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WAC 220-412-100

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Comment

I agree with this
Agree with Senior Only Centralia Mine elk hunt dates September 1 - October 15

Senior Only, Antlerless from September 3-11 to proposed dates of September 1 - October 15. This change will lengthen the hunting season.
Agreed

Approve
Since this is a controlled area, change the seasons to when the landowner has the time and employees to assist the
Please close down all hunting so you can appease your anti-hunting commissioners and governor.
I like the senior only season and would appreciate the longer season thanks
This is a good idea. It will give land owner and volunteers more flexibility.
This a great hunt for youth and disabled. Accommodating the employees who host this and hunters makes great sense.
I support this.
Big support on lengthening seasons to better facilitate all hunters getting a chance to hunt at centralia mine.
I agree with this change
I fully support this rule change. Extending the hunting season will allow for more opportunity and flexibility for winners
a
no on A, yes on b, no on c
I support this change
Agree
Sounds like a good plan
What are the weapon requirements?
No permit drawing fees and no segregation on user groups.
The disabled program is cluttered with so much bullshit that it basically requires you to be both blind and in a wheelchair to qualify for free or reduced license fee's that veterans enjoy due to it being Federal law.

MS is not recognized. They even have that in small fine print on forms in the Wildlife offices when applying for disabled help. Limbs numb so much you cant walk for a week. It clears and strikes again from month to month intermittent. But your not wheelchair and struggle through with dignity. Being 100% blind in one eye not recognized because the other eye works fine. Although depth perception and constant dizziness as a result of only having one eye doesn't factor into the Wildlife Commission's shoving absurd anti disabled malarkey into RCW. By God they want full price on licenses. Disabled vets get it because its Federal law. But screw everyone else. You cant hunt in disabled areas unless you sign up I welcome any change offering longer seasons and more opportunity
If we want more elk deer moose get rid of the predators. To many predators in the mountains
Pay hundreds of dollars to hunt for you liberals that don't know shit about anything. Adopt rules like Montana Idaho
Sounds good
I support this.
Agree
For other seasons with ending dates in February there are 29 days in 2024, not 28 as proposed.
Support the changes and all hunting in general.
I support this amendment
a. Delete entitlement and use for Disabled only.
b. Open for general season, Disabled only access.
c. Delete entitlement and use for Disabled only.
Agree with modification
I vote to not pass. Private landowners need to follow the same season dates that public land hunters have live with.
?
this change would benefit the mine employees as well as the hunters.
put the multi hunt extra tags back to over the counter drawing back to the way it was drawing after drawing is a joke
Seems reasonable. No comment.
ISupport the change.
Season dates are so short.

ok
I don't not support any opportunities taken away from the sportswomen and sportsmen. This has become one of your main tactics or "changes" to all your regulations for all game... lost opportunities. You need to realize that by taking away opportunities and then not refunding people who have money tied up in it, like the spring bear hunt in couse, sets a very poor standard to all of us, especially the kids. I refuse to purchase any hunting or fishing licenses or tags in this state anymore, and I live and work here. My kids live to be outdoors and hunt/ fish, but I'll be damned if I'm going to let them think this is normal or fair treatment to us. I go to Idaho and Oregon where it only cost a very small fraction more to purchase license and tags, and being non resident! What does that tell you? The fact that your governor has appointed many non hunter activist to its governing wdfw board is unacceptable. You have successfully ruined being a
Please lengthen the seasons to provide more opportunity
Eliminate all Youth hunts
Support
Bonus points for turning in poachers.
I disagree with allowing private companies to have special hunting seasons.
I support this Amendment
I believe the change is good. Only issue I could see would be the now possible overlap of people/groups hunting at the I fully agree with the proposed changes as it increases hunter opportunity as well as helps to protect the centralia mine I support this proposal, my daughter had the youth elk hunt this last year (2022). With restraints on workers availability and a time crunch from October 1-9, this allows more opportunity especially for the youth due to them having school Do not enable children to kill.
The public needs more hunting opportunities please vote in the suggested changes.
More hunting opportunity this is a great change
Yes - Absolutely pass this amendment! When we are asking a Private landowner to allow us to hunt HIS land, and we also have to ask that they escort us due to "Red tape" we should give that land owner, and the hunter, as much time as we
Yes I approve
Landowner should require proof of insurance from hunters.
I support lengthening this amendment. I support the lengthening of hunting seasons in every case where there is a

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no

I agree with these changes.
For fire danger consideration only hunt from October 15 to November 5.
No Youth entitlement hunts.

It sounds like a great idea that doesn't negatively impact anyone involved. I'm not an expert on the mine and their management plans but assuming they need help controlling elk populations it sounds like a positive for all involved. Elk don't eat coal. The area makes for a great elk refuge and thus bolsters the overall herd for the whole county.
Good idea.

Sounds good
Sounds good.
MAKES SENSE

A general open hunting season needs to be reinstated in the North Cascade Nooksack Elk Herd in Eastern Skagit County from Sedro Woolley to Concrete on South side of Hwy.20. Lengthen all hunting seasons to the fullest.
Several weeks ago, I received an email announcing the 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons. The message was that "All members of the public are invited to share their perspectives and participate in WDFW public feedback opportunities." A link directed me to a CR-102 which had great detail about the number of hunting permits to be issued and the specific requirements, limits and locations. The email encouraged me to review the proposed changes and send in my feedback by March 26th, nine days from now.

The CR-102 is an impenetrable document full of numbers and details. While one can find specific information about a given GMU and a given species of animal, it is difficult to understand the underlying strategy, assumptions and priorities that were used in preparing this document. For one to be able to provide meaningful input on more than just a very few areas would be a herculean task. This document appears to be designed for someone who has a focused interest in one area, but not so helpful for someone interested in the overall strategy.

Thinking about one area with which I do have some familiarity, I wanted to see what elk permits were being proposed for the blue mountain herd in the 12 GMUs that were described in the department's Blue Mountains Elk Herd: At-Risk Assessment from 2021. I am working through the counts now, but it is clear that there are a significant number of permits proposed for both bulls and antlerless - in the hundreds.

As a result of the risk assessment, last year the commission voted to increase the number of cougars that were to be killed, even though the assessment identified a number of other factors at play. But this begs the question that if the blue mountain elk herd is truly at risk, why the is department still issuing this number of hunting permits for the Blue Mountains elk. It would seem only prudent to stop all activities that would cause the reduction in the population. I think this incongruity should be addressed.

I am opposed to any landowner specific tags or landowner controlled distribution of tags.
Deny.

Landscape conditions is not a reason to restrict archery and muzzleloader hunters.
There is no safety issue.

It's simply to make it a "meat" hunt and remove any challenges.

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Lorna Smith needs to go.
Bring back spring bear hunting ! Follow what the many petitions have asked and the data supports spring bear hunting .
Never bring back cruel ingenious Spring Bear hunting, thank you.

Lorna Smith needs to stay!
Nice, longer season is always better
While not on topic, I will voice support for spring bear hunting to counter those that are misusing this comment period.
Spring Bear hunting is a Counter Culture activity, never again.

