

**Elk General Seasons and Special Permits  
Briefing and Public Comment**

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions.  
WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits.

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## Summary Sheet

**Meeting dates:** March 13-14, 2020

**Agenda item:** Elk General Seasons and Special Permits – **Briefing and Public Hearing**

**Presenter(s):** Brock Hoenes, Ungulate Section Manager

**Background summary:** The department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to:

- WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions.
- WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits.

**Staff recommendation:** WAC 220-415-050, the purpose of this proposal is to retain general season elk hunting opportunity for 2020. It also balances hunting opportunity between user groups, increases opportunity when elk populations allow, and reduces opportunity when declining elk numbers warrant a change.

The Department will not develop specific recommendations regarding opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during the Early Archery General Elk Seasons in the Colockum (GMUs 328, 329) and Yakima (GMUs 336, 340, 352, 356, 364) elk herd areas until population surveys are completed in February and/or March. If population surveys indicate it is warranted, the Department may also consider reducing opportunities for archery hunters to harvest antlerless elk during the Late Archery General Elk Seasons and reducing modern firearm and muzzleloader special permit opportunities. A general overview of the recommendations that may be considered dependent of herd status are provided below. Recommendations developed in response to surveys showing a population decline will also depend on the severity of the decline.

Colockum Elk Herd (GMUs 249, 251, 328, 329, 330, 334, 335)

Herd Status	General Overview of Recommendation
Decline	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during archery seasons, except for those associated with addressing damage issues and in areas where the Department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMU 334, 335). Also reduce opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Stable	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during archery seasons, except for those associated with addressing damage issues and in areas where the Department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMU 334, 335). Replace some of the lost opportunity with a limited number of permits to harvest antlerless elk. Retain opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Increase	Retain current general and special permit seasons.

Yakima Elk Herd (GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346, 352, 356, 360, 364, 368, 371, 372)

Herd Status	General Overview of Recommendation
Decline	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk, except for those associated with addressing damage issues and in areas where the Department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMUs 371 and 372). Replace some of the lost opportunity with a limited number of permits to harvest antlerless elk. If warranted, also reduce opportunities during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Stable	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk, except for those associated with addressing damage issues and in areas where the Department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMU 371 and 372). Replace some of the lost opportunity with a limited number of permits to harvest antlerless elk. Retain current opportunities during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Increase	Retain current general and special permit seasons.

The Department is postponing the development of specific recommendations for the Colockum and Yakima elk herds because herds have experienced substantial declines since 2015, with late-winter surveys in 2019 indicating the Yakima herd was approximately 13% below objective and the Colockum herd approximately 8% below. Declines have been the result of increased antlerless harvest, severe drought and winter conditions, and depressed recruitment of calves. Moreover, preliminary counts of elk on feed sites for the Yakima elk herd in January 2020, indicate calf recruitment rates are likely to be lower than normal for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The Department is concerned about the current status of both herds and plans to develop recommendations that are most likely to promote population growth.

WAC 220-415-060, the purpose of this proposal is to retain elk special permit hunting opportunity for 2020. It also balances elk hunting opportunity between user groups, increases elk hunting opportunity when elk populations allow, and reduces opportunity when declining elk numbers warrant a change. Lastly, it adds language that clarifies the bag limit is one elk, except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one elk hunt category.

Situations have occurred in the past that involved hunters who successfully drew a permit in more than one hunt category for the same species. Because the current language does not specify a Bag Limit, some hunters interpret this to mean they can shoot one elk per permit or one elk in addition to their general season harvest, which is incorrect. Amending this rule as proposed, would clarify the rule and avoid confusion in the future.

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**Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:**

- Maximize recreational elk hunting opportunity.
- Continue sustainable hunting seasons for elk
- Clarify language to avoid confusion for hunters.

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

None.

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

The department provided public input opportunity on proposed hunting seasons via the department website for a three-week time period. Additionally, these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide verbal testimony at the March 13-14, 2020 Commission meeting.

Please see the attached summary of public comment form.

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**Action requested and/or proposed next steps:**

Take public comment. Adoption is planned for the April 10-11, 2020 Commission meeting.

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*Form revised 2-15-18*

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-20-078, filed 9/27/19, effective 10/28/19)

**WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions.**

It is unlawful to fail to comply with bag, possession, and season limits described below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410 Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

**Bag Limit:** One (1) elk per hunter during the license year, except where otherwise permitted by department rule. Any combination of seasons, tags, and permits set by the department will not exceed a maximum of two (2) elk per hunter during the license year.

**Hunting Method:** Elk hunters must select only one of the hunting methods: Modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader.

**Elk Tag Areas:** Elk hunters must choose either Eastern or Western Washington to hunt in and buy the appropriate tag for that area.

**Any Bull Elk Seasons:** Open only to the taking of elk with visible antlers; bull calves are illegal.

**Antler Point:** To qualify as an antler point, the point must be at least one inch long, measured on the longest side.

**Branch:** A branch is defined as any projection off the main antler beam that is at least one inch long, measured on the longest side, and longer than it is wide.

**Spike Bull Antler Restrictions:** Bull elk taken in spike-only game management units (GMUs) must have at least one antler with no branches originating more than 4 inches above where the antler attaches to the skull.

**Spike-only GMUs:** 145-154, 162-186, 249, and 336-368.

**True Spike - Bull Antler Restrictions:** Neither antler of bull elk taken in GMUs 251, and 328-335 can have branching originating more than 4 inches above where the antlers attach to the skull. Under the true-spike restriction, taking an elk that has two points on one side or antler points within one inch of the definitions regarding length of point, or point of origination, is an infraction under RCW 77.15.160. All other types of violations of the true-spike restriction are subject to current penalties and assessments under RCW 77.15.410 and 77.15.420.

**True-spike GMUs:** 251, 328-335.

**3-point Antler Restrictions:** Legal bull elk must have at least 3 antler points on one side. Eye guards are antler points when they are

at least one inch long. Antler restrictions apply to all hunters during any open season.

**3-point GMUs:** All of Western Washington, except for GMUs 448, 454, 564, 652 for archers, 666, 684, and Elk Area 4941.

**Permit-only Units:** The following GMUs are closed to elk hunting during general elk seasons: 157, 371, 418, 485, 522, 556, 621, 636, and 653.

**GMUs Closed to Elk Hunting:** 437 (except for Elk Area 4941) and 490.

**Areas with Special Restrictions:** There are modern firearm restrictions in GMU 334 and portions of GMU 660. GMU 554 is open only for early archery and muzzleloader seasons. Elk Area 6064 in GMU 638 (Quinault) is open to master hunters only.

### **Elk Tag Areas**

**Eastern Washington:** All 100, 200, and 300 GMUs.

EA - Eastern Washington Archery Tag

EF - Eastern Washington Modern Firearm General Elk Tag

EM - Eastern Washington Muzzleloader Tag

**Western Washington:** All 400, 500, and 600 GMUs.

WA - Western Washington Archery Tag

WF - Western Washington Modern Firearm General Elk Tag

WM - Western Washington Muzzleloader Tag

## Modern Firearm General Elk Seasons

**License Required:** A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

**Tag Required:** A valid modern firearm elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

**Hunting Method:** May use modern firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or muzzleloader, but only during modern firearm seasons.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
Eastern Washington	EF	101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, 121, 204	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Any bull
		145 through 154, 162 through 169, 172 (except Elk Area 1040), 175 through 186, 249, 336 through 368	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Spike bull
		251, 328, 329, 334, 335	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	True spike bull
		Elk Area 3722*	Sept. 8-23	Sept. 7-22	Sept. 12-27	Antlerless only
		124 through 142, 372, 382, 388	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Any elk
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381	Oct. 27 - Nov. 15	Oct. 26 - Nov. 15	Oct. 31 - Nov. 15	Any elk
		Master Hunters Only: ( ( 374, ) ) Elk Areas 3911 and 3912. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2019	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2020	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2021	Antlerless only
		<u>Master Hunters Only: 371. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.</u>			<u>Aug. 1 - Oct. 15</u>	<u>Antlerless only</u>
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
*GMU 372 and Elk Area 3722 are mainly private property. Hunters are not advised to try hunting these areas without making prior arrangements for access.						
Western Washington	WF	460, 466, 503, 505 through 520, 524 (except <b>CLOSED</b> in Elk Area 5066), 530, 550, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, 601 through 618, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627, 633, 638 (except master hunters only in Elk Area 6064 portion of GMU 638), 642 through 651, 652 (except for Elk Area 6014), 654	Nov. 3-14	Nov. 2-13	Nov. 7-18	3 pt. min.



Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
		( ( through ) ), 658, 660, 667 through 684.				
		501, 504, 663, Elk Area 6014	Nov. 3-14	Nov. 2-13	Nov. 7-18	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		407, 448, 564, 666	Nov. 3-14	Nov. 2-13	Nov. 7-18	Any elk
		454	Nov. 3-14	Nov. 2-13	Nov. 7-18	Any bull

### Archery General Elk Seasons

**License Required:** A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

**Tag Required:** A valid archery elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

**Hunting Method:** Bow and arrow only, as defined under WAC 220-414-070.

**Special Notes:** Archery tag holders can hunt only during archery seasons and must hunt with archery equipment (WAC 220-414-070).

