



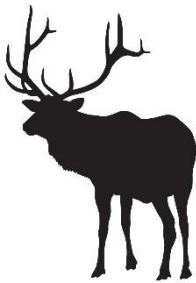
**North Cascades Elk Herd
Human-Elk Conflict Update
May 2023**

Purpose

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) employs dedicated staff to assist landowners with wildlife-related damage issues. This monthly report summarizes efforts by WDFW staff to address damage to private property caused by elk from the North Cascades elk herd.

Number of Complaints

Elk Damage Complaints in May 2023 – 4
Elk Related Damage Complaints year to date – 30



Harvest on Private Property

Table 1. Elk harvested on private property as part of elk-related damage-mitigation efforts, North Cascades elk herd, July 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023. Landowner harvest pertains to elk harvested by landowners with WDFW-issued Damage Prevention Permits or Kill Permits. Master Hunter harvest pertains to elk harvested by WDFW-certified Master Hunters who have drawn Master Hunter Elk Hunt special permits. Tribal donations pertain to elk harvested by either landowners or WDFW staff and donated to a Point Elliott Treaty Tribe.

GMU	Landowner		Master Hunter		Tribal Donations	
	Bull	Antlerless	Bull	Antlerless	Bull	Antlerless
407						
418						
437						
Total						

Damage Mitigation Efforts

WDFW received four elk related damage complaints in May 2023. Two complaints were from commercial producers and involved elk damage to pasture or crop ground. Hazing, fencing, damage prevention contracts, and compensation options were discussed. Two complaints were from non-commercial producers. One homeowner was experiencing elk damage to their garden and the other has elk damage to fencing. Fencing advice to mitigate damages was discussed as well as hazing options.

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