I agree with this
Addition of the weapon requirement on Centralia Mine lands to meet the requirements of the landowner's insurance
Approve

Provide the opportunity to use any legal firearm or weapon.
Please close down all hunting so you can appease your anti-hunting commissioners and governor.

Thumbs up...
Absolutely follow the Landowners requirements.

I support this
It's a privilege for those selected to be able to hunt on mine property. If Rifle only makes it easier on the landowner, I
No co.ment

I agree with this change
I support this amendment.

no
yes

Definitely do not want any careless hunter, firearm, or spark producing arrowheads to start a "Centralia Mine Fire" in Hunting implements and hunters can, and do start wildfires. Maybe best use for area still healing from long term mining abuse would be designation as a wildlife refuge and experimental habitat recovery research area.

How does banning shotgun hunting protect hunter's safety? I don't support the weapon requirement.
If rifle only hunting is established, does that prevent duck/goose hunting opportunities at the Centralia Mine if they
I support this change

Agree
Na

I feel WDFW needs to work and support any landowner requests. It's their land
If we want more elk deer moose get rid of the predators. To many predators in the mountains

Pay hundreds of dollars to hunt for you liberals that don't know shit about anything. Adopt rules like Montana Idaho
It is what it is

I support this.
Agree

Support the changes and all hunting in general.
I support this amendment

Do not allow use of any devices and weapons that can start a fire. Review the Eastern Centralia Fire.
Agree with modification

I would not pass. They should be allowed to archery hunt too.
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I support because it makes complete sense.

To many wounded with bows and muskets

I support the Land owner.

ok

Support

Bonus points for turning in poachers

I disagree with the weapon requirements in this proposed change. Hunters should abide by the season/weapon requirement that they are hunting. using a rifle during the archery season is not fair chase.

I support this Amendment

No issue.

Make this so that even archery or muzzleloader tag holders can put in for the drawing, but must use a rifle.

I support this as well. The land is open with rolling hills and would be difficult with archery equipment or muzzleloader

to be successful and would encourage longer shots with these weapons and wouldn't be as efficient.

Hunters start fires, don't do it.

I agree

It's PRIVATE Land. Whatever the landowner wants, he gets! So yes, approve this! But as a comment, I need to say:

Shame on the insurance company for requiring such, and more so, shame on WA State for allowing an insurance

Yes, I approve

Well, landowner and insurance company have vested interest, hunters don't.

I support this amendment. When safety is involved, I support rules that help.

no

I agree with these changes.

Rifle only and hunter must carry fire extinguisher.

Safety is #1

The real concern here is starting a coal fire you can't put out. History at the other Centralia coal mine and this one should

Obvious choice. Yes.

Makes sense

North Cascade Nooksack Elk herd is contaminate with the deadly elk hoof rot. Elk are dying a agonizing death.

Sounds like this should be a master hunter only hunt. I am opposed to modifying the general seasons in order to benefit

Protect hunter safety?

How is requirement of using modern weapons increasing safety?

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The mine is mostly open land surrounded by private.

Using a modern rifle increases the danger to others, not reduce.

Extreme long term fire danger. Non ferrous bullets that don't produce sparks are probably only way to safely hunt. Steel

arrow broadheads produce lots of sparks and of course no hunting implements produce more sparks than muzzle

This makes sense

Approve

Agree

I oppose this amendment.

AGREE

I support this modification.

Support the changes and all hunting in general.

I support this amendment.

Cost saving suggestions:

Delete all special permit hunts for deer.

Make all deer hunts limited entry by unit.

Let Ticketmaster sell permits online in exchange for Carbon credits with proceeds going to General Fund.

Biologist adjust permit level to "hunnable habitat" loss percentage each year.

Instead of reinventing the wheel use county growth and zoning data to formulate permit numbers.

Apportion user group permit opportunity in direction proportion to that group's population to total number of permits

per unit.

Contract a professional service to write program.

Assign one IT FTE to run program.

Seniors modern rifle can harvest a doe... Why can't senior muzzle loaders harvest a doe?

Changes from year to year are key to management. I support the special permits and the changes due to management

Yes, Modification of hunt dates for numerous special permit opportunities. These are standard changes are intended to

align hunts with the calendar to ensure year-to-year consistency (e.g., open/close day of the week). These changes have

This would be good. It would also be nice to have an special permit late August archery season to apply for.

Eliminate all Youth hunts

Bonus points for turning in poachers

Make cutoff date to buy MS tags June 30. Make all leftover tags available for purchase prior to start of general seasons.

I support this Amendment

Agree with proposal

I support the WDFW biologist to properly manage our wild animals.

yes

Agree. When you finally draw a quality tag you don't want to be hunting with the general season. Lets face it, quality

Please add a general comment section. Everyone has other suggestions that are not listed as changes in the regulations.

For example, allow hunters who are not drawn successfully for a special hunts change the weapon type for the general

hunt. It would be great to apply for a rifle controlled hunt and if not successfully drawn I could hunt general archery

This makes sense and should help people better understand where they're applying for

Approve

Agree

AGREE

I support this change.

Support the changes and all hunting in general.

I support this amendment.

Simplifying is sublime.

good call

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Yes, Changing the hunt name "Skagit" Quality deer hunt to "Diablo" for consistency with game management unit terminology and general season rules (WAC 220-410-040). This change has no anticipated effect.

Bonus points for turning in poachers

I support this Amendment

Agree with proposal

I support this.

no

good change

If this is temporary, I can support this

against this is lost opportunity

Approve

I oppose this amendment.

DISAGREE

Youth hunts should always be top priority in quotas

Support the changes and all hunting in general.

I do not support a reduction in youth hunting opportunities which would further erode opportunities for our new hunters. The department should look to other areas to reduce antlerless harvest.

As the father of a youth hunter it is disappointing to not draw hunts. These are some of the best opportunities in the state. WDFW should keep or even expand these opportunities since these hunts have a high harvest rate and are likely to

please reduce antlerless hunts when numbers are below objective

Remove the standard antlerless season. Do not remove any youth special seasons

Eliminate all Youth hunts

Bonus points for turning in poachers

I support this Amendment

Agree with proposal

Delete entitlement of youth killing animals completely.

Any reduction to youth hunting opportunities is failing to keep on the tradition of hunting

Entitled youth hunts are not traditional, in fact hunting history shows just the opposite. Everybody gets a trophy is very

I support this amendment if it is in the best interest of the heard in this area.

yes

I am for increasing youth opportunity

No Youth entitlement

Are there any public land opportunities on the islands?

Have 2nd deer tags be buck tags to incentivize higher participation in these hunts.

make it any deer to incentivize this opportunity

Approve

support

Agree

I would like to see more permits for Kitsap and also have Kitsap unit opened for Late muzzleloader season.

AGREE

Youth hunts should always be top priority

Support the changes and all hunting in general.