Archery elk hunters may apply for special bull permits. Please see permit table for tag eligibility for all elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
<b>Early Archery General Elk Seasons</b>						
<b>Eastern Washington</b>	EA	101 through 142, 204, 243, 247, 249, 250, 373, 379, 381, 388	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	Any elk
		162, 166, 169, 172 (except Elk Area 1040), 175, 186, 336, 340, 352, 356, 364	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	Spike bull
		328, 329, 336, 340, 352, 356, 364	Sept. 15-20	Sept. 14-19		Antlerless
		328, 329	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	True spike bull
		334, 335	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	True spike bull or antlerless
		145, 149, 154, Elk Area 1010, Elk Area 1013, 163, 178, 181	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	Spike bull or antlerless
<b>Western Washington</b>	WA	407, 448, 454, 564, 666, 684, Elk Area 6014	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	Any elk
		501 through 505, 520, 550,	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	3 pt. min. or

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
		554, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, Elk Area 6061, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless), 654, 660, 663, 667 through 673, 681, 699				antlerless
		460, 466, 506, 510, 513, 516, 524 (except <b>CLOSED</b> in Elk Area 5066), 530, 601 through 618, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627, 633, 638 (except Master Hunters only in Elk Area 6064), 642 through 651, 658	Sept. 8-20	Sept. 7-19	Sept. 12-24	3 pt. min.
<b>Late Archery General Elk Seasons</b>						
<b>Eastern Washington</b>	EA	101, 105, 108, 117, 121, 204	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any bull
		124, 127, 373, 388	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any elk
		178	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Antlerless only
		Elk Area 1010, 163	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2019	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2020	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2021	Antlerless only
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 379, 381. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	Oct. 27 - Nov. 15	Oct. 26 - Nov. 15	Oct. 31 - Nov. 15	Any elk
		Master Hunters Only: ( 374, ) Elk Areas 3911 and 3912. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2019	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2020	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2021	Antlerless only
		<u>Master Hunters Only: 371. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.</u>			<u>Aug. 1 - Oct. 15</u>	<u>Antlerless only</u>
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
		328, 334, 335	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	True spike bull or antlerless
		336, 342, 346, 352, 364, Elk Area 3681	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Spike bull or antlerless
<b>Western Washington</b>	WA	Elk Area 4601, 503, 505, 506, 530, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless), 663, 667, 672, 681, and 699. Master hunters only in Elk Area 6064 portion of GMU 638	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		407	Nov. 21 - Jan 20, 2019	Nov. 27 - Jan 20, 2020	Nov. 25 - Jan 20, 2021	Any elk
		448, 454, 564, 666, <u>Elk Area 6014</u>	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any elk
		603, 612, 615, 638 (except for Elk Area 6064), 648	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.
		*GMU 372 and Elk Area 3722 are mainly private property. Hunters are not advised to try hunting these areas without making prior arrangements for access.				

## Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons

**License Required:** A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

**Tag Required:** A valid muzzleloader elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

**Hunting Method:** Muzzleloader, as defined under WAC 220-414-060, or bow and arrow, as defined under WAC 220-414-070.

**Special Notes:** Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during the muzzleloader seasons. Only hunters with tags identified in the Special Elk Permits tables may apply for special elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
<b>Early Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons</b>						
<b>Eastern Washington</b>	EM	101 through 121, 204, 247	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	Any bull
		124 through 142, 245, 250	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	Any elk
		145, 149, 154, 162, 163, 166, 172 (except Elk Area 1040), 175, 178, 181, 336 through 342, 352 through 368	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	Spike bull
		328, 329, 334, 335, Elk Area 2051	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	True spike bull
<b>Western Washington</b>	WM	407, 448, 454, 564, 666, 684	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	Any elk
		460, 466, 506, 510, 513, 516, 520, 524 (except <b>CLOSED</b> in Elk Area 5066), 530, 550, 554, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, 602, 603, 607, 612, 615, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627, 633, 638 (except for Elk Area 6064), 642, 648, 660, 672, 673, 681	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	3 pt. min.
		501, 503, 504, 505, 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless), Elk Area 6014, 654, 663, 667, Elk Area 4601	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 3-9	3 pt. min. or antlerless
<b>Late Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons</b>						
<b>Eastern Washington</b>	EM	130 through 142	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any elk
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290,	Oct. 27 - Nov. 15	Oct. 26 - Nov. 15	Oct. 31 - Nov. 15	Any elk

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2018 Dates	2019 Dates	2020 Dates	Legal Elk
		373, 379, 381. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.				
		Master Hunters Only: ( ( 374, ) ) Elk Areas 3911 and 3912. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2019	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2020	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2021	Antlerless only
		<u>Master Hunters Only: 371. Must wear hunter orange and/or hunter pink.</u>			<u>Aug. 1 - Oct. 15</u>	<u>Antlerless only</u>
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
<b>Western Washington</b>	WM	407	Nov. 21 - Jan. 20, 2019	Nov. 27 - Jan. 20, 2020	Nov. 25 - Jan. 20, 2021	Any elk
		501, 503, 504, 505, ( ( 578, ) ) 652 (except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless), 667	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		<u>578</u>			<u>Nov. 25-30</u>	<u>3 pt. min. or antlerless</u>
		<u>578</u>			<u>Dec. 1-8</u>	<u>3 pt. min.</u>
		448, 454, 564, 666, 684, <u>Elk Area 6014</u>	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	Any elk
		568, 574	Nov. 21-30	Nov. 27-30	Nov. 25-30	3 pt. min.
		601, 618, 651, 658	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 25 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.020. WSR 19-20-078 (Order 19-245), § 220-415-050, filed 9/27/19, effective 10/28/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-415-050, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-050, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18.

Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-415-050, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-358, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16.

Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-059 (Order 15-98), § 232-28-358, filed 4/30/15, effective 5/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-358, filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-358, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-358, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12.]

## **Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:**

### WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk General Seasons and Definitions.

#### **Supporting Comments:**

There were sixteen (16) comments in support of the proposal, with most comments being related to proposals for the Colockum and Yakima elk herds. Seven (7) comments expressed an understanding of the need to reduce antlerless harvest and were supportive, but perspectives on how to reduce antlerless harvest differed and included: 1) only allowing antlerless harvest through special permit seasons for all user groups; 2) reducing antlerless harvest for modern firearm hunters; and 3) reducing antlerless harvest for archery hunters. Other comments in support of the proposal and related to the Colockum and Yakima elk herds were related to concerns that tribal hunting (2 comments) and predators (2 comments) were factors negatively affecting these herds and should be addressed by the Department. Lastly, one (1) comment supported the reduction of permits in the Mount St. Helens elk herd area and one (1) comment advocated for including GMU 663 (Capitol Peak) to the list of areas open during the late general muzzleloader season in western Washington. Three (3) other comments were unrelated to the proposal.

#### **Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:**

There were twenty-eight (28) comments in opposition to the proposal, with most comments being related to proposals for the Colockum and Yakima elk herds. Although in opposition of the proposal, five (7) comments indicated general support for reductions in antlerless harvest, while another four (4) comments advocated for no antlerless harvest or further reductions. Four (4) comments were opposed to reductions in opportunities for archery hunters, three (3) comments advocated for permit only opportunities for antlerless elk, one (1) comment advocated for not reducing special permits for muzzleloader hunters, and one (1) comment advocated for a season that was only for archery hunters using primitive bows. Other comments in opposition of the proposal were related to concerns that tribal hunting (3 comments) and predators (6 comments) were factors negatively affecting these herds. Three (3) comments were related to abolishing spike or true-spike rules, while two (2) other comments were unrelated to the proposal.

There were six (6) neutral comments. Although their stance was neutral, one (1) was generally supportive of reducing antlerless harvest, while three (3) were concerned about the affects of tribal harvest and one (1) advocated for the Department to consider predator management actions. One (1) additional comment was unrelated to the proposal.

The Department also received one (1) email that expressed concern about current status of the Colockum and Yakima elk herds. More specifically, they advocated for removing all antlerless harvest, not having other seasons overlap the Quality bull hunts, eliminating “true-spike”, consider closing both areas to all elk hunting, and better enforcement of the green-dot road system.

Lastly, the Department met with representatives from Washington State Bowhunters, the Washington State Archery Association, and Traditional Bowhunters of Washington to discuss proposals for the Colockum and Yakima elk herds. All three groups expressed strong values associated with providing general season opportunities for archery hunters to harvest antlerless elk.

**Direction and Rationale:**

As proposed, the Department will not develop final recommendations for the Colockum and Yakima elk herds until 2019 harvest estimates and 2020 survey results are available. Public comments indicate general support and understanding for reducing antlerless harvest in these areas, but consensus on how opportunity should be reduced was absent. If resultant harvest and survey data indicate further reductions in antlerless harvest are warranted, two primary considerations during the development of final recommendations will be related to: 1) meeting our harvest allocation objectives; and 2) being mindful of the reason why general season opportunities are adopted on a 3-year cycle (e.g., opportunities for our hunters do not vary drastically from year to year).

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-20-078, filed 9/27/19, effective 10/28/19)

**WAC 220-415-060 ((2019)) 2020 Elk special permits.** It is unlawful to fail to comply with the bag, possession, and season limits described below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410 Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

**Special Elk Permit Hunting Seasons (Open to Permit Holders Only)**

Hunters must purchase an elk hunting license prior to purchasing a permit application. Hunters may only apply for permits consistent with the tag required for the hunt choice; however, Multiple Season Permit holders may apply for Eastern or Western Washington archery, muzzleloader, or modern firearm permit hunts. Applicants must have purchased the proper tag for these hunts. The elk tag prefixes required to apply for each hunt are shown in the following table. Hunters drawn for a special permit hunt must comply with weapon restrictions, dates, and other conditions listed for the hunt. Hunters drawn for a special permit designated "**Any tag**" under the "**Weapon/Tag**" restriction must use equipment consistent with the requirements of their transport tag and license.



**Bag Limit:** One (1) elk per hunter during the license year except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one elk hunt category. Any combination of seasons, tags, and permits set by the department will not exceed a maximum of two (2) elk per hunter during the license year.

