

Agenda Item 9

Wildlife Conflict Rules Chapter 232-36 Rule Adoption



- Rule Modifications:
 - Definitions
 - Killing wildlife causing damage
 - Payment for crop damage
 - Payment for livestock damage
 - Dispute resolution





- Dropping Our Recommendation to Create New Rules for:
 - Payment for noncommercial livestock losses
 - Application for compensation for non-commercial livestock losses





 Purpose: To amend the conflict rules to make them more consistent with the Wolf Conservation and Management Plan



- Our revised recommendation :
 - Sets the stage for making our rules consistent with the Plan
 - Encourages producers to enter into agreements
 - The agreements cover several wolf management issues
 - Including a commitment to consider covering losses beyond "confirmed" losses



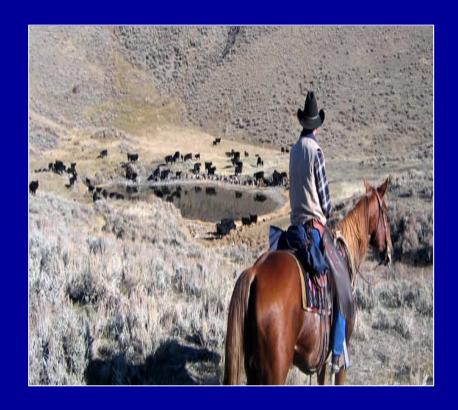
Wildlife Conflict Rules 232-36-030

Definitions for guard dog and livestock



Payment for Commercial Livestock Damage WAC 232-36-200

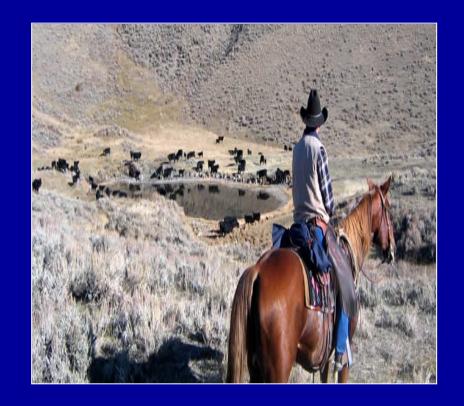
 This amendment encourages producers to enter into agreements with the department





Payment for Commercial Livestock Damage WAC 232-36-200

These agreements
 with the department
 allow producers to be
 considered for
 compensation of other
 losses consistent with
 their agreement





Application and Payment for Non-Commercial Damage WAC 232-36-260

- With the recommendation to drop this new rule, we lose the recommended changes to:
 - Stipulate how values for losses will be compensated
 - Prioritize payments to producers under agreement with the department
 - And allow payment of claims to cross biennial lines



Dispute Resolution for Claims WAC 232-36-400

The recommended amendments to this rule creates a livestock appeals committee in addition to other resolution options that a producer could choose to settle disputes

The other changes are intended for clarification and to ensure that the standards in this rule and are consistent with the Administrative Procedures Act



Public Comment

- These rules should reflect the Plan
- Weight loss is not supported by science
- Compensation should be prioritized for confirmed losses
- Weight loss claims would deplete available funds

- These rules are completely consistent with the Plan
- Page 93 talks about developing compensation for unknown losses
- We have not spent any of the state funds allotted for FY 12-13

Questions???





- RCW 77.36.100
- Payment of claims for damage to commercial crops or commercial livestock — Noncash compensation — Offer of materials or services to offset or prevent wildlife interactions — Appeal of decisions.
- (2)(b) The commission shall adopt and maintain by rule criteria for damage to property other than a commercial crop or commercial livestock that is damaged by wildlife and may be eligible for compensation under this subsection, including criteria for filing a claim for compensation under this subsection.