I support this amendment

there are so many deer here please also work on adding private land hunting opportunities on the islands

Encourage hunters to politely contact private land owners for permission to hunt since season same private or public,

No, why bother. Too many whiners and not enough access. An increase in the number of special permits for the Kitsap

"antlerless", Orcas, San Juan, Lopez, and Blakely "2nd Deer", and Couse "Youth" special permit opportunities. These

Looks good. Please increase any youth opportunity

Eliminate all Youth hunts

Bonus points for turning in poachers

I support this Amendment

Agree with proposal

Don't encourage youth to kill.

I support this amendment

no

I am for increasing youth opportunity

No Youth entitlement

This is a comment on the Whidbey 2nd deer permit. it used to be sept 1 thru dec 31st. dates are now

move the dates for the Whidbey 2nd deer permit from august 1st thru dec 1st. back to sept 1st for the start date. By starting it on august 1st you orphan fawns that were born in June that might be only 6 weeks old.

I support this change

I support the increase in antlerless permits for Kitsap and would support a 2nd deer for this GMU. I am tentative about

I agree with this

Approve

Agree

AGREE

Way to go

Support the changes and all hunting in general.

I support this amendment

As the father of a youth hunter it is disappointing to not draw hunts. These are some of the best opportunities in the state. WDFW should expand these opportunities since these hunts have a high harvest rate and are likely to help recruit

"Youth" special hunts are unnecessary and antithetical to true sportsmanship and "Fair Chase". Creating a sense of entitlement in adolescence is not wise and certainly not "Fair". Hunting is a deadly serious endeavor and if it is to be

any way we can get more youth in the field especially with doe or antlerless which are normally a easier successful hunt add special permits to the general population instead. points are getting so high adults as is.

Please provide more youth opportunity

Eliminate all Youth hunts

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Bonus points for turning in poachers
 I support this Amendment
 Agree with proposal
 No youth entitlement, especially to kill.
 I support this amendment.
 no
 I am for increasing youth opportunity
 No Youth entitlement
 I support this
 This permit should remain White-Tailed deer only. Mule deer are in decline throughout the west.
 Are White-tailed deer a non native deleterious specie in Eastern Washington?
 Well, there aren't any blacktailed deer out there, so you're intending on allowing mule deer into the youth hunts. Instead of that, just give more special permits for youth white tailed deer.
 Agree
 AGREE
 Yes
 Support the changes and all hunting in general.
 I support this amendment
 I support this.
 Great. Please increase youth opportunity
 Eliminate all Youth hunts
 Bonus points for turning in poachers
 I support this Amendment
 Agree with proposal
 Youth should wait to be adults before deciding to kill.
 YES -
 I support this amendment.
 no
 I am for increasing youth opportunity
 No Youth entitlement
 There is no need for this. If the tags are reduced from one Archery and Early Rifle, they should get added to
 These lost permits should be added to Muzzleloader? Otherwise this just looks like lost opportunity
 against there should be no reduction
 What is the point of this reduction? Other user groups are harvesting at will so why are you reducing this opportunity
 Please do not reduce the Desert quality deer special hunt permit levels. These opportunities provide much a needed and
 depended on economic boost to the hotels and businesses in Moses Lake and the Pot Holes area. This unit currently has
 Approve
 Approve, the deletion of 3 permits or 30 permits would have no measurable impact on economy of Moses Lake.
 I oppose this amendment
 AGREE
 Sounds fine
 If it were really about adequate allocation amongst weapon types, you would be adding those additional tags to the
 muzzleloader opportunities. The allocation ratios are very unfair to that user group. It's also frustrating that permit
 reduction seems to be a "minor" inconvenience to you. People have invested for decades into a system that you can't
 Support the changes and all hunting in general.
 I do not support a reduction of any Desert Unit special hunt opportunities. This area has a stable population and should
 be reflected by not lowering the special hunt opportunity volumes
 This is a absolutely terrible idea. I have seen the age class data on this unit and many good deer are dying of old age! do
 no decrease the number of permits. I assure you more than 3 deer are poached out of this unit every year. instead of
 Increase Muzzleloader Opportunity.
 Do not reduce any quality deer permits. These permits are already once in a lifetime with a less than 2% draw odds. Do
 not reduce the permits, update the season dates to adjust harvest success.
 Bonus points for turning in poachers
 I support this Amendment
 Agree with proposal
 I support this amendment due to the science backing it.
 no
 I support this change only if the scientific research on population levels supports dropping the permit numbers. I do not
 support this if it is driven by political processes or agendas alone
 All hunting regulations are based on definite political, social, economic, environmental and biological factors. These are
 all science. To base hunting regulations solely on biological science is meaningless.
 I support the reduction of hunters with disabilities permits as long as it is supplemented with the same number of youth
 While Disabled hunting opportunities are commendable Youth hunts are just the opposite and unethical.
 Agree
 I oppose this amendment
 Hunters with Disabilities are already limited in my opinion. Why do we want to remove oppurtunities they have. Youth i
 dont feel have enough oppurtunities and we could add youth hunts leave disability hunts the same
 DISAGREE
 Yes
 Support the changes and all hunting in general.
 I do not support the reallocation of permits, if anything permits should be added with such a low volume already in place.
 The WDFW should look to expand youth hunter opportunities to help recruit new hunters to the sport.
 No
 Great. Please increase youth permits.
 Eliminate all Youth hunts
 Bonus points for turning in poachers
 I support this Amendment
 I disagree with this proposed change as hunters with disabilities are already at a disadvantage. I believe that the youth
 Agree with proposal
 Youth entitlement, especially to kill, is wrong.
 How about Just x5 "Special Hunt Permits" and that's it. Then define Special as: Disabled / Youth / whatever else is
 I support this amendment.
 no

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I am for increasing youth opportunity
No Youth entitlement

WAC 220-415-060

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Approve
Agree
AGREE
Yes
I support this ammendment
Support the changes and all hunting in general.
I support this ammendment
I support this proposal.
No issue

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I support retaining special elk permits and the small changes for management efforts
its most ideal to have a hunt start on a saturday and end on on a sunday. mid week dates are much harder to hunt than mid week. I spend alot of time helping a friend hunt the early clokum archery elk tag, and I think more of those bull tags should be give, i witness serval 6 point bulls with no cows to bread. The number of bulls we saw was absolute insane. i Yes, Modification of hunt dates for numerous special permit opportunities. These are standard modifications intended to align hunts with the calendar to ensure year-to-year consistency (e.g., open/close day of the week). These are minor The amount of archery bull tags needs to increase dramatically. With how low success rates are we should have many Archery season for elk and deer should both be September 1st to September 30th. This would greatly reduce pressure Please modify the dates to ensure the general season does not coincide with the special permit. When people wait 20 years to draw a tag, its not OK they have to share the woods with 1000 people out chasing spikes or cows.

