

**ELK GENERAL AND SPECIAL PERMIT SEASONS AND
REGULATIONS**

WAC 232-28-358 and 232-28-360

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Summary

Meeting dates: March 7-8, 2014

Agenda item: Elk General and Special Permit Seasons and Regulations – **Rule Briefing and Public Hearing**

Presenter(s): Jerry Nelson, Ph.D., Deer and Elk Section Manager, Wildlife Program

Background summary:

Staff will brief the Commission on proposed amendments to WAC 232-28-358 2012-2014 Elk general seasons and definitions and WAC 232-28-360 2014 Elk special permits.

Updates will be provided on:

- Antlerless elk hunting opportunities for Yakima, Colockum, and Mount St. Helens
 - Status of elk populations
 - Elk harvest data
 - Hoof disease issues for elk in SW Washington
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Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

- Continue sustainable hunting seasons for elk.
 - Adjust elk special permits in response to elk population changes and elk damage complaints.
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Public involvement process used and what you learned:

Notification was made to approximately 9,000 individuals and organizations informing them of the opportunity to provide comment on the proposed regulations. Additionally these individuals and organizations were informed of the opportunity to provide testimony at the March 7-8, 2014 Commission Meeting in Moses Lake.

Action requested:

Take public comment. Adoption is planned for the April 11-12, 2014 Commission Meeting.

Draft motion language:

N/A

Justification for Commission action:

- To maximize hunting opportunity consistent with achieving population objectives.
 - To address damage complaints and problems using hunter harvest.
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Communications Plan:

Washington State Register
News Releases
Hunting Pamphlet
Agency Website

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-11-078, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13)

WAC 232-28-358 2012-2014 Elk general seasons and definitions. It is unlawful to fail to comply with bag, possession, and season limits described below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

Bag Limit: One (1) elk per hunter during the license year, except where otherwise permitted by department rule. Any combination of seasons, tags, and permits set by the department will not exceed a maximum of two (2) elk per hunter during the license year.

Hunting Method: Elk hunters must select only one of the hunting methods: Modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader.

Elk Tag Areas: Elk hunters must choose either Eastern or Western Washington to hunt in and buy the appropriate tag for that area.

Any Bull Elk Seasons: Open only to the taking of elk with visible antlers; bull calves are illegal.

Antler Point: To qualify as an antler point, the point must be at least one inch long, measured on the longest side.

Branch: A branch is defined as any projection off the main antler beam that is at least one inch long, measured on the longest side, and longer than it is wide.

Spike Bull Antler Restrictions: Bull elk taken in spike-only game management units (GMUs) must have at least one antler with no branches originating more than 4 inches above where the antler attaches to the skull.

Spike-only GMUs: 145-154, 162-186, 249, and 336-368.

True Spike - Bull Antler Restrictions: Neither antler of bull elk taken in GMUs 251, and 328-335 can have branching originating more than 4 inches above where the antlers attach to the skull. Under the true-spike restriction, taking an elk that has two points on one side or antler points within one inch of the definitions regarding length of point, or point of origination, is an infraction under RCW 77.15.160. All other types of violations of the true-spike restriction are subject to current penalties and assessments under RCW 77.15.410 and 77.15.420.

True-spike GMUs: 251, 328-335.

3-point Antler Restrictions: Legal bull elk must have at least 3 antler points on one side, with at least 2 antler points above the ear.

Eye guards are antler points when they are at least one inch long.

Antler restrictions apply to all hunters during any open season.

3-point GMUs: All of Western Washington, except for GMUs 448, 454, 564, ~~568~~, ~~574~~, ~~578~~, 652 for archers, 666, 684, and Elk Area 4941.

Permit-only Units: The following GMUs are closed to elk hunting during general elk seasons: 157, 371, 418, 485, 522, 524, 556, 621, 636, and 653.

GMUs Closed to Elk Hunting: 437 (except for Elk Area 4941) and 490.

