- 3% growth rate compared 28% average. What are our thoughts on this and how does that impact future management plans and decisions.

- Loss of breeding pairs in eastern WA - why, what does that signal for the future?

- Is there some sort of way people could raise money to help move livestock out of "hotspots" for conflict before slaughter removal is needed?

- Don't think private citizens should be involved in lethal removal. As discussed in Sec 5. of WDFW Cattle Seasonเอก by WEG
  → they are at risk of inhumane treatment
- How much acreage does one large rider cover? Do they rotate? How is this determined?

- Are there plans to collar more wolves as the population grows?

- Why is the legislature trying to remove the mandatory reporting on non-lethal tools taken by the producers in Section 2 of the Bill?

- Is it possible to have some sort of buffer around rendezvous and dens sites?
Because of the "unique" circumstances associated with the depredations from January (OPT Pack) - these should not count toward the 4 in 10 month lethal removal protocol.
How public provide protocol change input?
PROTOCOL CHANGE TOPICS

1. Range Rider Expectations
2. Clarify "Proactive" (deterrence measures)
3. Dist. from Den/Rendezvous
   - Avoid
   - Increase vigilance
4. 10-month window
5. Multiple Depredations - Decision Criteria Still Valid?
6. # of Depredation Rqmts
7. Reducing Investigation Costs
PROTOCOL CHANGE TOPICS

8. No Livestock in High Risk Areas

9. Jan Attacks = "Depredations"?

10. Move "Avoid ... sites" to top of Deterrence List

11. Clarify Expectations for All Parties

12. Better define "event"

15. Investigation protocol expectations
PROTOCOL CHANGE TOPICS

13. Effects of tribal hunting - what effects?
   - No
   - Change yet
   - Feedback loop Dept. Tribes, Implementation

14. What if pack removal happens 2 yrs in a row?
DEPT. CHANGE. CONCEPTS

1. Range Rider Duties
2. Use of Applicable Non-lethal deterrents
3. Different Guidelines for Different Wolf Recovery Regions
Range Riding
- Training
- Presence vs. more
- Presence vs. Range Riding?
- Data analysis of Range Rider Pgm
- Verify Range Riding location?
- What's required now?
Range Riding

- How do better in difficult landscapes? (Across whole protocol?)
- Herding?
- Follow wolves instead of livestock?
- Cows collared as well as wolves
- Need to change protocol?
Range Riding

- Innovation grant?
- Can we remove carcasses?
- Who decides if (effort) is enough?
- Are we focusing on symptoms?
Human Presence

Minimum:
- Regular / higher than normal livestock checks
- Presence around livestock not necessarily explicit
Human presence

Locations: - Calving/lambing areas, small acreage pastures, bunching sheep at night,
RANGE RIDER

LOCATIONS: LARGE GRAZING ALLOTMENTS, LARGE PRIVATE PASTURES

Dept. Split in protocol
RANGE RIDER

MINIMUM-
- THE GOAL IS PREVENTION
- ACTIONS ARE PROACTIVE AND USUALLY PLANNED
- LIVESTOCK CENTRIC
- LIVESTOCK HUSBANDRY/BEHAVIOR KNOWLEDGE
- RR REQUIRED COMMUNICATION W/ PRODUCER/WDFN ON LIVESTOCK INJURY, MORTALITY, MOVEMENTS
RANCH HAND

Min. Cont.-

- Knowledge of grazing location, livestock, and wildlife
- Knowledge of deterrents/ effective ness
- Knowledge of how to preserve depredation scene.
Internal Member Agmts

Decision → Recommend

Disagreement w/ Dept. dcsn

1. Talk to staff?
2. Talk to WAG?

Thank you
Internal T& A Mbr Agmts

Lethal Decision on 1st increment
1. Dept. call to WAG
   Dept. Public muted line
2. Walk thru protocol for WAG
3. WAG sends pre-questions
   As needed calls if possible
INTERNAL MEMBER AGRMTs

Walk WAG members thru protocol

Any Dept. concerns w/ indep. WAG mtg?

When get info call?
  · When the Dir. decides lethal removal?
  · Possible decision coming?

Explicit info needs when there's a deprecation?
Dept. seeking innovation

WAG recommends protocol

(language?)

Dir. has "authority"?

Dept. Draft protocol update to WAG
Can a person hunt by proxy on tribal lands?

Track effects on ungulates instead of wolves harvested
Danny proposal - Tm ideas

Paula's proposal -

#15 e.g. 8-10+ days - no dcsn

- No Initial Dept. response

- 24 hr to get dcsn?

- Consequences, if not?
#15 cont.

- Alternate for staff on vacation?
Range rider expectations

- WDFW field staff pick select qualified range rider not influenced by politics

- GPS track logs/weekly

- Don't spend time chasing wolf locations/clusters

- Range rider directed daily by CS

- Collect other data on livestock distribution

- Get RR focus back to livestock
- 1-1 meeting w/ CS & producer
- 1-1 meeting w/ policy/RO/Director & producer
- Increasing communication w/ other agency land managers (at all levels)
  → grazing options that work for all w/ CS & Forest Service this year

"Incentives" make better things better for neighbors

- Keep cow/calves together
- Gathering strays/look for missing
- Monitor behavior
To WIG

- Ask Ferry country specialist to help in area w/ livestock, wild monitoring, cameras. monitoring.

- Signage about "if see cows after take take-off, who to contact.

- Communicate w/ producer about salt sites (FS) and don’t rendezvous site.

- Support for accountability. Not influenced by politics. When people go to leg or direct or commissioner, kick back down.

- Outline plan w/ elected officials ahead of time about reach of what we can do.

- Lethal into consideration to dispersal/growth.