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Support
Thanks for your time. I will keep this short and only comment on the cow elk harvest proposals in the North Half unit. For one, there is no elk management plan for elk in North half units or incorporated into any of the ten elk herd plans already established by agency administrators. An elk management plan needs to be done and put out for public comment before WDFW can put out harvest quotas. So how can an agency throw out a harvest quota if the said agency has know idea how many animals are on the landscape or how to manage them (kill cows to reduce the unknown number in the herd)? This shows that the agency has no regard for managing an elk herd in the North half units. There is only one reason why an agency harvest cow elk: to reduce elk numbers through very simple management. The landscape and forage are there for an excellent elk herd to get established and expand, all one has to do is look at the Bonus points for turning in poachers

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Make cutoff date to buy MS tags June 30. Make all leftover tags available for purchase prior to start of general seasons.
I support this Amendment
Agree with proposal
As long as you have antlerless elk hunts don't complain about cougar and bear.
I support this ammendment.
yes

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I am in favor of the modifications of dates for special permit opportunities. When I draw a quality hunts the dates should The severe restrictions on obtaining a depredation permit for elk belonging to the Nooksack herd has prevented the amelioration of the ongoing damages to land and crops grown in the Skagit Valley that are suffered by many of the farmers and land owners.

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As many conditions (time of day, location, stampedes, etc) have prevented the exercising of at least half of the limited permits issued, additional general and depredation permits should be issued for the valley floor which would encourage the substantial elk population to migrate to the higher lands rather than becoming full time residents of the valley floor as is currently occurring.

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As to Nooksack/Skagit Elk depredation on recent changes to agricultural norms in Skagit Valley two things to consider are irresponsibility of planting new crops in traditional elk range knowing they become a attractive nuisance and wanting the state to pay for their negligence. And it's time to protect elk and the public by strategic elk fencing and over/under Pro - Skagit County needs additional special permits to stop the damages on farms in east county. The Department reduced elk hunting opportunity in District 8 in 2020 and 2022, based on a population estimate that was apparently too low. Now the Department states that there are over 12,000 elk in the area, a number which is above the herd objective. It appears the Department is increasing cow hunting opportunity, but keeping the permits for branched antlered bulls at much reduced levels. For instance, for the Goose Prairie/Bumping unit, the Department proposes issuing only 7 total branched-antlered permits. In this unit between 2013 and 2018, the branched-antlered harvest was 19 (2013), 18 (2014), 24 (2015), 29 (2016), 35 (2017), 17 (2018). I have not looked up the numbers of permits issued for each of those years, but surely some of the permit holders were not successful. There appears to be no biological reason to keep the number of permits at the low levels of 2019-21. Please return to the harvest goals of Ratio of branch antler elk to antlerless is very important to herd dynamics. The older bulls are extremely important to herd health. One could say it's much more important to only control politically established herd size by culling antlerless I support the change. Our elk herds need a reduction in "antlerless" hunting.
against there should be no reduction

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Approve
AGREE
Yes

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I support the sound management of our game herds and reduction of permits if it means sustainability of the herd as long as other avenues of management of the herd are considered also, including removal of predators to help the herd Support the changes and all hunting in general.
Kill all the cow hunts. Help the herds recover. Open fire on predators. Our elk herds are crippled quality is always the key. If you want more elk then expand their range by removing the Snake river dams, improve their habitat by eliminating livestock grazing , stop using herbicides and pesticides and close most roads.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-415-060 Amendment #2.

By allowing the wolves to kill 24/7 has now destroyed hunting opportunities for humans. Since Inslee's first day in office the wolf population has grown 10x while the elk and moose population has declined by 10x. Total disregard and ignorance on the governor and his hand picked kill all the animals commissioner's choices. St Helen's and Willapa herds destroyed by hoof rot and now the blue Mt elk herd is a qtr of the size from just 3 years of wolves killing everything on the Mt. Bears and cubs are now being killed by the wolves during hibernation in the area. Makes absolutely no sense allowing a non wanted species, the wolf, to kill and eat what humans use for sustainable life. Within five years elk hunting will cease in the blue Mt hunt units solely because of the introduction of these giant wolves. My 2 year old asie broke his leg running up the deck stairs to get away from the wolves 2 weeks ago. These wolves cost me 6k at WSU for rods, plates and pins in his leg. The cattle ranchers get refunded money for wolves killing their beef. Where's my refund i support this amendment. a spring bear season should be opened in these units to help with the calf mortality also Yes, with an added comment, A reduction of the early season Mayview-Peola, Blue Creek, and Couse "Antlerless" special permit opportunities. These changes are anticipated to reduce special permit availability of the aforementioned hunts in the antlerless category.

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Please proceed only if the opportunity will come back once/if the herd numbers begin to increase.

Do not support

Bonus points for turning in poachers

I support this Amendment

Agree with proposal

I support this amendment because it will result in more future opportunity and stronger herds in this area.

yes

No antlerless hunts

I only support reduction of season if it aligns with actual herd numbers and the scientific research that surveys elk populations. I do not support reduction of elk hunting seasons due to political reasons or agendas.

"Youth" hunts are unethical. Time to drop "Youth hunts" as a ridiculous entitlement.

Agree

AGREE

Support the changes and all hunting in general.

This is a good proposal.

No

No, I am opposed to reducing the number of youth tags given.

Great. Provide more opportunities for youth.

Eliminate all Youth hunts

Support

Bonus points for turning in poachers

I support this Amendment

Agree with proposal

I support this amendment.

no

I am for increasing youth opportunity

No Youth entitlement

No antlerless hunts

I like this kind of thinking

All we see are reductions in elk tags - against

Against. we want no reduction in opportunity

nope. No reduction please

Approve

AGREE

You should return any Alkali tags to the "Bull" category. That is not a quality hunt as you are at the mercy of the training facility. I'd been attempting to draw the muzzleloader Alkali "Bull" tag for nearly 16 years only to have you move it to a different category. Now I'm stuck with 18 points in a category that has very little to offer to muzzleloader hunters. I support the changes and all hunting in general.

So according to this #4 amendment there is no longer a spike only season in these areas?

Wolves have destroyed these hunt units.

The decline of hunting opportunities is solely due to these wolves. When cats and bears were the only predators here in the blue Mt they elk flourished. Since introducing the wolf, yes introducing not reintroduced, the elk herd population has been cut to a qtr of what it was 3 years ago. First it was the shed hunters that were killing all the elk. The following year it was because of bears killing all the elk. The year after that it was the cougar killing all the elk. Never once was the introduction of wolves ever factored into the death spiral for the elk herd. F&G biologists are bought and paid to protect the wolves at all costs. We all see the elk and moose are the costs for the wolves to live. Human hunting for elk and moose must end according to Inslee's commissioners. Until the F&G officers and biologists stand their ground against the governor and its hand picked eco destroying commissioner's nothing will change. Hoof rot destroyed St Helen's and willapa herds and now wolves destroying the blue Mt elk and NE WA moose herds. Allowing these wolves to waste these vital human resources is absolutely wrong especially since they want to kill off all the beef for human consumption due to cow farts. Democrat and liberal humans never cease to show their ignorance. They deny biology and science being a real thing. If animals turned into this disgusting gayism going on, the planet would cease to exist. Until the state is truthful about the declines in the herds, you can continue to see reduction in tag allotment let alone hunting altogether. Stupid is as stupid does. Continuing to allow the deniers to make the decisions will ultimately end conservation by hunters. Had 7 wolves on my private property last week. They chased my asie up the deck and he shattered his leg. 6k later he may be able walk and run again. Where is my check from the state. Cattle ranchers get refunded for wolves killing their livestock. What do I get for them hurting my dog? If I was on timberland then it could be my fault but when they come onto my personal property to kill my dogs it is absolutely wrong. Being forced to accept your gay is one thing but to invade my personal property or attack my hairy family member is unconstitutional. Keep your giant wolves on state timberland only. Once they leave they should be killed. Time to lawyer up and sue the state for trespassing on my property. These wolves are property of the state so every trespass should be accounted for and property owners refunded for the states wolves trespassing.