Areas with Special Restrictions: There are modern firearm restrictions in GMU 334 and portions of GMU 660. GMU 554 is open only for early archery and muzzleloader seasons. Elk Area 6064 in GMU 638 (Quinault) is open to master hunters only.

Elk Tag Areas

Eastern Washington: All 100, 200, and 300 GMUs.

EA - Eastern Washington Archery Tag

EF - Eastern Washington Modern Firearm General Elk Tag

EM - Eastern Washington Muzzleloader Tag

Western Washington: All 400, 500, and 600 GMUs.

WA - Western Washington Archery Tag

WF - Western Washington Modern Firearm General Elk Tag

WM - Western Washington Muzzleloader Tag

Modern Firearm General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: A valid modern firearm elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: May use modern firearm, bow and arrow, or muzzleloader, but only during modern firearm seasons.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2012 Dates	2013 Dates	2014 Dates	Legal Elk
Eastern Washington	EF	101, 105, 108, 111, 113, 117, 121, 204	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 25 - Nov. 2	Any bull
		145 through 154, 162 through 169, 172 (except Elk Area 1040), 175 through 186, 249, 336 through 368	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 25 - Nov. 2	Spike bull
		251, 328, 329, 334, 335	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 26 - Nov. 2	True spike bull
		Elk Area 3722*	Sept. 8-23	Sept. 7-22	Sept. 6-21	Antlerless only
		124 through 142, 372, 382, 388	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4	Oct. 26 - Nov. 3	Oct. 25 - Nov. 2	Any elk
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381	Oct. 27 - Nov. 15	Oct. 26 - Nov. 15	Oct. 25 - Nov. 15	Any elk
		Elk Area 2033	Sept. 4-30	Sept. 3-30	Sept. 2-30	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 371, Elk Area 3912	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2013	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2014	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2015	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911**	Nov. 10 - Dec. 16	Nov. 9 - Dec. 15	Nov. 8 - Dec. 14	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911** 2nd tag.	Aug. 1 - Oct. 26	Aug. 1 - Oct. 25	Aug. 1 - Oct. 24	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
<p>*GMU 372 and Elk Area 3722 are mainly private property. Hunters are not advised to try hunting these areas without making prior arrangements for access.</p> <p>**Master Hunters who hunt in Elk Area 3911 may purchase a master hunter, Elk Area 3911, second elk transport tag. Only one (1) antlerless elk may be taken from Elk Area 3911 unless drawn for an antlerless elk special permit. Any legal weapon may be used. Master hunter, Elk Area 3911, second elk transport tags will be valid only for Elk Area 3911 from August 1 - October 26, 2012, August 1 - October 25, 2013, and August 1 - October 24, 2014. All hunters participating in the Elk Area 3911 hunt must wear hunter orange.</p>						
Western Washington	WF	((407,)) 460, 466, 503, 505 through 520, 530, 550, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, 601 through 618, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627 through 633, 638 through 652, 654 through 684. Except master hunters only in Elk Area 6064.	Nov. 3-14	Nov. 2-13	Nov. 1-12	3 pt. min.
		501, 504	Nov. 3-14	Nov. 2-13	Nov. 1-12	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		407, 448, 564, 666	Nov. 3-14	Nov. 2-13	Nov. 1-12	Any elk
		454	Nov. 3-14	Nov. 2-13	Nov. 1-12	Any bull

Archery General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: A valid archery elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Bow and arrow only, as defined under WAC 232-12-054.