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	EA, EF, EM	Any	( ( Sept. 29 - Oct. 6 and Nov. 16 - Dec. 5 ) ) Oct. 3-12 and Nov. 14 - Dec. 3	Any bull	Elk Area 1015	1
Prescott	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMU 149	2
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) 21-25	Any bull	GMU 154	1
Blue Creek	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMU 154	( ( 40 ) ) 98
Watershed	EA, EF, EM	Any	( ( Oct. 26 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	3 pt. min.	GMU 157	( ( 40 ) ) 25
Dayton	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMU 162	( ( 6 ) ) 32
Ten Ten	EF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) 21-25	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	1
Ten Ten	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	( ( 2 ) ) 1
Tucannon	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMU 166	( ( 43 ) ) 65
Wenaha West	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	( ( 6 ) ) 5
Wenaha East	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	( ( 6 ) ) 54
Mountain View	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMU 172, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040	( ( 41 ) ) 5

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Ten Forty	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 – Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	<del>2</del> <u>1</u>
Lick Creek	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 – Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMU 175	2
Peola	EF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) 21-25	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	1
Peola	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 – Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	2
Couse	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 – Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMU 181	( ( 4 ) ) <del>3</del> <u>5</u>
Mission	EF	Any	( ( Sept. 21-29 ) ) Sept. 26 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMU 251	4
Colockum	EF	Any	( ( Sept. 23-27 ) ) Sept. 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	1
Colockum	EF	Any	Oct. 21 - Nov. 3	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	<del>24</del> <u>23</u>
Teanaway	EF	Any	( ( Sept. 23-27 ) ) Sept. 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMU 335	2
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	( ( Sept. 23-27 ) ) Sept. 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	( ( 3 ) ) <u>2</u>
Observatory	EF	Any	( ( Sept. 23-27 ) ) Sept. 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	( ( 3 ) ) <u>2</u>
Little Naches	EF	Any	( ( Sept. 28 – Oct. 6 ) ) Oct. 3-11	Any bull	GMU 346	( ( 4 ) ) <u>3</u>
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	( ( Sept. 23-27 ) ) Sept. 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	( ( 3 ) ) <u>2</u>
Bethel	EF	Any	( ( Sept. 23-27 ) ) Sept. 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMU 360	( ( 3 ) ) <u>2</u>
Rimrock	EF	Any	( ( Sept. 23-27 ) ) Sept. 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMU 364	( ( 3 ) ) <u>2</u>
Cowiche	EF	Any	( ( Sept. 23-27 ) ) Sept. 28 - Oct. 2	Any bull	GMU 368	( ( 3 ) ) <u>2</u>
Nooksack	WF	Any	( ( Oct. 5-31 and Dec. 16-31 ) ) Oct. 3-29 and Dec. 14-29	Any bull	GMU 418	<del>12</del> <del>(TBD)</del> <u>13</u>
Green River	WF, WA, WM	Any	( ( Nov. 2-8 ) ) <del>Oct. 24-30 (TBD)</del> Oct. 17-23	Any bull	GMU 485	<del>10</del> <del>(TBD)</del> <u>10</u>
Wahkiakum	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) 21-25	Any bull	GMUs 506, 530	1
South Rainier	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) 21-25	Any bull	GMUs 510, 513	1
Packwood	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) 21-25	Any bull	GMU 516	1

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Winston	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>21-25</u>	Any bull	GMU 520	1
Coweeman	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>21-25</u>	Any bull	GMU 550	1
Toutle	WF	Any	( ( Sept. 23-27 and Nov. 2-13 ) ) <u>Sept. 21-25 and Nov. 7- 18</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	2
Toutle	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	( ( 44 ) ) <u>2926</u>
Lewis River	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>21-25</u>	Any bull	GMU 560	2
Siouxon	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>21-25</u>	Any bull	GMU 572	2
Carlton	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>21-25</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5057	5
West Goat Rocks	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>21-25</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5058	5
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>21-25</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	1
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>21-25</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>21-25</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
Mt. Adams	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>21-25</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5059	5
Mudflow	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>26-30</u>	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 603, 607, 612, 615	4
Matheny	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>26-30</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 618	3
Quinault	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>26-30</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 638	5
Wynoochee	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>26-30</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 648	1
White River	WF	Any	Sept. ( ( 23-27 ) ) <u>26-30</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	2
Prescott	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 149	1
Blue Creek	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 154	( ( 6 ) ) <u>5</u>
Dayton	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 162	( ( 3 ) ) <u>1</u>
Ten Ten	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	( ( 3 ) ) <u>23</u>
Tucannon	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 166	( ( 5 ) ) <u>2</u>
Wenaha West	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	2
Wenaha East	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	( ( 3 ) )

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
						<u>2</u>
Mountain View	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 172, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040	( ( 9 ) ) <u>4</u>
Ten Forty	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 9-22 ) ) <u>9-20</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	2
Lick Creek	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 175	( ( 3 ) ) <u>2</u>
Peola	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	3
Couse	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 181	( ( 3 ) ) <u>2</u>
Colockum	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	<del>17</del> <u>15</u>
Teanaway	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	2
Peaches Ridge	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	10
Observatory	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	<del>20</del> <u>19</u>
Goose Prairie	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	<del>7</del> <u>6</u>
Bethel	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	<del>6</del> <u>7</u>
Rimrock	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	<del>24</del> <u>20</u>
Cowiche	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	6
Nooksack	WA	Any	( ( Aug. 26 – Sept. 14 and Jan. 1-19, 2020 ) ) Aug. 24 - Sept. 12 and Jan. 1-19, 2021	Any bull	GMU 418	<del>7</del> (TBD) <u>8</u>
Toutle	WA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u> and Dec. 1-15	Any bull	GMU 556	( ( 30 ) ) <u>20</u>
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Sept. ( ( 15-21 ) ) <u>13-19</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	1
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-13 ) ) <u>5-11</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
Mudflow	WA	Any	( ( Sept. 14-22 and Nov. 15-20 ) ) Sept. 12-19 and Nov. 19-23	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WA	Any	Sept. ( ( 1-22 ) ) <u>1-24</u>	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 603, 607, 612, 615	2
White River	WA	Any	( ( Sept. 14-25 and Dec. 1-15 ) ) Sept. 12-24 and Nov. 28 - Dec. 13	Any bull	GMU 653	( ( 19 ) ) <u>16</u>
Prescott	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) Sept. 28 - Oct. 9	Any bull	GMU 149	1

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Blue Creek	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	GMU 154	2
Dayton	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	GMU 162	( ( 2 ) ) 1
Ten Ten	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	1
Tucannon	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	GMU 166	( ( 2 ) ) 1
Wenaha West	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	1
Wenaha East	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	21
Mountain View	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	GMU 172, EXCEPT Elk Area 1040	( ( 5 ) ) 2
Ten Forty	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	2
Lick Creek	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	GMU 175	1
Peola	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	GMUs 178, 145	1
Couse	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	GMU 181	1
Mission	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 30 – Oct. 11 ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 251	4
Colockum	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 28 – Oct. 6 ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 334	67
Teanaway	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 28 – Oct. 6 ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	21
Peaches Ridge	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 28 – Oct. 6 ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	4
Observatory	EM	Any	( ( Sept. 28 – Oct. 6 ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	6

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Goose Prairie	EM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 28</del> – <del>Oct. 6</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	2
Bethel	EM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 28</del> – <del>Oct. 6</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	2
Rimrock	EM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 28</del> – <del>Oct. 6</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	4
Cowiche	EM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 28</del> – <del>Oct. 6</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	2
Nooksack	WM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 18-29 and Nov. 15-24, and Dec. 1-8</del> ) ) <u>Sept. 19-30 and Nov. 14-23, and Nov. 29 - Dec. 6</u>	Any bull	GMU 418	<del>7 (TBD)</del> 8
Toutle	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( <del>5-11</del> ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	( ( <del>19</del> ) ) <del>139</del>
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Sept. ( ( <del>15-21</del> ) ) <u>13-19</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WM	Any	Sept. ( ( <del>15-21</del> ) ) <u>13-19</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	2
Mudflow	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( <del>5-15</del> ) ) <u>3-13</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	7
Peninsula	WM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 28</del> – <del>Oct. 4</del> ) ) <u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 2</u>	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 603, 607, 612, 615	2

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Turnbull	EF	Any	Dec. ( ( <del>11-16</del> ) ) <u>8-13</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
Ten Forty	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26</del> – <del>Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	2
Grande Ronde	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 21</del> – <del>Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 8</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Mission	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 21</del> – <del>Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 8</u>	Any bull	GMU 251	4
Teanaway	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 21</del> – <del>Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 8</u>	Any bull	GMU 335	<del>5</del> 4
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 21</del> – <del>Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 8</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	<del>13</del> 15
Observatory	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 21</del> – <del>Nov.</del> ) )	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	<del>16</del> 14

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			3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8			
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	87
Bethel	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMU 360	7
Rimrock	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMU 364	2833
Cowiche	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 21 - Nov. 3 ) ) Oct. 26 - Nov. 8	Any bull	GMU 368	5
Alkali	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 14 - Nov. 4 ) ) Oct. 12-30	Any bull	GMUs 334, 371	15
Skagit River	WF	Any	( ( Oct. 5 - Nov. 7 ) ) Oct. 3 - Nov. 5	Any bull	Elk Area 4941	5-(TBD)6
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	( ( 2 ) ) 1
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	3
Olympic	WF	Any	( ( Oct. 19 - Nov. 13 ) ) Nov. 1-18	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	65
Skokomish	WF	Any	( ( Oct. 19 - Nov. 13 ) ) Nov. 1-18	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	32
White River	WF	Any	( ( Oct. 19 - Nov. 13 ) ) Oct. 17 - Nov. 11	Any bull	GMU 653	( ( 37 ) ) 35
Turnbull	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) 12-24	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
Ten Forty	EA	Any	Sept. 1-8	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	2
Grande Ronde	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Alkali	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 1-2 ) ) 1-20	Any Elk	GMUs 334, 371	10
Skagit River	WA	Any	( ( Aug. 26 - Sept. 14 and Jan. 1-7, 2020 ) ) Aug. 24 - Sept. 12 and Jan. 1-7, 2021	Any bull	Elk Area 4941	8-(TBD)9
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	3
Lewis River	WA	Any	Nov. ( ( 27 ) ) 25 - Dec. 8	3 pt. min.	GMU 560	5
Siouxon	WA	Any	Nov. ( ( 27 ) ) 25 - Dec. 8	3 pt. min.	GMU 572	5