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bring back dogs for hunting cougar in these areas. we desperately need to predictor manage this area.

Increase Muzzleloader Opportunity

Do not reduce any bull or quality tag opportunities. We have already reduced quality bull elk tags by 50% over the last 10 years. How about we start improving the habitat and managing predators to ensure better big game populations?

Bonus points for turning in poachers

I support this Amendment

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Agree with proposal

Every year,we as hunters,lose more and more opportunities to put venison,in our freezers...the permits to hunt deer,and elk,have subsided to a point,that drawing a special hunt tag,is nearly impossible. I have watched the wsfw,release new rules,and fewer tags,every year,for the last forty years...I have several friends,that have just given up,on hunting,in the state of Wa

As I get older,I realize that my hunting success rate,has dwindled,at a rate,that I never would have thought .If the state cannot maintain a healthy herd of deer,or elk.,then perhaps the state should just ban all hunting,until it figures out how to establish a protocol, that can adapt a healthy atmosphere, for wildlife ..obviously the state has failed,as our opportunities are declining at a rate,that will eventually depress all hunters,to just quit hunting....I watch the deer and elk herds thrive in other states,but decline in Wa State,every year.....The activists are jubilant with the banning of spring Small state with limited habitat, both naturally and politically.

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All Big Game hunting, to be of high quality should be by permit only.

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I support this amendment.

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no

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Against. There should be absolutely no modification. This area is so over controlled by the department that even if you Reductions in opportunity are unwarranted and wide ranging. No thank you.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-415-060 Amendment #5.

Drop "Youth" and "Master Hunter" special entitlement hunts. They are unethical.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-415-060 Amendment #5.

AGREE

Please provide comments for WAC 220-415-060 Amendment #5.

Support the changes and all hunting in general.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-415-060 Amendment #5.

Increase Over The Counter Opportunity

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Eliminate all Youth hunts

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Do not support. Why are you writing an amendment to WAC with a to be determined effective change?

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Bonus points for turning in poachers

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I support this Amendment

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Agree with proposal

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It is absolutely unacceptable to reduce disabled hunter elk permits in the Green River unit. There are already far too few opportunities for disabled hunters and taking away 60% of their permits to create a "youth" hunt is unacceptable. The Green River elk herd can easily support creating a "youth" hunt opportunity without the need to reduce other special no

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I am for increasing youth opportunity

Please provide comments for WAC 220-415-060 Amendment #5.

No Youth entitlement

Please provide comments for WAC 220-415-060 Amendment #5.

No antlerless hunts

Please provide comments for WAC 220-415-060 Amendment #5.

The severe restrictions on obtaining a depredation permit for elk belonging to the Nooksack herd has prevented the amelioration of the ongoing damages to land and crops grown in the Skagit Valley that are suffered by many of the farmers and land owners.

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As many conditions (time of day, location, stampedes, etc) have prevented the exercising of at least half of the limited permits issued, additional general and depredation permits should be issued for the valley floor which would encourage the substantial elk population to migrate to the higher lands rather than becoming full time residents of the valley floor as is currently occurring.

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PRO - please allow additional hunting in East Skagit County to keep the Nooksack herd from damaging farms and

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I support this change. Less "Master Hunter" permits is good for elk.

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Against There should be no reduction whatsoever.

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Close the "Master Hunter" entitlement program.

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Master hunter is a joke and should be removed

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AGREE

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Support the changes and all hunting in general.

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Drop the permit level completely and give, or add to the youth. Return Master Hunter to it's original intent which was

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Drop all Mstd Hunter permits and give to the youth.

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Return Mstd hunter program to it's original purpose of dealing with problem animals.

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I support this change.

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I think 30 permits should be retained

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Transfer those opportunities from master hunter to youth.

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Eliminate all Master hunter permits

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Do not support

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Bonus points for turning in poachers

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I support this Amendment

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Agree with proposal

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I do not support this amendment without cause.

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yes

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No Master entitlement

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I support this change only if the scientific research on herd levels supports dropping the number from 20-30. I do not

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WAC 220-415-070

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Moose hunting should be closed, another no brainer. Why waste Public money and relationships on such a small

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AGREE

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I support this change

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I support reduction in permits to help ensure the herd maintains healthy sustainable numbers into the future, as long as other means of management are being considered, such as predator removal.

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Support the changes and I support moose hunting.

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I support this change.

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I support retaining special moose permits

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Yes

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Bonus points for turning in poachers

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I support this Amendment

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agree

Please provide comments for the amendment to WAC 220-415-070.

Agree with proposal

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I support this amendment to carry moose hunting forward into 2023

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yess

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No Moose hunting, go to B.C.

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I support Moose hunting in Washington and want to see this opportunity continue existing into the future.

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I support moose hunting.

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No Sheep hunting, go to Alberta
Every change has an effect.
"Juvenile Ram" , "Youth hunt", please stop.
I support this. Never understood taking out small rams that never grow up, just increase the any ram tags.
Support the changes and sheep hunting in general.
I support this proposal.
Yes
Great. Remove the juvenile ram and ewe tags.
Bonus points for turning in poachers
I support this Amendment
yes
WHY? There are Juvenile ram special hunts, does that mean they are deleted as well?
No Juvenile hunting
Stop hunting species with such small vulnerable numbers and stop indoctrinating "Youth" into the unethical side of
I don't like certain things, and even though I don't understand them at all, I promote banning everything that I don't like
no matter how many people it effects, because I'm the only person that matters.
Support the changes and sheep hunting in general.
I support this proposal to change the season dates.
Yes
Great. Any opportunity for youth is perfect.
Bonus points for turning in poachers
I support this Amendment
yes
No Youth entitlement
Probably the worst case Youth Entitlement program yet. Think of all the old timers who have lusted for this tag for most
of there hunting lives and you want to further society's entitled youth problems, no.
Delete the hunt of such small population species and use the saved management money on more ethical wildlife issues.
Support the changes and sheep hunting in general.
Yes
Bonus points for turning in poachers
I support this Amendment
no
No Sheep hunting, go to Alberta
Don't tell us this is temporary if you don't intend on reopening it
Removing a single tag will not reduce the mountain goat mortality. However, it will take away opportunities for hunters.
People spend hundreds of dollars to buy licenses and apply for special permits and it seems like opportunities are being
Do not remove this tag ! We hunters have seen the state take away hunting , like spring bear and it has shown that the
Against, don't eliminate opportunity.
Approve
AGREE
Please ignore endangered tag theory, no scientific basis for it.
Support the changes and goat hunting in general.
I do not support this, keep the tag allocation as is.
i do not support this amendment. there are plenty of goats in WA and plenty in this unit.1 permit will not hurt this goat
Yes. But, why can't more Westside Areas be Opened; i.e. Sultan, Skykomish/Index, Darrington
Please provide the data that shows a population reduction before reducing permits. If you can't provide the data, do not
Bonus points for turning in poachers
I support this Amendment
no
No Mountain Goat hunting, go to B.C.
As we have seen with many other hunts that are "removed until future conditions permit" they never come back so I
I support only if the scientific research supports this change. If driven by political agenda, I do not support
This can effectively make the tag worthless if there is an early snow
Against, don't eliminate opportunity.
Stop hunting such small population species and use realized public money savings on more important wildlife issues.
Why is this necessary? Seems like it only complicates logistics (weather concerns, etc) for prospective tag holders. Take
Support the changes and goat hunting in general.
I do not support this, let's keep the season dates as is.
September in many years is the only safe time frame to access most of this hunt area due to weather. If we are setting
the management level of tags this change should not be needed
Why is the Season Being Shortened?
Do not reduce the day's available to fulfill a once in a lifetime opportunity.
Bonus points for turning in poachers
Why is this being proposed? Seems like there should be more explanation.
disagree I back pack thru this area and have not seen any reduction in animals.
yes
No Mountain Goat hunting, go to B.C.
This is a once in a lifetime opportunity why try your hardest to make it even harder to harvest a mountain goat?
This seems consistent with the goat populations
Pro
A 100% percent increase in take of such a small population specie is not only absurd but obviously could threaten a local
population irreparably. Loss from wounded animals trying to get that one that is reported increases the actual take many
support
Support the changes and goat hunting in general.
I am in full support of increasing the opportunity in this area for mountain goat.
Yes
Great. Please expand goat opportunities.
Bonus points for turning in poachers
I support this Amendment
agree