Special Notes: Archery tag holders can hunt only during archery seasons and must hunt with archery equipment (WAC 232-12-054). Archery elk hunters may apply for special bull permits. Please see permit table for tag eligibility for all elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2012 Dates	2013 Dates	2014 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Archery General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EA	101 through 142, 243, 247, 249, 250, 373, 379, 381, 388	Sept. 4-16	Sept. 3-15	Sept. 2-14	Any elk
		162, 166 (through), 169, 172 (except Elk Area 1040), 186	Sept. 4-16	Sept. 3-15	Sept. 2-14	Spike bull
		328, 329(,335)	Sept. 4-16	Sept. 3-15	Sept. 2-14	True spike bull
		335			Sept. 2-14	True spike bull or antlerless
		145, 149, 154, Elk Area 1010, Elk Area 1013, 163, 175, 178, 181, 334, 336, 340, 352, 356, 364	Sept. 4-16	Sept. 3-15	Sept. 2-14	Spike bull or antlerless
Western Washington	WA	448, 454, 564, 652, 666	Sept. 4-16	Sept. 3-15	Sept. 2-14	Any elk
		407	N/A	Sept. 3-27	Sept. 2-26	Any elk
		501 through 505, 520, 550, 554, 560, 568, 572, 574, 578, 624, except for Elk Area 6071, Elk Area 6061, 654, 660, 667 through 673, 681, 684, 699	Sept. 4-16	Sept. 3-15	Sept. 2-14	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		460, 466, 506, 510, 513, 516, 530, 601, 602, 603, 607, 612 through 618, 627, 633, 638 through 648, 651, 658, 663. Master hunters only in Elk Area 6064.	Sept. 4-16	Sept. 3-15	Sept. 2-14	3 pt. min.
Late Archery General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EA	101, 105, 108, 117, 121, 204	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any bull
		124, 127, 373, 388	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any elk

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2012 Dates	2013 Dates	2014 Dates	Legal Elk
		178	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Nov. 20 - Dec. 8	Antlerless only
		Elk Area 1010, 163	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2013	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30, 2014	Dec. 9 - Jan. 20, 2015	Antlerless only
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 379, 381. Must wear hunter orange.	Oct. 21 - Nov. 15	Oct. 27 - Nov. 15	Oct. ((26)) 25 - Nov. 15	Any elk
		Master Hunters Only: 371, Elk Area 3912. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2013	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2014	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2015	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911**. Must wear hunter orange.	Nov. 10 - Dec. 16	Nov. 9 - Dec. 15	Nov. 8 - Dec. 14	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911** 2nd tag. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Oct. 26	Aug. 1 - Oct. 25	Aug. 1 - Oct. 24	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130		Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
		328, 334, 335, 342	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 26 - Dec. 8	True spike bull or antlerless
		336, 346, 352, 364, Elk Area 3681	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 26 - Dec. 8	Spike bull or antlerless
Western Washington	WA	503, 505, 667, 672, 681, and 699. Master hunters only in Elk Area 6064 portion of GMU 638.	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		407, 448, 454, 564, 666	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15	Any elk
		603, 612, 615, 638, 648	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.
		506, 520, 530	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15	Antlerless only
		*GMU 372 and Elk Area 3722 are mainly private property. Hunters are not advised to try hunting these areas without making prior arrangements for access. **Master Hunters who hunt in Elk Area 3911 may purchase a master hunter, Elk Area 3911, second elk transport tag. Only one (1) antlerless elk may be taken from Elk Area 3911 unless drawn for an antlerless elk special permit. Any legal weapon may be used. Master hunter, Elk Area 3911, second elk transport tags will be valid only for Elk Area 3911 from August 1 - October 26, 2012, August 1 - October 25, 2013, and August 1 - October 24, 2014. All hunters participating in the Elk Area 3911 hunt must wear hunter orange.				

Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: A valid muzzleloader elk tag as listed below for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Muzzleloader, as defined under WAC 232-12-051, or bow and arrow, as defined under WAC 232-12-054.