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Olympic	WA	Any	Sept. ( ( <del>1-22</del> ) ) <u>1-24</u> and Dec. 1-15	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT Elk Area 6071	<del>3</del> <u>1</u>
Skokomish	WA	Any	Sept. ( ( <del>1-22</del> ) ) <u>1-24</u> and Dec. 1-15	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	<del>2</del> <u>1</u>
Turnbull	EM	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 8-13</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 28 - Dec. 3</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
Ten Forty	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( <del>5-11</del> ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1040	2
Grande Ronde	EM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 30 - Oct. 4</del> ) ) <u>Sept. 28 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Alkali	EM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 23 - Oct. 13</del> ) ) <u>Sept. 21 - Oct. 11</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 371	15
Skagit River	WM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 18-29 and Dec. 2-11 and Jan. 8-19, 2020</del> ) ) <u>Sept. 19-30 and Nov. 30 - Dec. 9 and Jan. 9-20, 2021</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 4941	<del>5 (TBD)</del> <u>6</u>
Upper Smith Creek	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Any bull	Elk Area 5066	3
Yale	WM	Any	Nov. ( ( <del>27</del> ) ) <u>25 - Dec. 15</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 554	15
Olympic	WM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 28 - Oct. 4</del> ) ) <u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 9</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	2
Skokomish	WM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 28 - Oct. 4</del> ) ) <u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 9</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	1
White River	WM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 28 - Oct. 4</del> ) ) <u>Sept. 26 - Oct. 9</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	7

<b>Antlerless Elk</b>						
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North Half	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Douglas	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 108	5
Aladdin	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	10
Selkirk	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	10



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49 Degrees North	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8 and Dec. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 117	10
Huckleberry	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3 and Dec. 16-31</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8 and Dec. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 121	10
Turnbull	EF	Any	Nov. ( ( <del>16-21</del> ) ) <u>14-19</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Turnbull	EF	Any	Dec. ( ( <del>11-16</del> ) ) <u>8-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	Oct. ( ( <del>12-22</del> ) ) <u>17-25</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	10
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	20
Prescott	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	20
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ( ( <del>12-22</del> ) ) <u>17-25</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	5
Blue Creek	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	5
Marengo ( ( - Dayton ) )	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 163	10
Mountain View	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	40
( ( Ten-Forty	EF	Any	Nov. 4-10	Antlerless	<del>Elk Area 1040</del>	<del>5</del> ) )
Couse	EF	Any	Oct. ( ( <del>12-22</del> ) ) <u>17-25</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	15
Couse	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 8</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	( ( <del>40</del> ) ) <u>30</u>
( ( George-Creek	EF	Any	<del>Oct. 12 – Nov. 19</del>	Antlerless	<del>Elk Area 1082</del>	<del>5</del> ) )
Malaga	EF	Any	Sept. ( ( <del>9-20</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	20
Malaga	EF	Any	Nov. ( ( <del>4</del> ) ) <u>3</u> - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	55
Colockum	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 30 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-8</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	( ( <del>100</del> ) ) <u>50</u>
West Bar	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 26-29</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 3</u>	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
West Bar	EF	Any	( ( <del>Oct. 30 – Nov.</del>	Antlerless	GMU 330	5

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			3 ) ) Nov. 4-8			
Teanaway	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 ) ) Nov. 4-8	Antlerless	GMU 335	(( 30 ) ) 25
Taneum	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 ) ) Nov. 4-8	Antlerless	GMU 336	(( 35 ) ) 25
Manastash	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 ) ) Nov. 4-8	Antlerless	GMU 340	(( 30 ) ) 25
Umtanum	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 ) ) Nov. 4-8	Antlerless	GMU 342	25
Little Naches	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 ) ) Nov. 4-8	Antlerless	GMU 346	(( 35 ) ) 30
Nile	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 ) ) Nov. 4-8	Antlerless	GMU 352	10
Bumping	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 ) ) Nov. 4-8	Antlerless	GMU 356	(( 20 ) ) 15
Bethel	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 ) ) Nov. 4-8	Antlerless	GMU 360	10
Rimrock	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 ) ) Nov. 4-8	Antlerless	GMU 364	15
Cowiche	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 30 – Nov. 3 ) ) Nov. 4-8	Antlerless	GMU 368	15
Alkali	EF	Any	( ( Oct. 14 – Nov. 4 ) ) Oct. 12-30	Antlerless	GMU 371	(( 20 ) ) 25
North Bend	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) 7-18	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
Green River	WF, WA, WM	Any	( ( Nov. 2-8 ) ) <del>Oct. 24-30 (TBD)</del> Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	GMU 485	<del>10 (TBD)</del> 12
Mossyrock	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) 7-18	Antlerless	GMU 505	20
Willapa Hills	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) 7-18	Antlerless	GMU 506	(( 25 ) ) 20
Winston	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) 7-18	Antlerless	GMU 520	(( 25 ) ) 10
Margaret	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) 7-18	Antlerless	GMU 524 (except <b>CLOSED</b> in Elk Area 5066)	5
Ryderwood	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) 7-18	Antlerless	GMU 530	15

Antlerless Elk						
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Coweeman	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	(( 45 ) ) <u>10</u>
Toutle	WF	Any	Nov. 20-30	Antlerless	GMU 556	(( 45 ) ) <u>5</u>
Lewis River	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	(( 25 ) ) <u>15</u>
Washougal	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 568	(( 20 ) ) <u>10</u>
Siouxon	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 572	(( 45 ) ) <u>10</u>
Wind River	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	(( 25 ) ) <u>15</u>
West Klickitat	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 578	(( 45 ) ) <u>30</u>
( ( Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5065	4 ) )
Norway Pass	WF	Any	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	(( 5 ) ) <u>3</u>
Mudflow	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	(( 5 ) ) <u>3</u>
Mallis	WF	Any	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Mallis	WF	Any	Jan. 1-20, ( ( 2020 ) ) <u>2021</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	20
Puyallup	WF	Any	( ( Dec. 28, 2019– Jan. 15, 2020 ) ) Jan. 1-20, 2021	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Puyallup	WF	Any	( ( Jan. 16–Feb. 5, 2020 ) ) Jan. 21 - Feb. 10, 2021	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Puyallup	WF	Any	( ( Feb. 6-23, 2020 ) ) Feb. 11-28, 2021	Antlerless	Elk Area 6014	10
Hanaford	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Williams Creek	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 673	50
Long Beach	WF	Any	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 684	6
Turnbull	EA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	12
Malaga	EA	Any	( ( Sept. 1-7 ) ) <u>Aug. 30 - Sept. 5</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	20
Margaret	WA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u> and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 524 (except <b>CLOSED</b> in Elk Area 5066)	5
Toutle	WA	Any	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) <u>12-24</u> and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 556	(( 45 ) ) <u>10</u>
( ( Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	2 ) )
Norway Pass	WA	Any	Oct. 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	3

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Mudflow	WA	Any	( ( Sept. 7-13 and Nov. 15-20 ) ) <u>Sept. 5-11 and Nov. 19-23</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	( ( 7 ) ) <u>5</u>
Lewis River	WA	Any	Nov. ( ( 27 ) ) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Siouxon	WA	Any	Nov. ( ( 27 ) ) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 572	3
Wynoochee	WA	Any	Nov. ( ( 27 ) ) <u>25</u> - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 648	( ( 110 ) ) <u>100</u>
North Half	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Douglas	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 108	5
Aladdin	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	10
Selkirk	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	10
49 Degrees North	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	20
Huckleberry	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 121	10
Turnbull	EM	Any	( ( Oct. 8-13 ) ) <u>Nov. 28 - Dec. 3</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	8
Turnbull	EM	Any	( ( Nov. 30 - Dec. 5 ) ) <u>Dec. 15-20</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	8
Blue Creek	EM	Any	( ( Dec. 9, 2019 - Jan. 20, 2020 ) ) <u>Dec. 9, 2020 - Jan. 20, 2021</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	15
Mountain View	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	20
Mayview-Peola	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	20
Couse	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	( ( 20 ) ) <u>10</u>
Couse	EM	Any	( ( Dec. 1, 2019 - Jan. 20, 2020 ) ) <u>Dec. 1, 2020 - Jan. 20, 2021</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081 and Elk Area 1075	35
( ( George Creek	EM	Any	Sept. 28 - Oct. 11 and Nov. 20 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Elk Area 1082	5 ) )
Malaga	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	45
Colockum	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	( ( 50 ) ) <u>35</u>
West Bar	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
Teanaway	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 335	( ( 40 ) ) <u>20</u>
Taneum	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 336	( ( 25 ) ) <u>20</u>
Manastash	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 340	( ( 25 ) ) <u>20</u>

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Umtanum	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 342	20
Nile	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 352	10
Bumping	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 356	10
Bethel	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 360	10
Cowiche	EM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 368	10
Alkali	EM	Any	( ( <del>Sept. 23 - Oct. 13</del> ) ) <u>Sept. 21 - Oct. 11</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	( ( 40 ) ) <u>20</u>
Willapa Hills	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 506	15
Mudflow	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-15 ) ) <u>3-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	4
Winston	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	( ( 45 ) ) <u>5</u>
Margaret	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 524 (except <b>CLOSED</b> in Elk Area 5066)	5
Ryderwood	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	10
Coweeman	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	( ( 45 ) ) <u>10</u>
Yale	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 554	( ( 20 ) ) <u>10</u>
Yale	WM	Any	Nov. ( ( 27 ) ) <u>25</u> - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 554	( ( 45 ) ) <u>10</u>
Toutle	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 556	( ( 45 ) ) <u>10</u>
Lewis River	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	( ( 40 ) ) <u>5</u>
Washougal	WM	Any	Nov. ( ( 27 ) ) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 568	( ( 20 ) ) <u>10</u>
Siouxon	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 572	5
Wind River	WM	Any	Nov. ( ( 27 ) ) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 574	( ( 30 ) ) <u>20</u>
( ( Upper Smith Creek	WM	Any	<u>Oct. 9-15</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	2 ) )
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5065	1
Norway Pass	WM	Any	Oct. 9-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5066	2
Mallis	WM	Any	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Mashel	WM	Any	( ( <del>Dec. 28, 2019 - Jan. 11, 2020</del> ) ) <u>Jan. 1-15, 2021</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6054	20
North River	WM	Any	Nov. ( ( 17 ) ) <u>19</u> - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 658	20
Forks <sup>¥</sup>	WF, WM, WA	Any	Jan. 1-31, ( ( 2020 ) ) <u>2021</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6612	20

