



PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

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In accordance with [RCW 34.05.330](#), the Office of Financial Management (OFM) created this form for individuals or groups who wish to petition a state agency or institution of higher education to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule. You may use this form to submit your request. You also may contact agencies using other formats, such as a letter or email.

The agency or institution will give full consideration to your petition and will respond to you within 60 days of receiving your petition. For more information on the rule petition process, see Chapter 82-05 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=82-05>.

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- Check all of the boxes that apply.
- Provide relevant examples.
- Include suggested language for a rule, if possible.
- Attach additional pages, if needed.
- Send your petition to the agency with authority to adopt or administer the rule. Here is a list of agencies and their rules coordinators: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Documents/RClst.htm>.

INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION

Agency responsible for adopting or administering the rule: Wa. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.

The subject (or purpose) of this rule is: Please see attachment

The rule is needed because: Please see attachment

The new rule would affect the following people or groups: Please see attachment

2. AMEND RULE - I am requesting the agency to change an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: _____

I am requesting the following change: _____

This change is needed because: _____

The effect of this rule change will be: _____

The rule is not clearly or simply stated: _____

3. REPEAL RULE - I am requesting the agency to eliminate an existing rule.

List rule number (WAC), if known: _____

(Check one or more boxes)

It does not do what it was intended to do.

It is no longer needed because: _____

It imposes unreasonable costs: _____

The agency has no authority to make this rule: _____

It is applied differently to public and private parties: _____

It conflicts with another federal, state, or local law or rule. List conflicting law or rule, if known: _____

It duplicates another federal, state or local law or rule. List duplicate law or rule, if known: _____

Other (please explain): _____

Three point Antler Point Restriction:

In order to standardize restrictions on white tailed deer in District One to coincide with antler point restrictions in the south part of Region One (Spokane south) and also because of extreme predation in District One in general (Stevens, Pend O'reille, and Ferry counties), I ask the following to be considered by The Commission in this petition.

*Deer numbers are at an all time low in Northeast Washington: Something needs to be done to increase numbers from unsustainable to stable condition.

*Predator management is non-existent and predation is also at an all time high, in an unmanaged predator environment. Do we not care about sustaining ungulate populations? This is a WDFW mandate. Does the Commission only care about propagating carnivores? RCW 77.04.012

*Predation is at an all time high in Northeast Washington with wolves, cougar, bear, coyotes, and bobcats. The deer have not and will not recover after the Blue Tongue outbreaks of 2015 and 2021 and deer numbers are not going to recover unless something is done to restrict predators. Predation on these diminished numbers of deer will not allow the numbers to come back if nothing is done.

ACTION:

*On the other hand, as hunters and deer lovers there is something that we can do. Harvest numbers are at the lowest since 2010. So, as sportsmen, without limiting time afield and days of opportunity my suggestion is to go to a standardized Antler Point Restriction for all of District One. (Three point minimum like Spokane south) This would allow for some buck escapement to help bring back deer numbers.

CONCLUSION

* This is not to reduce days in the field but for hunters again to make a sacrifice to offset losses to a valuable resource by predation and disease. No one wants limited entry or draw to have time afield. This is the lesser of many evils!