Special Notes: Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during the muzzleloader seasons. Only hunters with tags identified in the Special Elk Permits tables may apply for special elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	2012 Dates	2013 Dates	2014 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	101 through 121, 247	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 4-10	Any bull
		124 through 142, 245, 250	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 4-10	Any elk
		172 (except Elk Area 1040), 336 through 342, 352 through 360, 368	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 4-10	Spike bull
		335, Elk Area 2051	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 4-10	True spike bull
Western Washington	WM	407	N/A	Sept. 28 - Oct. 11	Sept. 27 - Oct. 10	((3 pt. min. or antlerless)) <u>Any</u> elk
		448, 454, 564, 666, 684	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 4-10	Any elk
		460, 513, 530, 554, 568, 574, 578, 602, 603, 607, 627, 633, 638 except Elk Area 6064, 642, 660, 663, 672	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 4-10	3 pt. min.
		501, 503, 504, 652, except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless, 654, 667	Oct. 6-12	Oct. 5-11	Oct. 4-10	3 pt. min. or antlerless
Late Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	130 through 142	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Any elk
		204	Oct. 27 - Nov. 15	Oct. 26 - Nov. 15	Oct. 25 - Nov. 15	Any bull
		203, 209 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381. Must wear hunter orange.	Oct. 27 - Nov. 15	Oct. 26 - Nov. 15	Oct. 25 - Nov. 15	Any elk
		Master Hunters Only: 371, Elk Area 3912. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2013	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2014	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, 2015	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911**. Must wear hunter orange.	Nov. 10 - Dec. 16	Nov. 9 - Dec. 15	Nov. 8 - Dec. 14	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: Elk Area 3911** 2nd tag. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Oct. 26	Aug. 1 - Oct. 25	Aug. 1 - Oct. 24	Antlerless only
		Master Hunters Only: 127, 130		Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Antlerless only
Western Washington	WM	407	N/A	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		501, 503, 504, 505, 652 except Elk Area 6013 closed to antlerless.	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Nov. 27 - Dec. 8	Nov. 26 - Dec. 8	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		448, 454, 564, 666, 684	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15	Any elk
		568, 574, 578	Nov. 21-30	Nov. 27-30	Nov. 26-30	3 pt. min.
		550, 601, 618, 658, 667	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 27 - Dec. 15	Nov. 26 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.
		**Master Hunters who hunt in Elk Area 3911 may purchase a master hunter, Elk Area 3911, second elk transport tag. Any legal weapon may be used. Only one (1) antlerless elk may be taken from Elk Area 3911 unless drawn for an antlerless elk special permit. Master hunter, Elk Area 3911, second elk transport tags will be valid only for Elk Area 3911 from August 1 - October 26, 2012, August 1 - October 25, 2013, and August 1 - October 24, 2014. All hunters participating in the Elk Area 3911 hunt must wear hunter orange.				

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-358, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13.
Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-11-005 (Order 12-70), § 232-28-358, filed 5/2/12, effective 6/2/12.]

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-11-078, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13)

WAC 232-28-360 ~~2013~~2014 Elk special permits. It is unlawful to fail to comply with the bag, possession, and season limits described below. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, Unlawful hunting of big game—Penalty.

Special Elk Permit Hunting Seasons (Open to Permit Holders Only)

Hunters must purchase an elk hunting license prior to purchasing a permit application. Hunters may only apply for permits consistent with the tag required for the hunt choice; however, Multiple Season Permit holders may apply for Eastern or Western Washington archery, muzzle-loader, or modern firearm permit hunts. Applicants must have purchased the proper tag for these hunts. The elk tag prefixes required to apply for each hunt are shown in the following table. Hunters drawn for a special permit hunt must comply with weapon restrictions, dates, and other conditions listed for the hunt. Hunters drawn for a special permit designated "**Any tag**" under the "**Weapon/Tag**" restriction must use equipment consistent with the requirements of their transport tag and license.