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<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Weapon/Tag</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Dates</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Permits</b>
Turnbull	EF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>23-28</del> ) ) <u>21-26</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Turnbull	EF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>23-28</del> ) ) <u>21-26</u>	Spike bull only	Elk Area 1015	1
Aladdin	EF	Youth	( ( <del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	5
Selkirk	EF	Youth	( ( <del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	5
49 Degrees North	EF	Youth	( ( <del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	5
Mayview-Peola	EF	Youth	( ( <del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	5
Blue Creek	EF	Youth	( ( <del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	3
( ( <del>Dayton</del> ) )	EF	Youth	<del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</del>	Antlerless	GMU 162	( <del>3</del> ) )
<u>TenTen</u>	EF	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 1010</u>	<u>3</u>
Ten Forty	EF	Youth	Oct. ( ( <del>12-20</del> ) ) <u>17-25</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1040	( ( <del>5</del> ) ) <u>3</u>
Couse	EF	Youth	( ( <del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1081	10
Malaga	EF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>4-15</del> ) ) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
Colockum	EF	Youth	( ( <del>Oct. 30 - Nov. 14</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	( ( <del>25</del> ) ) <u>20</u>
Yakima North	EF	Youth	( ( <del>Oct. 30 - Nov. 14</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	( ( <del>45</del> ) ) <u>10</u>
Yakima Central	EF	Youth	( ( <del>Oct. 30 - Nov. 14</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF	Youth	( ( <del>Oct. 30 - Nov. 14</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
<u>Alkali</u>	EF	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Dec. 14, 2020 - Jan. 3, 2021</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 371</u>	<u>20</u>
Colockum	EM	Youth	( ( <del>Sept. 28 - Oct. 6</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	10
Yakima North	EM	Youth	( ( <del>Sept. 28 - Oct. 6</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10
Yakima Central	EM	Youth	( ( <del>Sept. 28 - Oct. 6</del> ) )	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	10

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
			6 ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>			
Yakima South	EM	Youth	( ( <del>Sept. 28 - Oct. 6</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	10
<u>Alkali</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Nov. 21 - Dec. 13</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 371</u>	<u>10</u>
North Bend	WF, WM, WA	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
Skagit River	WF, WM, WA	Youth	( ( <del>Nov. 9 - Dec. 1 and Dec. 16-31</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 7-29 and Dec. 14-29</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	<del>5 (TBD)</del> 5
Mudflow	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	Youth	Nov. 21-30	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5
Mudflow	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	Youth	( ( <del>Oct. 26 - Nov. 1 and Nov. 25-30</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 24 - Nov. 1</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	5
Coweeman	WF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 550	( ( <del>45</del> ) ) <u>10</u>
Toutle	WF	Youth	Nov. 20-30	Antlerless	GMU 556	( ( <del>20</del> ) ) <u>10</u>
Lewis River	WF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 560	5
Wind River	WF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 574	5
West Klickitat	WF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 578	( ( <del>45</del> ) ) <u>10</u>
Region 5	WF, WM ( ( ; WA ) )	Youth with mentor	( ( <del>Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</del> ) ) <u>Aug. 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	10 <sup>HC</sup>
Peninsula	WF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	4
Clearwater	WF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 615	5
Matheny	WF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 618	5
Wynoochee	WF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 648	10
North River	WF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 658	5
Williams Creek	WF	Youth	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 673	10
Mallis	WF	Youth	( ( <del>Dec. 16, 2019 - Jan. 20, 2020</del> ) ) <u>Dec. 16, 2020 - Jan. 20, 2021</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Peninsula	WA	Youth	Sept. ( ( <del>7-19</del> ) ) <u>12-24</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	2
Peninsula	WM	Youth	Oct. ( ( <del>5-11</del> ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	2
Forks <sup>Y</sup>	WF, WM, WA	Youth	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6612	10
Region 6	WF	Youth with mentor	( ( <del>Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020</del> ) ) <u>Aug. 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	( ( <del>5<sup>HC</sup></del> ) ) <u>7<sup>HC</sup></u>

**65+ Senior - Only hunters 65 and older may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.**

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
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<b>65+ Senior - Only hunters 65 and older may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.</b>						
<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Weapon/Tag</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Dates</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Permits</b>
Northeast	EF	65+	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMUs 113, 117	10
Prescott	EF	65+	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	3
Blue Creek	EF	65+	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	1
( ( <del>Dayton</del>	<del>EF</del>	65+	<del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del>	<del>Antlerless</del>	<del>GMU 163</del>	<del>4</del> ) )
<u>Marengo</u>	<u>EF</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 163</u>	<u>1</u>
Peola	EF	65+	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 178	3
Malaga	EF	65+	Nov. ( ( <del>4-15</del> ) ) <u>2-13</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
Colockum	EF	65+	( ( <del>Oct. 30 – Nov. 11</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	10
Yakima North	EF	65+	( ( <del>Oct. 30 – Nov. 11</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10
Yakima Central	EF	65+	( ( <del>Oct. 30 – Nov. 11</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Yakima South	EF	65+	( ( <del>Oct. 30 – Nov. 11</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
Alkali	EF	65+	( ( <del>Oct. 14 – Nov. 1</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 11-30</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	10
North Bend	WF, WM, WA	65+	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
Colockum	EM	65+	( ( <del>Sept. 28 – Oct. 6</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	5
Yakima North	EM	65+	( ( <del>Sept. 28 – Oct. 6</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	5
Yakima Central	EM	65+	( ( <del>Sept. 28 – Oct. 6</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5
Ryderwood	WF	65+	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMU 530	( ( <del>40</del> ) ) <u>5</u>
<u>Willapa Hills</u>	<u>WF</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Nov. 7-18</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>GMU 506</u>	<u>5</u>
Skagit River	WF, WM, WA	65+	( ( <del>Nov. 9 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 16-31</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 7-29 and Dec. 14-29</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	<del>5 (TBD)</del> <u>5</u>



<b>65+ Senior - Only hunters 65 and older may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.</b>						
<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Weapon/Tag</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Dates</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Permits</b>
Peninsula	WF	65+	Nov. ( ( <del>2-13</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	3
Centralia Mine	WF	65+	Sept. ( ( <del>7-8</del> ) ) <u>5-6</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6011	5
Hanaford	WF, WM, WA	65+	( ( <del>Dec. 28, 2019 – Jan. 11, 2020</del> ) ) <u>Jan. 1-15, 2021</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Hanaford	WF, WM, WA	65+	Jan. ( ( <del>12-26, 2020</del> ) ) <u>16-31, 2021</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Peninsula	WA	65+	Sept. ( ( <del>7-19</del> ) ) <u>12-24</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1
Peninsula	WM	65+	Oct. ( ( <del>5-11</del> ) ) <u>3-9</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1
Forks <sup>v</sup>	WF, WM, WA	65+	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6612	10

<b>Hunters with Disabilities - Only hunters with disabilities may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.</b>						
<b>Hunt Name</b>	<b>Weapon/Tag</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Dates</b>	<b>Special Restrictions</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Permits</b>
Northeast	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8 and Dec. 16-31</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 113, 117	4
Turnbull	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ( ( <del>1-6</del> ) ) <u>7-12</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Prescott	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	3
Blue Creek	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	1
Dayton	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 163	1
Peola	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( <del>Oct. 26 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 31 - Nov. 8</u>	Antlerless	GMU 178	3
Observatory	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( <del>Oct. 21 – Nov. 3</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 26 - Nov. 8</u>	Any bull	GMUs 334, 340, 342	( ( 4 ) ) <u>3</u>
Little Naches	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( <del>Sept. 28 – Oct. 6</del> ) ) <u>Oct. 3-11</u>	Any bull	GMU 346	( ( 4 ) ) <u>3</u>
Malaga	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. ( ( <del>9-20</del> ) ) <u>7-18</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
Colockum	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( <del>Oct. 30 – Nov. 11</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329, 335	10
Yakima North	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( <del>Oct. 30 – Nov. 11</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346	10
Yakima Central	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( <del>Oct. 30 – Nov. 11</del> ) ) <u>Nov. 4-11</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 352, 356, 360	5

<b>Hunters with Disabilities - Only hunters with disabilities may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.</b>						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Yakima South	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( Oct. 30 – Nov. 14 ) ) Nov. 4-11	Antlerless	GMUs 364, 368	5
Alkali	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( Oct. 14 – Nov. 1 ) ) Oct. 11-30	Any bull	GMUs 334, 371	5
Corral Canyon	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. 22-29	Any elk	Elk Area 3721	2
North Bend	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) 7-18	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
Skagit River	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( Nov. 9 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 16-31 ) ) Nov. 7-29 and Dec. 14-29	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	5 (TBD) 5
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ( ( 18-24 ) ) 14-20	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	5
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. ( ( 24-30 ) ) 22-28	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5
Washougal	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) 7-18	Antlerless	GMU 568	( ( 10 ) ) 5
Region 5	WF, WM ( ( , WA ) )	Hunters w/ Disabilities	( ( Aug. 1, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2020 ) ) Aug. 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	( ( 10 <sup>HC</sup> ) ) 5 <sup>HC</sup>
Centralia Mine	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ( ( 5-6 ) ) 10-11	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Elk Area 6011	5
Peninsula	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Nov. ( ( 2-13 ) ) 7-18	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	3
Peninsula	WM	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ( ( 5-11 ) ) 3-9	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1
Peninsula	WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. ( ( 7-19 ) ) 12-24	Antlerless	GMUs 602, 607, 612, 615	1

**Master Hunter - Only master hunters may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt. Additional weapon restrictions may be conditioned by the hunt coordinator for each hunt. For those hunts requiring the purchase of a master hunter second tag, one elk may be killed in the unit under the authorization of the special permit.**

