Agenda Item 9

WAC 232-28-286 Spring Black Bear Seasons and Regulations

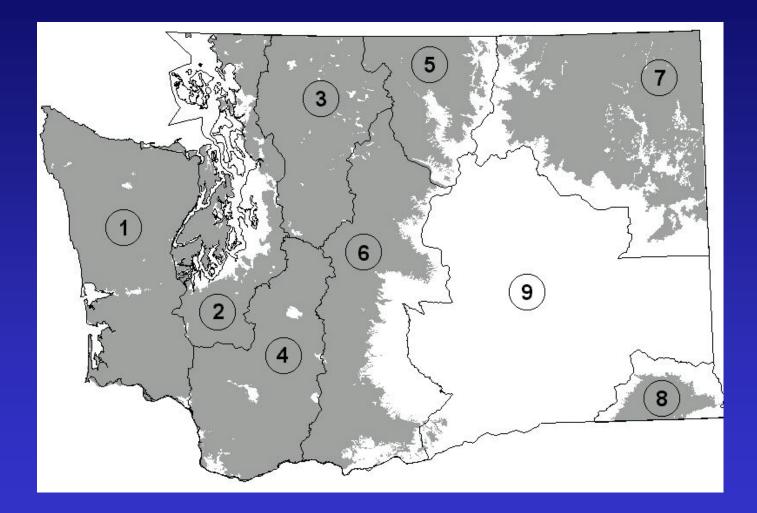
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Game Management Plan Objective 58

 Provide recreational hunting opportunities to annually harvest at least 800-1,200 bears statewide, while at the same time maintaining a sustainable bear population in each BBMU

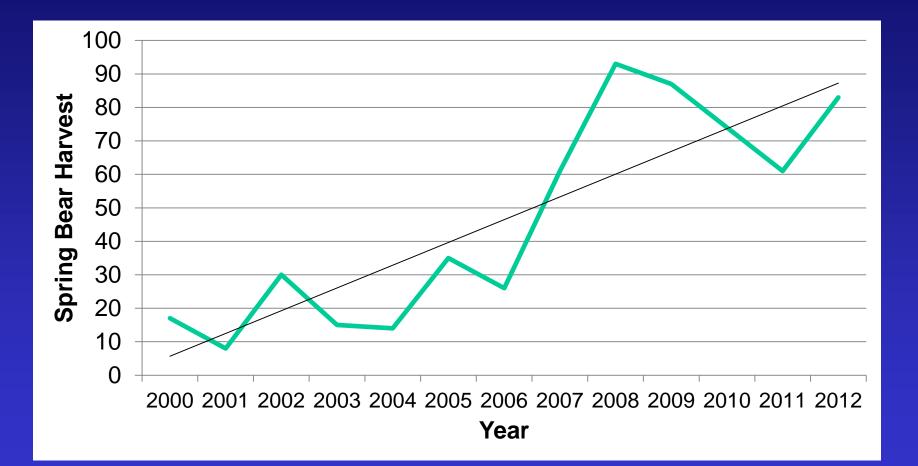
| | Harvest | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|--|
| Parameter | Liberalize | Acceptable | Restrict | |
| % Females in harvest | < 35% | 35-39% | > 39% | |
| Median age of harvested females | > 6 years | 5-6 years | < 5 years | |
| Median age of harvested males | > 4 years | 2-4 years | < 2 years | |

