

OVERARCHING GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HUNTED WILDLIFE SPECIES IN WASHINGTON STATE

Executive Summary:

Introduction:

- A. Washington Wildlife is part of the Public Trust
- B. Washington Residents' Attitudes Towards Wildlife Management 2022
- C. Predator prey interactions
- D. SEPA and Public Involvement
 - a. Plan Monitoring

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Commission and Department Authorities:

- A. Mission and Mandate (RCW 77.04.012)
- B. Other Relevant RCWs
 - a. RCW 77.04.013 Findings and Intent
 - b. RCW 77.04.055 Commission Duties
 - c. RCW 77.08.030 Big Game defined
 - d. RCW 77.12.020 Wildlife to be Classified
 - e. RCW 77.32.050 Licenses, Permits, Tags, and Stamps
- C. Relevant Commission WACs
 - a. WAC 220-200-100 Wildlife classified as protected
 - b. WAC 220-610-110 Endangered, threatened, and Sensitive
 - c. WAC 220-440-020 Definitions; Game Animals
 - d. WAC 220-400-030 Classification of wild birds

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Guiding Principles:

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Process:

- A. 3-year season setting process
- B. Annual recommendations

Wildlife Management Issues:

- A. Scientific/Professional Management of Hunted Wildlife
 - a. Best Available Science: Identifying and Applying it in a Management Context
 - b. Incorporation social and economic factors
 - c. Adaptive Management and Feedback Processes
- B. Biodiversity and Climate Change Challenges
- C. Increasing Human Population and Impacts to Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat, Loss of Wildlife Related Recreation Opportunities

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D. *Habitat Changes (regeneration of forests, wildfires, human population growth, more demands for outdoor/wildlife recreation from all “users”)*

E. *Hunting Ethics and Fair Chase*

a. *Fair Chase*

b. *Hunter compliance with laws*

F. *Non-toxic Ammunition*

G. *Hunting Seasons and regulations*

a. *Variety of hunting opportunity*

b. *Reducing user group conflict (hunters and viewers)*

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Literature Cited:

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