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Allow a 2 pintail harvest, with only 1 Drake.
The Pacific fleet and the PNW are has an abundance of pintail ducks
Although i witness a large population of pintails in Whatcom and Skagit county, i have no problem with the 1 pintail limit
Agree and let the data define changes if necessary. It is sometimes difficult when you see many pintails in western
Washington. We just need to understand we are blessed to have a significant portion of the population utilizing this
I support returning to two-pintail per day bag limit. I do not know where the pintail numbers are being researched, but I
do know we saw as many pintails as mallards and teal this season.
Support maintaining
Increase to a two-pintail per day, no more than one hen bag-limit and associated possession limit.
Agreed, we don't want them to become the next harlequin duck.
We should have a 2-bird daily pintail limit largely due to incidental second shots. I've heard stories of people
accidentally hitting a hen after taking a drake and having the moral dilemma of dumping it or just taking it as part of your
bag.

I understand it is down overall nationwide, but it really seems like the pacific flyway numbers are much healthier. I
would think we could go back to 2 with little effect on overall numbers
Lots of pintail as well!! 2 pintail a day seems reasonable!
Increase the pintail limit to two daily.
All we see are pintails. Two PLEASE!
I think the two pintail limit should be explored again for the upcoming season. Anecdotally I've seen a large number of
Agreed
Avian flu and greed can destroy duck hunting
Follow the science if the population allows 1 bird keep as such, if population might support 2 - stick with 1. Err on the
side of caution to benefit the population. We know there are birds over the limit taken by unknowing/uneducated
hunters so that overage must be factored in. As when there was a 0 pintail limit in Oregon several years ago, there were
in favor
Increase bag limit too two per day
I support this proposal
good
agree
Use latest science on global warming and Avian flu
Yes
My experience in Skagit and Island counties is that there has been an abundance of pintail ducks. This past season and
last year reflected more pintail than we have ever seen before. I disagree with this proposal.
Adjust flyway data for Avian flu loss
From what I saw this year, pintail bag limits could increase back to two pintails. There were times we were limited on
Some consideration should be given to the fact that most Pintails in the Pacific Flyway do not come from the Midwest's
"Duck Factory" where changing farming practices and drought have been limiting their numbers. Our pintails mostly
come from BC and Alaska and, even with a one bird limit, the pintail is the third most common duck harvested at the
I support this Amendment
Agree with proposal
WA has an abundance of Pintail to justify a limit of two per day bag limit and associated possession limit.
Avian flu first, harvest second
Waterfowl surveys must be updated for Avian flu
support
Maintain.
No season where Avian flu
We observed a dramatic drop in Northern Pintail numbers observed in our hunting areas after the 2009-2011 alterations
to the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge. After the refuge alterations numbers observed dropped from daily peaks of
several thousand Pintail to daily peaks of around 400 birds. The daily peaks of 400 pintail and our harvest levels have
History, destroy fish habitat for artificial duck habitat then destroy artificial duck habitat for natural fish habitat.
Establish 0 Northern Pintail limit. Incidental take and wastage already hurting specie.
Ok
yes
Another disappointing decision as it pertains to the Pacific Flyway, specifically. The population dynamics in the Pacific
Flyway are highly indicative of substantiating at least a 2 pintail daily bag-limit.
Agreed
When population dynamics only allow one or two bird bag limits then Common Sense should prevail and not have a
support
I support
hunters do not spread avian flu
Hunters are unnatural vectors for Avian flu.
I support increasing the pintail limit back to 2 birds as the coastal populations are not in jeopardy as other areas.
Any proposal must include Avian flu data.
Fully support.
Please maintain the two-scaup per day bag limit, but remove the 86-day season length. Duck hunting typically occurs in
the AM hours in dimly-lit, cloudy, and dark conditions. Identifying a hen scaup vs a hen ringneck, or ruddy duck in flight
is nearly impossible in these low light conditions. With a 2 duck limit, it allows for mistakes, while ensuring that hunters
Two bird limit tells you specie vulnerable. Also wastage issue since hunters don't eat these birds.
AGREE
Support the changes and waterfowl hunting in general.
Open daily hunting hours a half hour later to help hunters identify specie and sex. Veteran hunters know the wisdom of
better quality hunting to be had and the less wastage of waterfowl through misidentification, greediness, and poorly
Waterfowl hunters are vectors for Avian flu.
agree
Maintain the 2 scaup daily limit, and the 86 day season.
Agree and let the data define changes if warranted.
Expand to match full duck season but reduce to one for bag limit
Maintain two-scaup per day bag-limit and associated possession limits, while maintaining an 70-day season length.
Agree with the daily limit, but I think the scaup season could be extended to match mallards as they are not usually a
Maintain as is. I don't target scaup and don't see a recreational need to increase.
Agree
Yes, seems fine

Weigh the ethics of :
Making life easier for hunters and harder for geese.
Disregarding the long term effects of Avian flu by allowing hunters to spread the disease unnaturally throughout the state and beyond thus endangering wild and domestic avian populations.
The last two season openers have proved to be very difficult with all the snow geese in the area. We have had hundreds of snow walking through our decoy spread. We will be more successful hunting them when they first arrive rather than several weeks after they migrate into our area. Recruitment of young hunters into our sport by exposing them to less