Black bear Management Units

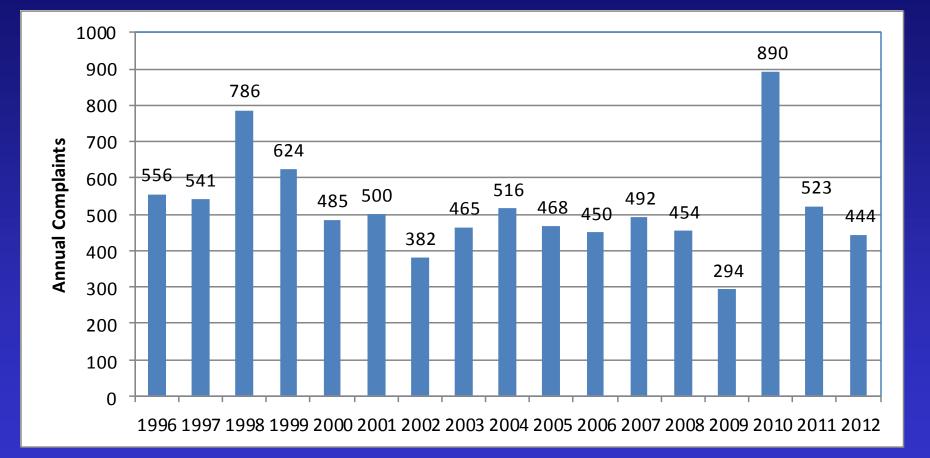


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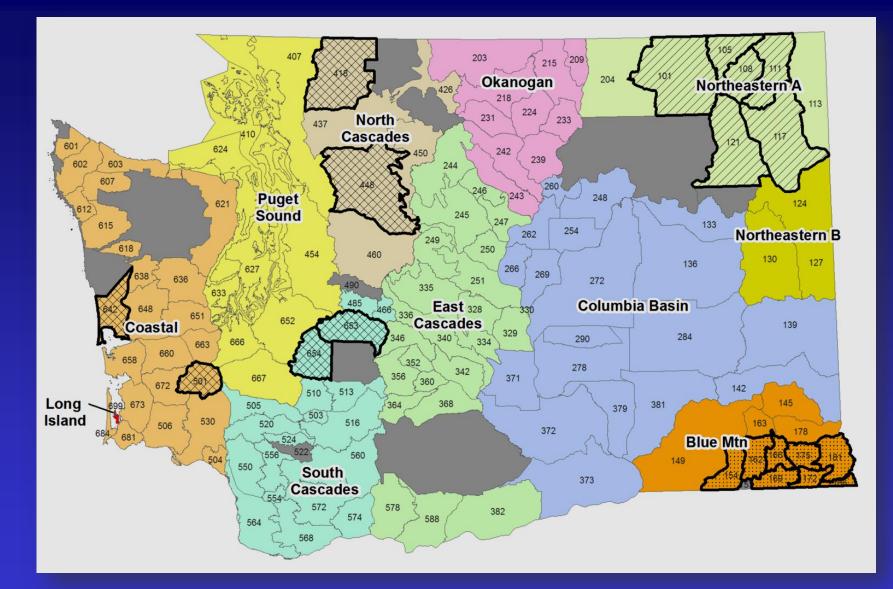
Statewide Spring Bear Harvest