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Requirements	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Dec. ( ( 19-31 ) ) 22-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	5
Region 1	EF, EA, EM/ 2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	( ( Aug. 1, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2020 ) ) Aug. 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	Antlerless	Region 1	20 <sup>HC</sup>
Region 2	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	( ( Aug. 1, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2020 ) ) Aug. 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 2	10 <sup>HC</sup>
Fairview	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	( ( Oct. 26, 2019 – Mar. 31, 2020 ) ) Oct. 26, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMUs 328-368	( ( 30 <sup>HC</sup> ) ) 20 <sup>HC</sup>
Region 3	Any elk tag/2nd	Master Hunter	Master	( ( Aug. 1, 2019 –	Antlerless	Designated Areas in	( ( 25 <sup>HC</sup> ) )

**Master Hunter - Only master hunters may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt. Additional weapon restrictions may be conditioned by the hunt coordinator for each hunt. For those hunts requiring the purchase of a master hunter second tag, one elk may be killed in the unit under the authorization of the special permit.**

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Requirements	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
	elk tag	elk tag required	Hunter	<del>Mar. 31, 2020</del> ) ) Aug. 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021		Region 3	20 <sup>HC</sup>
Rattlesnake Hills	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	<del>( ( Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020 ) )</del> Aug. 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMU 372	20 <sup>HC</sup>
Region 4 North	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	<del>( ( July 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020 ) )</del> July 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Whatcom and Skagit counties	13 <sup>HC</sup> ( <del>TBD</del> )
Region 4 South	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	<del>( ( July 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020 ) )</del> July 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	Antlerless	Designated Areas in King and Snohomish counties	10 <sup>HC</sup>
Pumice Plains	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Oct. 9-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	2
Pumice Plains	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Oct. 17-23	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	<del>( ( 5 ) )</del> 3
<del>( ( Pumice Plains</del>	<del>Any elk tag/2nd elk tag</del>	<del>Master Hunter elk tag required</del>	<del>Master Hunter</del>	Nov. 2-13	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	<del>2 ) )</del>
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Dec. 15-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	5
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 1-15, <del>( ( 2020 ) )</del> 2021	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	5
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 16-30, <del>( ( 2020 ) )</del> 2021	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	5
<del>( ( JBH*</del>	<del>Any elk tag/2nd elk tag</del>	<del>Master Hunter elk tag required</del>	<del>Master Hunter</del>	Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Elk Area 5090	<del>5<sup>HC</sup> ) )</del>
Region 5	Any western elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	<del>( ( Aug. 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020 ) )</del> Aug. 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 5	<del>( ( 30<sup>HC</sup> ) )</del> 20 <sup>HC</sup>
Long Beach	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	<del>( ( July 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020 ) )</del> July 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	Antlerless	GMU 684	5
Region 6	WF, WA, WM/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	<del>( ( July 1, 2019 - Mar. 31, 2020 ) )</del> July 1, 2020 - Mar. 31, 2021	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	30 <sup>HC</sup>

\* Muzzleloader only, scopes allowed.

\*\* May only hunt on privately owned lands. Must use only archery or legal shotgun (10 or 12 gauge; slugs only).

‡ Must use only archery, muzzleloader, or legal shotgun (10 or 12 gauge; slugs only).

<sup>HC</sup> This is a damage hunt administered by a WDFW designated hunt coordinator. Successful applicants will be contacted on an as-needed basis to help with specific sites of elk damage on designated landowner's property. Not all successful applicants will be contacted in any given year, depending on elk damage activity for that year.

#### Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits

– Special elk permits will be allocated through a random drawing to those hunter education instructors who qualify.

- Permit hunters must use archery equipment during archery seasons, muzzleloader equipment or archery equipment during muzzleloader seasons, and any legal weapon during modern firearm seasons. Hunter orange and/or hunter pink is required during modern firearm seasons.
- Except for online class incentive permits and chief instructor incentive permits, qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, inclusive of the year prior to the permit drawing.
- Permittees may purchase a second license for use with the permit hunt only.
- Qualified hunter education instructors may only receive one incentive permit each year.

Area	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
Region 3	All general season and permit seasons established for GMUs included with the permit. Not eligible for seasons and permits for auction hunts; raffle hunts; and hunts for master hunters, youth hunters, hunters with disabilities, or hunters 65 years and older, unless the hunter education instructor legally qualifies for such hunts.	Any bull	GMUs ( ( 336-346 ) ) 336-368	1
( ( Region 3 ) )		( ( Any bull	GMUs 352-360	4 ) )
( ( Region 3 ) )		( ( Any bull	GMUs 364-368	4 ) )
Region 5		Any elk	382, 388 and all 500 series GMUs EXCEPT GMU 522	2
Region 6		Any elk	GMUs 618, 638-648, 654, 658, 663, 672, 699	1

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.020. WSR 19-20-078 (Order 19-245), § 220-415-060, filed 9/27/19, effective 10/28/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.090, 77.04.130, 77.15.568, 77.08.010, 77.65.510, 77.65.515, and 77.65.520. WSR 19-10-011 (Order 19-79), § 220-415-060, filed 4/19/19, effective 5/20/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-060, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090. WSR 17-10-076 (Order 17-10), amended and recodified as § 220-415-060, filed 5/3/17, effective 6/3/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055,

77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155.  
WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-360, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16.  
Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150,  
and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-059 (Order 15-98), § 232-28-360, filed  
4/30/15, effective 5/31/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047,  
77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 14-10-019 (Order 14-95), § 232-28-360,  
filed 4/25/14, effective 5/26/14; WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-  
28-360, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW  
77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-360, filed 5/2/12,  
effective 6/2/12.]

## WAC 220-413-180 Special Closure and Firearm Restriction Areas.

### RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The department recommends the following adjustments since the Code Reviser filed (CR-102). The adjustments are included in your notebooks.

#### Page 18

- Change: For Blue Creek, change permits from 9 to 8.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Dayton, change permits from 3 to 2.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Tucannon, change permits from 6 to 5.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Wenaha East, change permits from 5 to 4.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

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- Change: For Ten Forty, change permits from 2 to 1.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Couse, change permits from 3 to 5.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Colockum (Oct. 21-Nov. 3), change permits from 24 to 23.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Nooksack, change permits from TBD to 13.

Rationale: Permit numbers were developed in collaboration with Treaty Tribes after the filing of the CR-102.

- Change: For Green River, change season dates from TBD to Oct. 17-23 and permits from TBD to 10.

Rationale: Permit numbers were developed in collaboration with Treaty Tribes after the filing of the CR-102.

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- Change: For Toutle, change permits from 29 to 26.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Ten Ten, change permits from 2 to 3.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

## **Page 21**

- Change: For Colockum, change permits from 17 to 15.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Observatory, change permits from 20 to 19.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Goose Prairie, change permits from 7 to 6.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Bethel, change permits from 6 to 7.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Rimrock, change permits from 21 to 20.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Nooksack, change permits from TBD to 8.

Rationale: Permit numbers were developed in collaboration with Treaty Tribes after the filing of the CR-102.

## **Page 22**

- Change: For Wenaha East, change permits from 2 to 1.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Colockum, change permits from 6 to 7.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Teanaway, change permits from 2 to 1.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

## **Page 23**

- Change: For Nooksack, change permits from TBD to 8.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Toutle, change permits from 13 to 9.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.



- Change: For Teanaway, change permits from 5 to 4.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Peaches Ridge, change permits from 13 to 15.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Observatory, change permits from 16 to 14.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

## **Page 24**

- Change: For Goose Prairie, change permits from 8 to 7.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Rimrock, change permits from 28 to 33.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Skagit River, WF, change permits from TBD to 6.

Rationale: Permit numbers were developed in collaboration with Treaty Tribes after the filing of the CR-102.

- Change: For Olympic, change permits from 6 to 5.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Skokomish, change permits from 3 to 2.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Skagit River, WA, change permits from TBD to 9.

Rationale: Permit numbers were developed in collaboration with Treaty Tribes after the filing of the CR-102.

## **Page 25**

- Change: For Olympic, change permits from 3 to 1.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Skokomish, change permits from 2 to 1.

Rationale: Harvest estimates from 2019 became available and were used to make final allocation adjustments.

- Change: For Skagit River, change permits from TBD to 6.

Rationale: Permit numbers were developed in collaboration with Treaty Tribes after the filing of the CR-102.

## **Page 27**

- Change: For Green River, change season dates from TBD to Oct. 17-23 and permits from TBD to 12.

Rationale: Permit numbers were developed in collaboration with Treaty Tribes after the filing of the CR-102.

## **Page 32**

- Change: For Skagit River, change permits from TBD to 5.

Rationale: Permit numbers were developed in collaboration with Treaty Tribes after the filing of the CR-102.

## **Page 33**

- Change: For Skagit River, change permits from TBD to 5.

Rationale: Permit numbers were developed in collaboration with Treaty Tribes after the filing of the CR-102.

## **Page 34**

- Change: For Skagit River, change permits from TBD to 5.

Rationale: Permit numbers were developed in collaboration with Treaty Tribes after the filing of the CR-102.

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- Change: For Region 4 North, delete TBD.

Rationale: Permit numbers were developed in collaboration with Treaty Tribes after the filing of the CR-102.

## **Summary of Public Comments Received During the Official Comment Period and WDFW Response:**

### WAC 220-415-060 2020 Elk Special Permits.

#### **Supporting Comments:**

The Department received ten comments in support of the proposal. Two comments expressed general support, two advocated for replacing archery general seasons with special permits, one advocated for longer youth seasons in the Yakima herd, one advocated for more opportunity for senior hunters in GMU 560, one advocated for less tribal harvest, one advocated for predator management, and one advocated for less archery opportunity. One additional comment was unrelated to the proposal.