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Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. Damn the Snow geese for going only where and when they can screwing up easy duck hunting.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. Only adjust and allow after Avian flu study in.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. No comment

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. agree, snow geese seem to be most available at the beginning of the season for many accessible areas of region 4

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. No

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. yes

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. Strongly agree with this adjustment.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. Add more days, the goose population can support it.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. Support Swan hunt.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. hunters do not spread avian flu.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. Hunters are unnatural vectors for Avian flu.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #5. I support the suggestions for the white geese and the splits proposed.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Fully support.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Any proposal must include Avian flu data.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. The only "sea ducks" you can legally hunt in Washington are inedible and wasted by hunters. It's a duck diet issue.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Brandt geese have a different diet and taste good.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. AGREE

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Support the changes and waterfowl hunting in general.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Hunters spread Avian flu virus with bird carcasses.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. agree

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. In understanding that the aerial surveys leave room for human error, i would like to see a more comprehensive proposal for sea duck population surveys. I also believe that harlequin ducks are targeted more than any other sea ducks, and that some regulations need to be in place. Perhaps an out of state hunter draw system and continued 1 bird season limit for

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Agree and let data define the harvest rate.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Yes, Evaluate sea duck harvest estimates in relation to the most recent PSAMP aerial survey results for consistency with the WDFW sea duck management strategies of less than 5% of the winter index.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Open harlequin back up to at least one bird per season for resident hunters.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Why you want to target (and supposedly eat) these things over better tasting ducks is beyond me. I don't target them

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. What does this mean for hunters and seasons? Current sea duck harvest seems fine, but will we ever get harlequin back?

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. How about a draw? Or just make it much more expensive and a draw for out of state hunters? Locals lost their harlequin

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Leave it as it is. No changes.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Agreed

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Avian flu and greed can destroy duck hunting

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Follow the science to support the population, when in doubt slower the bag limit.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. in favor

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. I support this proposal

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. good

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Use latest science on global warming and Avian flu

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. I agree with this proposal.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Adjust flyway data for Avian flu loss

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. While this is reasonable, I don't believe a one duck per season limit on Harlequins has any measurable effect on their

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. I support this Amendment

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Agree with proposal

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Not valid UNLESS WDFW does the aerial survey EVERY YEAR!!!

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Avian flu first, harvest second

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Waterfowl surveys must be updated for Avian flu

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. support

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. No season where Avian flu

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. No opinion.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Eliminate Sea Duck harvest as hunters do not eat them. Rampant wastage

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. no

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Re-open harlequin ducks to a resident only season on a limited basis, even if it's only one bird per season. The majority of hunters should not be punished due to a couple of guides flying in non-resident hunters and targeting harlequin.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Save money for important habitat issues by closing sea duck and all other inedible duck hunting management.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. I support

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Hunters DO eat sea ducks. Hunters do not spread avian flu.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Hunters are unnatural vectors for Avian flu.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. Please share your favorite Scoter recipe. No fair going through long process and ultimately discarding end product.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #6. I support the 5% but need to recommend a harlequin season with a lottery system and electronic reporting to help

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. Against, don't eliminate opportunity.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. Any proposal must include Avian flu data.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. Fully support.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. It is barely below the 3,000 brant goal and doesn't warrant a closure. The count was 113 birds below the goal. This is within the window of error and seems like an unwarranted change. This requires hunters in the Skagit area to take the goose identification course as is required in other GMU's and is unnecessary requirement with the numbers being so

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. Brandt are not far behind Orcas, Chinook and Steelhead

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. AGREE

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. Support the changes as recommended and also encourage the department to re-establish a brant season should the

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. Stop the spread of Avian flu by hunters.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. The Whatcom county opening and Skagit county closure is a joke. It is the same population. There should be no artificial

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. agree

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Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. Yes, The brant season in Skagit County will start closed as the most recent 3-year winter index is below 3,000 brant.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. Agreed, we need to support a healthy population.

Please provide comments for WAC 220-416-060 Amendment #7. Fair enough, but a better notice of if it opens and a longer heads-up would be nice.

From: Commission (DFW)
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 8:43 AM
To: Rule Making (DFW) ; Bonagofski, Heather L (DFW)
Subject: FW: WDFW seeks public comments on 2023-2024 hunting seasons

For rulemaking record

From: Bergmans >
Sent: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 9:29 AM
To: Commission (DFW) >
Subject: WDFW seeks public comments on 2023-2024 hunting seasons

External Email

I am a disabled senior and Washington resident - I do not think there is enough consideration for disabled seniors.

* I have asked that disabled seniors have a more economical access to the Discover Pass. I believe/suggest that it should be included with the hunting/Fishing licenses at no extra cost. It could be offered as a life-time purchase option too.

* Hunting access considerations for disabled seniors (disabled in general) has continuously constricted to nothing in SW Washington. Perhaps more RED walk-in road areas with disabled vehicle access?

On a different note - what is new on hoof rot?

Roger Bergman
Public comment received via phone today regarding 2023 hunting seasons.

Sincerely,

Katie Allowatt
Wildlife Program Customer Service Supervisor

From: Anonymous
Sent: Friday, February 17, 2023 1:02 PM
To: U-S-DFW-O365-WLP-CUSTOMER-SERVICE-VM
Subject: Shared Voicemail (DFW Wildlife CQ (DFW))

External Email

John Bonch 594672956. I don't know where to make the comment about if seniors can shoot a DOE modern rifle, why can't seniors shooting muzzleloader shooter go? Hope to make it all equitable. OK. Thank you. Bye.
You received a voice mail from Anonymous.

Sent from my iPhone

Hello,

I would like to see more opportunities for muzzleloaders. They have the shortest season and the least special permit options. Would like to see more units with maybe 2 bull permits that would not affect over harvesting but give more chances to draw a permit. This could be late season even during late archery.

Also, I don't know why muzzleloader deer goes from Saturday thru the next week Sunday, but elk only goes from Saturday to Friday.

Having multi-season permit applicants pay in full at the time of application will eliminate or reduce unclaimed permits. In the current process, as many as 800 permits for deer, and 40 for elk, are re-opened after the multi-season permit draw. The problem is that by the time applicants are redrawn, the special permits are closed. If the process were changed and applicants pre-paid, they would be notified in time to apply for special permits.

Thanks,
John Wolf

Sent from Mail for Windows

Dear Sirs,

The current elk/deer harvest seasons are detrimental to sustaining a healthy population of elk/deer in southwest Washington. I live near Cathlamet Washington in the Elochoman Valley. The elk herd here in the mid Elochoman is struggling due to increased human populations, loss of habitat, overbearing hunting pressure, poaching, and disease. Since "human progress" is not being well controlled (the valley grazing grounds here is currently being developed and increased traffic is taking a toll) options for this herd and others are dwindling.

