



## Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

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**Meeting date:**

12/4/2020

**Agenda item:**

WDFW Managed Nonlethal pursuit training program

**Presenter(s):**

Rebecca Bennett, Community Outreach Liaison; Jeff Wickersham, Region 5 Enforcement Captain

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**Background summary:**

Department staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 220-412-130 WDFW Managed Nonlethal pursuit training program. The proposed rule outlines the requirements an applicant must meet in order to qualify to join this nonlethal training pass program, as well as procedures for participation. A limited number of individuals will be selected and approved through an extensive application process, which includes a background check. This program will be monitored and administered through the enforcement program

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**Staff recommendation:**

Staff recommend a motion to approve the proposed language during the December 18<sup>th</sup> Web Conference.

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

No policy issues.

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

No fiscal impacts beyond the status quo.

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

The proposed rule was developed and reviewed through a robust multi-stakeholder group consisting of Agriculture Organizations, Conservation Groups, County Officials, Working Dog Members, and WDFW Staff.

The Department posted draft proposed rules on the WDFW website for a 30-day review and comment period. The comment period was prior to the December Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting. The department will collect public testimony through December 7<sup>th</sup> also at the December 3-5, 2020 Commission meeting and public hearing.

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

Briefing and public hearing only. The commission is scheduled to adopt or amend this rule after considering public comment and testimony provided through December 7th during the December 18 Web Conference.

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**Draft motion language:**

N/A

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**Post decision communications plan:**

Staff will work with Public Affairs to develop communication plan to elicit possible applicants.

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