#### **Opposing, Neutral, and Other Comments:**

The Department received twenty-three comments in opposition to the proposal. Five comments advocated for predator management, five expressed opposition to a reduction in permit numbers, three advocated for a reduction in tribal harvest, two advocated against a reduction of bull permits in the Blue Mountains, two expressed general support for the proposal, two were opposed to reductions in opportunities for archery hunters, one advocated for removing all special permits, one advocated for more youth permits, one expressed opposition to reducing special permits for senior hunters, one supported further reductions in antlerless opportunities, one advocated for more opportunity for archery hunters that use traditional equipment, one advocated for more antlerless permits in GMUs 513 and 516, and one thought there were too many special permits for antlerless elk in GMU 648.

The Department received five neutral comments. Two comments advocated for predator management, one comment advocated for more youth permits, and two comments were not related to the proposal.

The Department also received one email that expressed concern about current status of the Colockum and Yakima elk herds. More specifically, they advocated for removing all antlerless harvest, not having other seasons overlap the Quality bull hunts, eliminating “true-spike”, consider closing both areas to all elk hunting, and better enforcement of the green-dot road system.

Lastly, the Department met with representatives from Washington State Bowhunters, the Washington State Archery Association, and Traditional Bowhunters of Washington to discuss proposals for the Colockum and Yakima elk herds. All three groups expressed strong values associated with providing general season opportunities for archery hunters to harvest antlerless elk.

#### **Direction and Rationale:**

The Department will move forward with the recommendation to the Fish and Wildlife Commission as originally proposed. The most common themes from comments received included advocating for predator management, opposition to reductions in opportunity, and reducing tribal harvest. The Department has already liberalized bear seasons in eastern Washington and is proposing options to recreational cougar seasons that could increase opportunities to harvest cougars. Although the Department attempts to work collaboratively with the 24 tribes that have off-reservation hunting

rights, they set their own hunting regulations for their tribal members. Although opposition to a reduction in opportunities was a central theme, those reductions are necessary given the current status of the Colockum (8% below objective), Yakima (14% below objective), Blue Mountains (25% below objective), and Mount St. Helens (30-35% decline in 2019) elk herds.



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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**Supplemental Notice to WSR** \_\_\_\_\_

**Continuance of WSR** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 20-01-123 on December 16, 2019 ; or**

**Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR \_\_\_\_\_; or**

**Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or**

**Proposal is exempt under RCW \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (describe subject) The department seeks to adopt rules concerning the 2020-2021 season setting.

WAC 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region five.

WAC 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region six.

WAC 220-412-050 Landowner raffle hunts.

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

WAC 220-412-090 Multiple season big game permits.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

WAC 220-413-180 Special closures and firearm restriction areas.

WAC 220-413-200 Reducing the spread of hoof disease—Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

WAC 220-415-020 2018-2020 Deer general seasons and definitions.

WAC 220-415-030 2019 Deer special permits.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions.

WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits.

WAC 220-415-070 2019 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

WAC 220-415-100 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Cougar.

WAC 220-415-120 2019 Bighorn sheep seasons and permit quotas.

WAC 220-415-130 2019 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

WAC 220-416-010 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

WAC 220-416-040 Hunting predatory birds.

WAC 220-416-060 2019-2020 Migratory waterfowl seasons and regulations.

WAC 220-440-060 Killing wildlife causing private property damage.

**Hearing location(s):**

**Date:**                      **Time:**                      **Location:** (be specific)                      **Comment:**

March 13-14, 2020	8:00 a.m.	Red Lion Columbia Center 1101 N. Columbia Center Blvd. Kennewick, Washington 99336	
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**Date of intended adoption:** April 10-11, 2020 (Note: This is **NOT** the effective date)

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**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**

WAC 220-410-050 Game management unit (GMU) boundary descriptions—Region five.

The purpose of this proposal is to correct any errors in the boundary descriptions for game management unit 506.

WAC 220-410-060 Game management unit (GMU) boundary descriptions—Region six.

The purpose of this proposal is to correct any errors in the boundary descriptions for game management unit 673.

WAC 220-412-050 Landowner raffle hunts.

The purpose of this proposal is to alter the adjustment of annual report submission date requirements from December 31 to May 1, to coincide with WAC 220-412-100. This also allows enrolled landowners to submit all required reports at the same time.

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

This proposal adds game management units (GMUs) 186 and portions of GMU 181 (south of the line made by starting at Montgomery Ridge Road and Highway 129, to the Sherry Grade Road, to the Couse Creek Road, to the Snake River) to the legal hunt area for the Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Raffle Permit.

WAC 220-412-090 Multiple season big game permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to clarify language.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to further develop the standard operating procedure for the Landowner Hunting Permit (LHP) Program. The Landowner Hunting Permit WAC has been adjusted to reflect the new proposed requirements for the LHP program, as outlined in the standard operating procedure. The revised standard operating procedure anticipates better management, monitoring, and an improved experience for the general public, while recreating on properties enrolled in the Landowner Hunting Permit.

WAC 220-413-180 Special closures and firearm restriction areas.

The proposed administrative changes remove the reference to “wooden towers” from the description for the Columbia River Restricted Hunting Area. Corrections are made to the spelling of Newberry (from Newbury) Hill Road for the Firearm Restriction Area in Kitsap County.

WAC 220-413-200 Reducing the spread of hoof disease—Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

The purpose of this proposal is to abolish the rule.

WAC 220-415-020 2018-2020 Deer general seasons and definitions.

The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season deer hunting opportunities for 2020. It also aims to balance the hunting opportunities between user groups. The proposal also increases opportunities when deer populations allow and reduces opportunities when declining deer numbers warrant a change.

WAC 220-415-030 2019 Deer special permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit for deer hunting opportunities for 2020. It also balances hunting opportunities between user groups, increases opportunities when deer populations allow, and reduces opportunities when declining deer numbers warrant a change. Lastly, it adds language that clarifies the bag limit is one deer, except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one deer hunt category.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

The purpose of the proposed changes would eliminate Elk Area No. 1011 (Columbia County), Elk Area No. 1012 (Asotin County), and Elk Area No. 1082 (Asotin County).

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions.

The purpose of the proposed change is to retain general season elk hunting opportunities for 2020. It also balances hunting opportunities between user groups, increases opportunities when elk populations allow, and reduces opportunities when declining elk numbers warrant a change.

The department will not develop specific recommendations regarding opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during the early archery general elk seasons in the Colockum (GMUs 328, 329) and Yakima (GMUs 336, 340, 352, 356, 364) elk herd areas until population surveys are completed in February and/or March. If population surveys indicate it is warranted, the department may also consider reducing opportunities for archery hunters to harvest antlerless elk during the late archery general elk seasons, and reducing modern firearm, and muzzleloader special permit opportunities. A general overview of the recommendations that may be considered dependent of herd status are provided below. Recommendations developed in response to surveys indicating a population decline will also depend on the severity of the decline.

Colockum Elk Herd: (GMUs 249, 251, 328, 329, 330, 334, 335)

<u>Herd Status</u>	<u>General Overview of Recommendation</u>
Decline	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during archery seasons, except for those associated with addressing damage issues, and in areas where the department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMU 334, 335). Also, reduce opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Stable	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during archery seasons, except for those associated with addressing damage issues and in areas where the department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMU 334, 335). Replace some of the lost opportunities with a limited number of permits to harvest antlerless elk. Retain opportunities to harvest antlerless elk during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Increase	Retain current general and special permit seasons.

Yakima Elk Herd: (GMUs 336, 340, 342, 346, 352, 356, 360, 364, 368, 371, 372)

<u>Herd Status</u>	<u>General Overview of Recommendation</u>
Decline	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk, except for those associated with addressing damage issues and in areas where the department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMUs 371 and 372). Replace some of the lost opportunities with a limited number of permits to harvest antlerless elk. If warranted, also reduce opportunities during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Stable	Significantly reduce or eliminate general season opportunities to harvest antlerless elk, except for those associated with addressing damage issues and in areas where the department does not manage for large numbers of elk (e.g., GMU 371 and 372). Replace some of the lost opportunities with a limited number of permits to harvest antlerless elk. Retain current opportunities during modern firearm and muzzleloader permit seasons.
Increase	Retain current general and special permit seasons.

WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits.

The purpose of this proposal is to retain elk special permit hunting opportunities for 2020. It also balances elk hunting opportunities between user groups, increases elk hunting opportunities when elk populations allow, and reduces opportunities when declining elk numbers warrant a change. Lastly, it adds language that clarifies the bag limit is one elk, except where otherwise allowed by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one elk hunt category.

WAC 220-415-070 2019 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

This proposal adds language that clarifies the bag limit is one moose, except where otherwise allowed by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one moose hunt category. It also adjusts moose hunt permit limits to reflect population changes and recent harvest.

WAC 220-415-100 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Cougar.

The proposed changes are designed to give the Commission four options to choose from relating to recreational cougar harvest guidelines. The non-status quo options are intended to extend seasons in areas where harvest has been historically high, and where cougar human conflict is also high. The intended result of the longer season is to shift a proportion of the cougar removal, currently carried out by agency personnel, to hunters:

- The first option is status quo with one caveat, the density we used to set the guideline is the median of five research projects that were conducted in Washington. The median is a better measure because it is not affected by outliers in the data. In the past we used the mean.



- The second option also uses a median density that is calculated using only adult cougars that are 24 months or older. This option reduces the guideline slightly, but sub-adult cougars harvested under this option would not count toward the guideline for season closure.
- The third option adjusts the guideline upward for units that exceeded the guideline by December 31 at least once in the past five years. The new guideline is based on the highest harvest in the past five years. In this option there is the assumption that density is higher in these areas. In two PMUs, the guidelines in this option were adjusted, so they did not exceed an assumed density 4.15 cougars per 100 square kilometers. This was intended to keep the density within an acceptable range based on research conducted in the western United States. This guideline includes adults and sub-adults.
- The fourth option is like option three, but only uses a density based on adult cougars and only counts adult cougars towards the guideline.

WAC 220-415-120 2019 Bighorn sheep seasons and permit quotas.

This proposal adds language that clarifies the bag limit is one bighorn sheep, except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one bighorn sheep category. It also adjusts bighorn sheep hunt permit limits to reflect population changes and recent harvest. Lastly, this proposal creates separate permit opportunities for adult ewes and juvenile rams in the Selah Butte, Mount Baldy, and Umtanum hunt areas (collectively referred to as the Yakima Canyon herd).