The surrounding tree plantations are poor habitat for elk, deer and other animals. This is evident to anyone spending time in these areas. The industrial tree farms are very near void of any significant wildlife. A cycle of clear cut, over planting of target harvest trees resulting in jungles, herbicide / pesticide spraying and slash burning has resulted in a green, very nearly sterile environment. Many people see elk and deer in the lowlands and think they are plentiful. In truth the lowlands are the only decent habitat left to them and it is becoming less and less hospitable. Those animals wandering into legal hunt zones during the months of legal harvest seasons are often taken. The animals in the protected areas are clearly stressed and are rarely seen during open harvest seasons. Poaching is generally taking place during open harvest seasons in restricted areas. Poachers operate under cover of what is often interpreted to be legal gun fire taking animals in these areas.

The Elochoman herd has a high percentage of hoof rot with "limpers" making up a minimum of 20 percent of the herd here. I see this on a first hand basis.

The pressure added by months of hunting in the surrounding areas (thankfully no shooting is allowed in the Elochoman valley floor) is one factor that can be controlled in an effort to give this wildlife a chance to survive.

I was an avid hunter in my home state of Idaho and enjoyed the sport greatly. Since moving to the Oregon/Washington area some thirty odd years ago I have given up the sport. I can not, in good conscience, take these animals when they are struggling to survive.

We can take the "wait and see" path that has historically resulted in the collapse of other species such as salmon, steelhead and sturgeon to name a few or take actions now to actually make a difference. Please make meaningful changes to the current harvest seasons and give these animals a chance.

Elk hunting in the Packwood unit. why is there no antlerless seasons to help the management of cows, I've seen several malnourished in that unit the last couple years, also late seasons for archery and muzzleloader hunting or at least some special permits for antlerless elk would help and create more revenue for the game department. Thank you for listening.

Thank you

Public comment received via mail in the NRB on 3/1. Please let me know if I should destroy the physical copy.

Very respectfully,

Katie Allowatt
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Elk muzzleloading season should be a 2 week period.

Also bear hunting should have a spring season. The bear population in NE Washington has been on the rise over the last 15 years and has been detrimental to the ungulate populations.

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Thane Werner
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Dear WDFW,

The Washington State muzzle-loader eastern elk season is typically the first weekend of October (or very end of September) and typically ends the Friday seven days after the opening Saturday making it the shortest of any Eastern Elk season. Muzzle-loader hunters already have less opportunity to special permit bull elk tags, only having three areas to draw from, and fewer units to hunt in the general season compared to archery and rifle hunters. It is unfair that muzzleloader hunters should have less time than other hunters.

With rising cost of living and stagnant wages people have more issues taking time off of work for elk hunting opportunities than they did prior to the 2020 pandemic. The WDFW should extend the season through the second weekend to create more opportunities for those who cannot hunt during the week, while creating equal opportunities amongst all weapon types for the eastern muzzle-loader elk season.

Muzzle-loader season is supposed to be a challenge for hunters requiring them to get closer to an animal and have only one shot opportunity. Having only one weekend to hunt creates a challenge only to those who cannot afford to take the week off to hunt. The WDFW needs to extend the season from seven days to nine days through the second weekend to provide equal recreational opportunities for all weapon types.

Thank you,
Trevor King

comments/questions that pertain to special permits for Quality Bull Elk in the Goose Prairie Unit. These are for the Eastern Muzzleloader weapon choice. This email is the only venue that I could find for making these comments.

1. Only a single permit is offered in this unit for the early muzzleloader season. I used to backpack 6 miles into the wilderness area to hunt this season but since injuring my back several years ago I can no longer pack a camp in. I can, however, hire an outfitter to haul in a drop camp. I always hunted this unit with 2 other friends. Although I enjoy hunting alone, I don't think it's appropriate to do so in the backcountry for safety sake. I would like to see a second permit offered so a partner and I could apply. It's not reasonable to expect 2 people to hire an outfitter when only one can hunt. You don't split the bill. Each partner pays the full fee. Surely, with the Goose Prairie Unit being comprised of 2 large GMU's, you can't possibly be managing elk on such an intimate level that would preclude one additional permit.

I realize that elk numbers are depressed but Fish & Wildlife managers admit, to their credit, that raffle permits are offered to generate funds. I noticed quite a few public comments have been made, asking for more fairness between raffle permits and general season permits. I also understand that if one additional permit is allowed in this unit, then what about the others? I can only speak to the issue that I'm raising because that is the only unit I'm interested in.

2. Prior to 2009, because of Resource Allocation, permit-holding archery hunters typically got to hunt first, muzzleloaders second, and modern firearm hunters last. But in 2009, besides the standard modern DFW Commission, DFW Director and DFW Anis Aoude.

Please include the attachment below as part of the Public Comment record for the reinstatement of the general hunting season in Eastern Skagit County from Sedro Woolley to Concrete South of Highway 20. The overpopulation of elk for the past 5 to 10 years has led to over 2 million dollars annually in elk intrusion damages. now livestock owners are facing huge financial losses because DFW is unable to stop the spread of elk hoof rot onto our farmland. A general open hunting season is the only solution to move the elk off the wet agriculture valley floor, the breeding grounds for the elk hoof rot bacteria. This way the elk will move back upland to their natural habitat.

Thank you

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Please see the attachment in the rulemaking file.

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Attached is my public comment for your consideration. I am a resident of Eastern Skagit County, owner of 4.3 acres and neighbor to farmers and ranchers, who, like me, feel that after years of not being managed, the elk bands need to be managed through a renewed open hunting season in order to save our valley's vital agriculture.

See attachment in the rulemaking file: Janis Schweitzer

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Hello,

I have attached the following letter to be considered by the commission in regard to the troubling developments in hunting regulations in Washington State.

Thank you.

See attachment in the rulemaking file.

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From: C Robin >
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2023 10:42 AM
To: Wildthing (DFW) >
Subject: Hunting season 2023-2024

External Email

Additional time for the elk hunting season next year may be a way to discourage the elk herds from doing damage to my farm.

Something needs to be done to help us.

Please reinstate the general open hunting season in Eastern Skagit County, south of Highway 20 between Sedro Woolley and Concrete.

Thank you,
Charlene Robinson
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The Department reduced elk hunting opportunity in District 8 in 2020 and 2022, based on a population estimate that was apparently too low. Now the Department states that there are over 12,000 elk in the area, a number which is above the herd objective. It appears the Department is increasing cow hunting opportunity, but keeping the permits for branched antlered bulls at much reduced levels. For instance, for the Goose Prairie/Bumping unit, the Department proposes issuing only 7 total branched-antlered permits. In this unit between 2013 and 2018, the branched-antlered harvest was 19 (2013), 18 (2014), 24 (2015), 29 (2016), 35 (2017), 17 (2018). I have not looked up the numbers of permits issued for each of those years, but surely some of the permit holders were not successful. There appears to be no biological reason to keep the number of permits at the low levels of 2019-21. Please return to the harvest goals of 2013 to 2018 and issue permits accordingly

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From: C Robin >
Sent: Saturday, March 25, 2023 10:57 AM
To: Commission (DFW) >
Subject: Support 2023-2024 general open season Elk

External Email

Please allow this general open season suggestion for elk hunting which could discourage the herds that live in Eastern Skagit County, south of Hwy 20 between Sedro Woolley and Concrete.

We farmers need more "tools" to help discourage the damage caused by the State/Tribes owned elk .

Thank you,
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