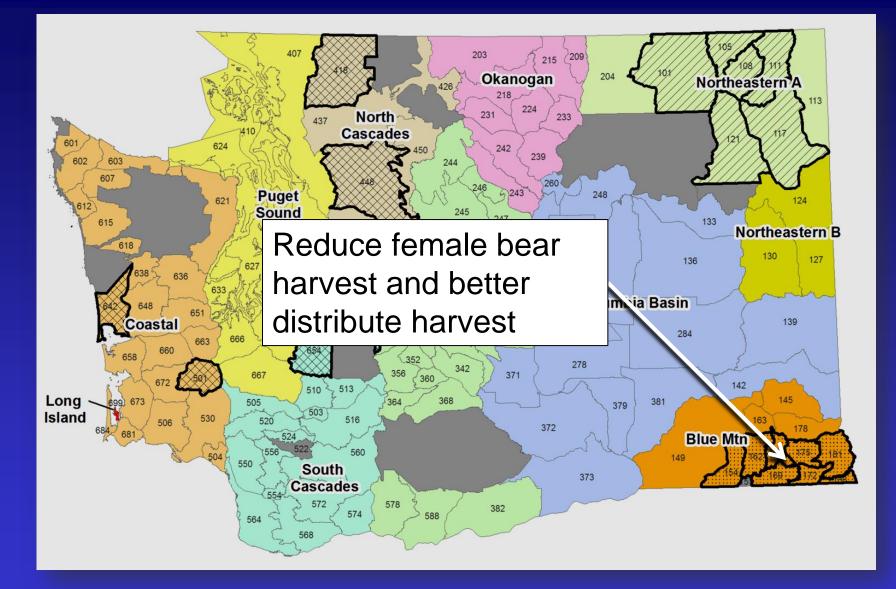
Confirmed Bear Complaints

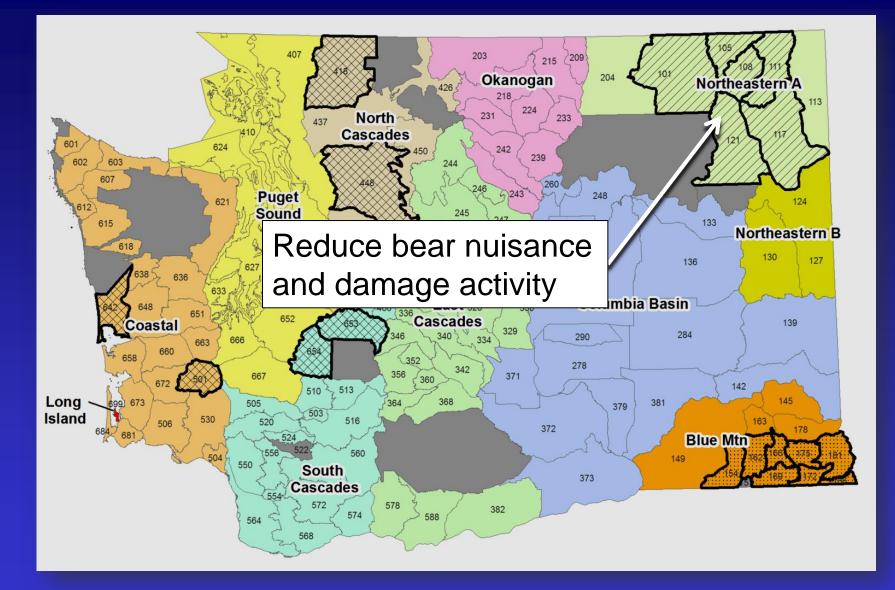


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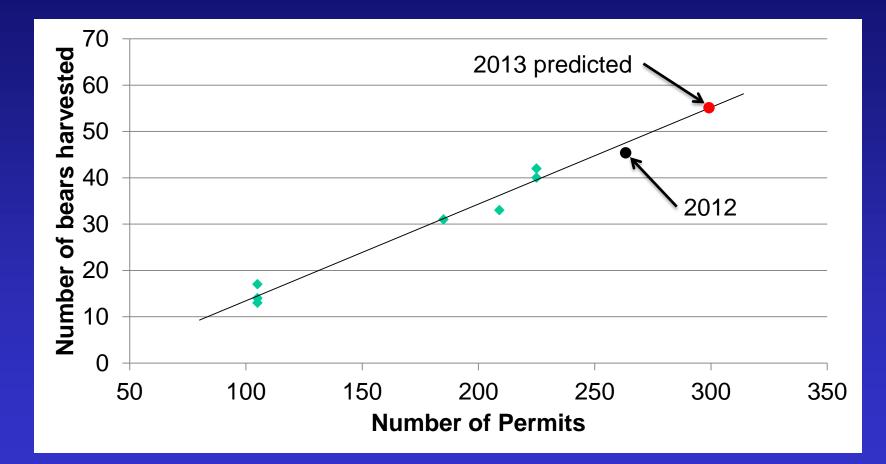


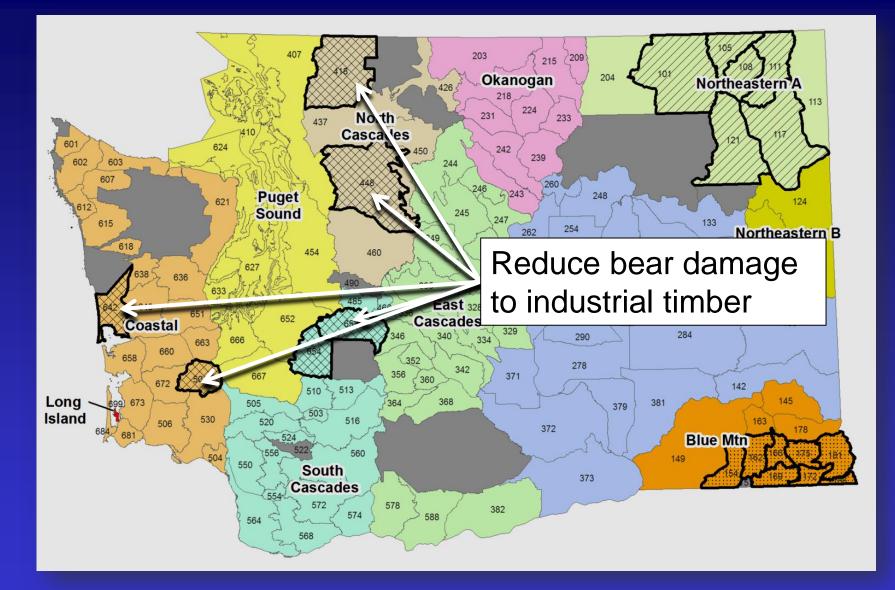


Spring Bear Permits and Harvest Eastern Washington only

| Year | Permits | Eastside | Success |
|------|---------|----------|---------|
| 2004 | 105 | 14 | 13% |
| 2005 | 105 | 13 | 12% |
| 2006 | 105 | 17 | 16% |
| 2007 | 225 | 40 | 18% |
| 2008 | 225 | | |
| 2009 | 225 | 42 | 19% |
| 2010 | 185 | 31 | 17% |
| 2011 | 209 | 33 | 16% |
| 2012 | 264 | 46 | 19% |
| 2013 | 314 | | |

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Recommendation

| Hunt Choice | Hunt Name | Hunt Area | 2013 Hunt Dates ^b | Permits | 2012 Apps/ Avg Pts |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 7014 | North Skagit ^a | That portion of GMU 418 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR, Sierra Pacific, and Grandy Lake Timber company. | April 15- May 31 June 15 | -20- <u>30</u> | 327/3 |
| 7015 | Monroe ^a | That portion of GMU 448 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR, Campbell Group, and Longview Timber Lands. | April 15- May 31 June 15 | 25 | 334/3 |

Floor Change

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Questions