WAC 220-415-130 2019 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

This proposal adds language that clarifies the bag limit is one mountain goat, except where otherwise permitted by department rule, even if permits are drawn for more than one goat hunt category. It also adjusts mountain goat hunt permit limits to reflect population changes and recent harvest.

WAC 220-416-010 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

The purpose of this proposal is to increase the number of hunter education incentive turkey permits from two to four.

WAC 220-416-040 Hunting predatory birds.

Removes the depredation part of the rule because it already exists in WAC 220-440-060.

WAC 220-416-060 2019-2020 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.

The proposal amends the rule to specify legal season dates, and bag limits for the 2020-2021 season.

Changes include:

- Adjusting season dates relative to 2020-2021 calendar dates.
- Maintain one-pintail per day bag-limit and associated possession limit per the USFWS Northern Pintail Harvest Strategy.
- Lowering scaup bag-limit to two-scaup per day and associated possession limits, while keeping an 86-day season length by the optimal regulatory alternative described in the Adaptive Harvest Management protocol.
- Shifting seven-days from the beginning of the first season segment to the end of the third season segment for white geese in Goose Management Area 4 (Columbia Basin).

WAC 220-440-060 Killing wildlife causing private property damage.

The proposed amendment to the rule intends to make our rule consistent with federal rules that pertain to crows and magpies.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

WAC 220-410-050 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region five.

The proposed change will make the boundaries more discernable for hunters.

WAC 220-410-060 Game management units (GMUs) boundary descriptions—Region six.

The proposed change will make the boundaries more discernable for hunters.

WAC 220-412-050 Landowner raffle hunts.

This proposal simplifies the requirements for landowners that operate raffle drawings. It also aligns annual report submission dates with WAC 220-412-100.

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

Bighorn sheep populations have increased in these areas, which warrants an expansion of the hunt area.

WAC 220-412-090 Multiple season big game permits.

The proposal clarifies the language and reduces hunter confusion regarding this rule.

WAC 220-412-100 Landowner hunting permits.

Over the past year, the department has held public meetings and active stakeholder/landowner meetings to assess the current views of the program. These comments have been taken into consideration as well as input from Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) staff which has resulted in the development of the new standard operating procedure for the landowner hunting permit (LHP) program. The proposed changes reflect the comments received from the public, WDFW staff and landowners. Historically, there haven't been many changes to the LHP program. However, due to the lack of consistency and the expansive variation in management styles across the state, this program has proven to be difficult to manage at a program level. These reasons were the main driving factor behind taking the appropriate steps to revise and make changes to the program.

WAC 220-413-180 Special closures and firearm restriction areas.

The "wooden towers" referenced in the Columbia River Restricted Hunting Area boundary description were torn down recently. As such, they could no longer be used as a discernable landmark to describe the boundary. Correcting the spelling of Newberry Hill Road will eliminate confusion for hunters.

WAC 220-413-200 Reducing the spread of hoof disease—Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

This rule, originally adopted in 2014, attempted to reduce the risk of inadvertently spreading the causative agents of treponeme associated hoof disease (TAHD) in elk. Since that time, however, TAHD has been confirmed throughout western Washington, east of the Cascade Mountains near the town of Trout Lake, and in the Blue Mountains of southeast Washington. The continued expansion of this disease appears to indicate this rule was ineffective at preventing disease expansion. Other reasons for supporting this rule are:

1. For surveillance purposes, we want to encourage elk hunters in eastern Washington to submit suspicious hooves.
2. The current rule is not being enforced, but rather used by Enforcement Officers as an educational opportunity.
3. We have no scientific findings that support the implementation of this rule.
4. The Department is working on developing management strategies that will be proposed during the next 3-year season cycle, which would incentivize elk hunters in western Washington to target limping elk but would also require them to submit their hooves to the Department for inspection.
5. Neighboring states (Idaho and Oregon), where TAHD has been detected, do not have a similar rule.

Although the Department is proposing to abolish this rule, we would still encourage hunters to leave hooves from the elk they harvest on site.

WAC 220-415-020 2018-2020 Deer general seasons and definitions.

This proposal provides recreational deer hunting opportunities and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal would also maintain sustainable general deer hunting season opportunities for 2020. The proposal helps address deer agricultural damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed.

WAC 220-415-030 2019 Deer special permits.

This proposal provides recreational deer hunting opportunities and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal would also maintain sustainable deer special permit hunting season opportunities for 2020. The proposal helps address deer agricultural damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed.

Situations have occurred in the past that involved hunters who successfully drew a permit in more than one hunt category for the same species. Because the current language does not specify a bag limit, some hunters interpret this to mean they can shoot one deer per permit or one deer in addition to their general season harvest, which is incorrect. Amending this rule as proposed, would clarify the rule and avoid confusion in the future.

WAC 220-415-040 Elk area descriptions.

All three elk areas were created to address issues related to elk causing damage to agricultural crops. Damage issues in all three areas have declined following the substantial declines in elk numbers. As such, these elk areas are no longer needed and there is not an anticipated need in the foreseeable future.

WAC 220-415-050 2018-2020 Elk general seasons and definitions.

Overall, the proposal provides recreational elk hunting opportunities, helps address elk agricultural damage problems, and provides elk population control when needed. The department is postponing the development of specific recommendations for the Colockum and Yakima elk herds. These two herds have experienced substantial declines since 2015, with late-winter surveys in 2019 showing the Yakima herd was approximately 13% below objective and the Colockum herd approximately 8% below. Declines have been the result of increased antlerless harvest, severe drought and winter conditions, and depressed recruitment of calves. Moreover, preliminary counts of elk on feed sites for the Yakima elk herd in January 2020, show calf recruitment rates are likely to be lower than normal for the fourth consecutive year. The department is concerned about the status of both herds and plans to develop recommendations that are likely to promote population growth.

WAC 220-415-060 2019 Elk special permits.

This proposal provides recreational elk hunting opportunities and protects elk from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable elk special permit hunting opportunities for 2020. The proposal helps address elk agricultural damage problems and provides for elk population control when needed.

Situations have occurred in the past that involved hunters who successfully drew a permit in more than one hunt category for the same species. Because the current language does not specify a bag limit, some hunters interpret this to mean they can shoot one elk per permit or one elk in addition to their general season harvest, which is incorrect. Amending this rule as proposed, would clarify the rule and avoid confusion in the future.

WAC 220-415-070 2019 Moose seasons, permit quotas, and areas.

Situations have occurred in the past that involved hunters who successfully drew a permit in more than one hunt category for the same species. Because the current language shows the bag limit is one moose, some hunters interpret this to mean one moose per permit, which is incorrect. Amending this rule as proposed, would clarify the rule and avoid confusion in the future.

Permits for 'Any Antlered Bull Moose' in Spokane West A were increased because surveys showed a good bull to cow ratio. Permits for 'Antlerless Only' were reduced in Mt Spokane South B, Mt Spokane North B, and Mica Peak because surveys showed calf recruitment rates and the overall number of moose biologists observed were lower than normal.

WAC 220-415-100 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Cougar.

The proposal gives the Commission biologically sustainable options for the cougar hunting seasons.

WAC 220-415-120 2019 Bighorn sheep seasons and permit quotas.

Situations have occurred in the past that involved hunters who successfully drew a permit in more than one hunt category for the same species. Because the current language indicates the bag limit is one bighorn ram, except in designated adult ewe hunts the limit is one bighorn adult ewe, some hunters interpret this to mean one sheep per permit, which is incorrect. Amending this rule as proposed, would clarify the rule and avoid confusion in the future.

The department is proposing to develop unique permit opportunities for adult ewes and juvenile rams for the Yakima Canyon herd. This proposal is in association with our efforts to reduce the size of the herd and eliminate *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae* (M. Ovi.) from this herd. The department first implemented these permits during the 2019 season with special restriction identified as an Adult Ewe or Juvenile Ram, but most resulting harvest consisted of rams, including rams that were not juveniles. As such, very few ewes were harvested as intended, which calls for the proposed change.

WAC 220-415-130 2019 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

Situations have occurred in the past that involved hunters who successfully drew a permit in more than one hunt category for the same species. Because the current language shows the bag limit is one adult goat of either sex with horns four inches or longer, some hunters interpret this to mean one adult goat per permit, which is incorrect. Amending this rule as proposed, would clarify the rule and avoid confusion in the future.

WAC 220-416-010 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 Small game and other wildlife seasons and regulations.

This change increases the incentive for hunter education instructors without harm to turkey populations.

WAC 220-416-040 Hunting predatory birds.

Reduces redundancy and simplifies the rule.

WAC 220-416-060 2019-2020 Migratory gamebird seasons and regulations.

Migratory waterfowl and other gamebird (coot, dove, band-tailed pigeon, and snipe) seasons and regulations are developed based on cooperative management programs among states of the Pacific Flyway and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, considering population status and other biological parameters. The rule establishes waterfowl seasons and regulations to provide recreational opportunity, control waterfowl damage, and conserve the migratory waterfowl resources of Washington.

WAC 220-440-060 Killing wildlife causing private property damage.

This proposal makes our rule consistent with federal rule.

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

**Statute being implemented:** RCWs 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

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**Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under RCW 28A.305.135?**  Yes  No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

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**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?**

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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No: Please explain:

**Regulatory Fairness Act Cost Considerations for a Small Business Economic Impact Statement:**

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see chapter 19.85 RCW). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.061 because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by RCW 34.05.313 before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of RCW 15.65.570(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3). Check all that apply:

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b)  
(Internal government operations)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c)  
(Incorporation by reference)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d)  
(Correct or clarify language)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e)  
(Dictated by statute)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f)  
(Set or adjust fees)

RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g)  
((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit)

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025 (4).

Explanation of exemptions, if necessary:

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF NO EXEMPTION APPLIES**

If the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

No Briefly summarize the agency's analysis showing how costs were calculated. \_\_\_\_\_

Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses, and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

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