the impact on people who buy multiple hunting and fishing licenses.

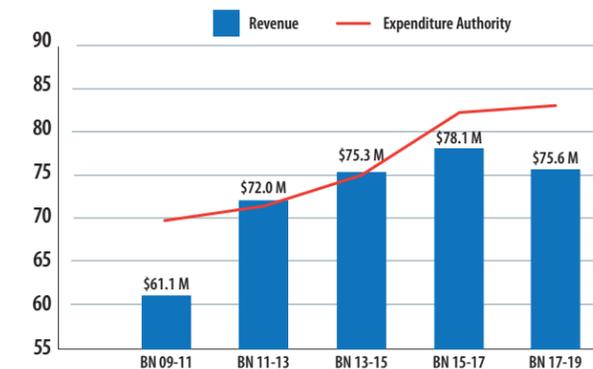
These caps would limit the maximum increase for bundled packages to \$7 for fishing and \$15 for hunting. For example, WDFW sells multiple fishing licenses in the “Fish Washington” package and plans to create additional value packages to hold down license costs for avid recreationists.

WDFW is also requesting to extend the Columbia River Salmon and Steelhead Endorsement another four years, until June 30, 2023. Currently, the endorsement expires June, 2019

Finally, the bill also includes a provision to allow the Fish and Wildlife Commission to adjust fees in the future for inflation to cover legislatively-approved costs. This would avoid the creation of the gap between appropriations and revenue that has led to this current budget shortfall.

Recreational license fees have not been adjusted since the last increase was approved by the Legislature in 2011.

AND... Hunting and fishing revenue is not keeping pace with appropriations



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