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**ADDENDUM 20-040 TO SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
(SEIS) 14-075
DATED: DECEMBER 3, 2014**

Name of Proposal: SEIS 14-075: 2015-2021 GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN

Description of Original Proposal:

Changes to the *2003-2009 Game Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)* were proposed to update the plan for 2015-21. Strategies that have been accomplished or are no longer a priority have been deleted. New issues, objectives, and strategies are proposed based on public and staff comments gathered over the past several months.

Significant issues include: wildlife conflict management; recruitment and retention of hunters; hunter access to private lands; disease in big game; re-introduction of pronghorn; and wolf management. These issues, along with corresponding objectives and strategies, have been added to the original 2003-09 issues. Many of the original issues have been updated or modified based on new information and research, changing priorities, or emphasis.

Previously, the *2009-2015 Game Management Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)* updated the 2003-09 EIS for species management during that period.

Description of Addendum 20-040:

The Game Management Plan (GMP) is the guidance document the Game Division uses to manage species under our stewardship. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was completed on November 27, 2002, after public review of the draft and supplemental EIS documents. The Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission formally adopted the Game Management Plan on December 7, 2002. This comprehensive process facilitated public discussion and understanding, while cooperatively developing the priority strategies. The overall goals are to protect, sustain, and manage hunted wildlife, provide stable, regulated recreational hunting opportunity to all citizens, protect and enhance wildlife habitat, and minimize adverse impacts to residents, other wildlife, and the environment.

A Supplemental EIS was completed in December of 2014. The purpose of the most recent Supplemental EIS was to update the 2015-21 GMP plan. Implementation of the plan began in July 2015 and was intended to continue through June of 2021. The timing of the upcoming 2015-21 GMP revision process conflicts with the 3-year hunting season setting process and would force the department to undertake both processes simultaneously. The intent is to have the Game Management Plan SEPA process precede the 3-year hunting season setting process because it provides the overarching direction for that process.

The department would like to correct this conflict and realign the two processes by delaying the end date of the current Game Management Plan until June 2023. To accomplish this, we intend to start the revision process in the Spring of 2021 and complete the process in December of 2022. The game management issues, objectives, and strategies in the 2015-21 SEIS will be extended to carry through June 2023.

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Location of Proposal: Statewide.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

This addendum is being distributed pursuant to WACs 197-11-600 and 197-11-625. The updated information provided above does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts in the existing environmental checklist. Based on the original SEIS and the updated information provided in this addendum, we have determined that a new threshold determination is not warranted. There is no comment period associated with this SEPA addendum.

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