



RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

- 31 days after filing.
 Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The department amended WAC 220-415-090. The amendment provides more recreational hunting opportunity in Eastern Washington by increasing the bag limit to two bears per license year. The season dates have changed to open August 1 statewide.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:

Repealed:

Amended: WAC 220-415-090

Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.090, 77.06.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 88.65.515, and 77.65.520.

Other authority: None.

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 19-10-025 on April 23, 2019 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
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The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

Date Adopted: June 28, 2019

Name: Larry Carpenter

Title: Chair, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
Commission

Signature:



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-11-061, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18)

WAC 220-415-090 ((2018)) 2019-2020 Fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations. It is unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, 77.15.245, or 77.15.280.

Black Bear Management Unit	Season	Hunt Area
Coastal	((Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2018)) Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 501, 504, 506, 530, 601, 602, 603, 607-621, 636-651, 658-663, 672-684
Puget Sound	((Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2018)) Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 407, 454, 624, 627, 633, 652, 666, 667
North Cascades	((Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2018)) Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 418((-421)), 426-450, 460
South Cascades	((Aug. 15 - Nov. 15, 2018 Aug. 15)) <u>Aug. 1</u> - Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. (15) 1 - Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 466, 485, 503, 505, 510-520, 524, 550-574, 653, 654
Okanogan	((Aug. 15 - Nov. 15, 2018 Aug. 15)) <u>Aug. 1</u> - Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. (15) 1 - Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 203, 209-243
East Cascades	((Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2018)) Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 244-247, 249-251, 328, 329-368, 382, 388, 578
Northeastern A	((Sept. 1 - Nov. 15, 2018 Sept.)) <u>Aug. 1</u> - Nov. 15, 2019 ((Sept.)) <u>Aug. 1</u> - Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 101-121, 204
Northeastern B	((Aug. 15 - Nov. 15, 2018 Aug. 15)) <u>Aug. 1</u> - Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. (15) 1 - Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 124-130

Black Bear Management Unit	Season	Hunt Area
Blue Mountains	((Sept. 1 - Nov. 15, 2018 Sept.)) Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2019 ((Sept.)) Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 145-154, 162-186
Columbia Basin	((Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2018)) Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2019 Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2020	GMUs 133, 136, 139, 142, 248, 254, 260-290, 371-381
Long Island	((Sept. 1 - Nov. 15, 2018 Sept.)) Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2019 ((Sept.)) Aug. 1 - Nov. 15, 2020	GMU 699

Bag Limit: Two (2) black bear per annual hunting season (~~(only one of which may be taken in Eastern Washington)~~).

Area Restriction: Special deer permit required to hunt black bear in GMU 485. (~~(GMUs 410 and 422 are closed for black bear hunting.)~~) Hunters that choose to hunt in GMUs located in grizzly bear recovery areas, as identified by the department, must successfully complete the annual WDFW online bear identification test or equivalent test from another state and carry proof of successful completion.

License Required: A valid big game hunting license, which includes black bear as a species option, is required to hunt black bear. One black bear transport tag is included with a big game hunting license that has black bear as a species option. A second black bear transport tag must be purchased to take a second bear.

Hunting Method: Hunters may use any lawful big game modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader equipment for hunting black bear. The use of hounds and bait to hunt black bear is prohibited statewide.

Other Requirements: Hunters that choose to hunt in GMUs located in grizzly bear recovery areas as identified by the department must successfully complete the annual WDFW online bear identification test with a passing score (80% or higher) or carry proof that they have passed an equivalent test from another state. The WDFW test may be taken repeatedly until a passing score is achieved. All hunters must carry proof of passing a bear identification test while hunting in the GMUs identified by the department.

Submitting Biological Samples and Bear Teeth: Successful bear hunters must comply with harvest reporting and submission of biological samples including the black bear premolar tooth located behind the canine tooth of the upper jaw. Failure to comply with the submission of biological samples is a misdemeanor pursuant to RCW 77.15.280.