



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

## CR-103P (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.360)

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WSR 19-22-061

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife: (19-275)

**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:**

**220-415-080 2019-2020 Spring black bear special permits.**

The purpose of the amendments are to align the rules with the appropriate season dates; increase permit numbers in areas where needed, open a new hunt area to address needs, and expand and improve upon information and biological samples collected from harvest bears through a pelt check (with evidence of animal sex included).

- Adjusted years for spring black bear special permit hunts beginning April 2020 and ending June 2020. The title will be as follows: 220-415-080 2020 Spring black bear special permits
- Added language to adjust the numbers of permits offered in:
  - Blue Creek, GMU 154 increased permits from 15 to 18
  - Dayton, GMU 162 increased permits from 15 to 18
  - Wenaha, GMU 169 increased permits 45 to 60
  - Mt. View, GMU 172 increased permits 15 to 24
  - Lick Creek, GMU 175 increased permits 15 to 18
- Added a new hunt area: Peola, GMU 178 with five permits
- Remove Kapowsin hunt area
- Technical edit to list GMU 648 prior to GMU 638 under the Copalis Hunt Area to clarify that GMU 638 is where the U.S. Forest Service lands are excluded

Added language to include a mandatory reporting of harvest within 72 hours of kill and mandatory pelt check, with evidence of sex, for sealing within five days of notification of kill. This is in addition to the submission of the first premolar.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New:  
 Repealed:  
 Amended: WAC 220-415-080  
 Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240

**Other authority:** None.

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 19-18-050 on August 30, 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.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**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	1	Repealed	___
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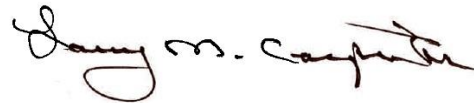
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Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

**Date Adopted:** 11/5/2019

**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 220-415-080 ((2019-2020)) 2020 Spring black bear special permits.** It is unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions of this section. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, 77.15.245, or 77.15.280, depending on the circumstances of the violation.

**Who May Apply:** Anyone with a valid Washington big game license, which includes black bear as a species option.

**Hunt Areas, Permit Levels, and Season Dates for Each License Year:**

Hunt Name	Hunt Area	Permits	Season Dates
Sherman	GMU 101 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	April 1 - June 15
Kelly Hill	GMU 105 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	April 1 - June 15
Douglas	GMU 108 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	40	April 1 - June 15
Aladdin	GMU 111 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	April 1 - June 15
49 Degrees North	GMU 117 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	100	April 1 - June 15
Huckleberry	GMU 121	100	April 1 - June 15
Blue Creek	GMU 154	<del>((45))</del> 18	April 15 - June 15
Dayton	GMU 162	<del>((45))</del> 18	April 15 - June 15
Tucannon	GMU 166	5	April 15 - June 15
Wenaha	GMU 169	<del>((45))</del> 60	April 15 - June 15
Mt. View	GMU 172	<del>((45))</del> 24	April 15 - June 15
Lick Creek	GMU 175	<del>((45))</del> 18	April 15 - June 15
Peola	GMU 178	5	April 15 - June 15
Couse	GMU 181	<del>((4))</del> 5	April 15 - June 15
Grande Ronde	GMU 186	5	April 15 - June 15
Kitsap	GMU 627	5	April 15 - May 31
Mason	GMU 633	5	April 15 - May 31
Bear River	GMU 681	20	April 15 - May 31
Long Beach	GMU 684	12	April 15 - May 31
North Skagit	That portion of GMU 418 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR, Sierra Pacific, Weyerhaeuser-Columbia Timber Lands, and Grandy Lake Timber company. Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	30	April 15 - June 15
Copalis	GMU 642, <del>((638))</del> 648, and <del>((648))</del> 638 (excluding U.S. Forest Service lands).	50	April 15 - June 15
<del>((Kapowsin</del>	<del>That portion of GMUs 653 and/or 654 that is designated as the hunt area by Hancock Forest Management, Hampton, and Olympic Resource Management.</del>	<del>150</del>	<del>April 15 - June 15))</del>

**Bag Limit:** One black bear per black bear special permit season.

**License Required:** A valid big game hunting license, which includes black bear as a species option, is required to apply for a spring

black bear special permit. One black bear transport tag is included with a big game hunting license that has black bear as a species option.

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

**Other Requirements:** Hunters that are selected 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.

**Harvest Check, Submitting Biological Samples and Bear Teeth:** All successful bear hunters must validate (notch) their bear tag, notify the department within 72 hours of kill (excluding legal state holidays), provide the hunter's name, date and location of kill, and sex of animal. The raw pelt, evidence of sex, and the first premolar must be presented to an authorized department employee for sealing within 5 days of notification of kill. All permit hunters must comply with harvest reporting and submission of biological samples ((including the black bear premolar located behind the canine tooth of the upper jaw)) as described above. Failure to comply with the submission of biological samples is a misdemeanor pursuant to RCW 77.15.280.