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	EA, EF, EM	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. 24	Any bull	Elk Area 1015	1

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Prescott	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) 22-26	Any bull	GMU 149	1
Prescott	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	GMU 149	4 2
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) 22-26	Any bull	GMU 154	1
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	GMU 154	4
Watershed	EA, EF, EM	Any	Oct. ((24)) 25 - Nov. ((3)) 2	3 pt. min.	GMU 157	45 35
Dayton	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	GMU 162	12
Ten Ten	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) 22-26	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	1
Ten Ten	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	5
Tucannon	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	GMU 166	12 10
Wenaha West	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	9
Wenaha East	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	12 13
Mountain View	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	GMU 172, <u>EXCEPT Elk Area 1040</u>	15 14
Ten Forty	EF	Any	Oct. 20 - Nov. 2	Any bull	Elk Area 1040	<u>1</u>
Lick Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	GMU 175	6 5
Peola	EF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) 22-26	Any bull	GMU 178	1
Peola	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	GMU 178	1
Couse	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	GMU 181	4 3
Mission	EF	Any	Sept. 16-20	Any bull	GMU 251	1
Colockum	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 335	4 13
Colockum	EF	Any	Sept. ((23-27)) 22-26	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 335	1
Teanaway	EF	Any	Sept. ((23-27)) 22-26	Any bull	GMU 335	((4)) 3
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	Sept. ((23-27)) 22-26	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	((4)) 3
Observatory	EF	Any	Sept. ((23-27)) 22-26	Any bull	GMUs 340, 342	((4)) 3
Little Naches	EF	Any	Oct. 1- ((14)) 10	Any bull	GMU 346	10
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	Sept. ((23-27)) 22-26	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	((4)) 3
Bethel	EF	Any	Sept. ((23-27)) 22-26	Any bull	GMU 360	((4)) 3
Rimrock	EF	Any	Sept. ((23-27)) 22-26	Any bull	GMU 364	((4)) 3
Cowiche	EF	Any	Sept. ((23-27)) 22-26	Any bull	GMU 368	((4)) 3
Nooksack	WF	Any	Oct. ((8)) 11 - Nov. 16	Any bull	GMU 418 and Elk Area 4941	5
Green River	WF	Any	((Nov-9-15)) Oct. 25-31	Any bull	GMU 485	6
Wahkiakum	WF	Any	Sept. 16-30	Any bull	GMUs 506, 530	1
Packwood	WF	Any	Sept. 16-30	Any bull	GMU 516	1
Toutle	WF	Any	Sept. ((23-27)) 22-26 and Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Any bull	GMU 556	4
Toutle	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Any bull	GMU 556	((99)) 75 73
Lewis River	WF	Any	Sept. 16-30	Any bull	GMU 560	2
Siouxon	WF	Any	Sept. 16-30	Any bull	GMU 572	2
Carlton	WF	Any	Sept. 16-30	Any bull	Elk Area 5057	5
West Goat Rocks	WF	Any	Sept. 16-30	Any bull	Elk Area 5058	5
Mt. Adams	WF	Any	Sept. 16-30	Any bull	Elk Area 5059	5
Mudflow	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-8)) 1-7	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5
Peninsula	WF	Any	Sept. ((24-28)) 22-26	3 pt. min.	GMUs 602, 607, 612	1
Clearwater	WF	Any	Oct. ((7-14)) 6-10	3 pt. min.	GMU 615	2
Matheny	WF	Any	Oct. 1- ((14)) 10	3 pt. min.	GMU 618	3
Quinault	WF	Any	Sept. ((23-27)) 22-26	3 pt. min.	GMU 638	5
Wynoochee	WF	Any	Oct. ((7-14)) 6-10	3 pt. min.	GMU 648	1

Quality						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Satsop	WF	Any	Oct. ((7-14)) <u>6-10</u>	3 pt. min.	GMU 651	1
White River	WF	Any	Sept. ((23-27)) <u>22-26</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	1
Prescott	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 149	2 <u>1</u>
Blue Creek	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 154	3 <u>2</u>
Dayton	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 162	7
Ten Ten	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	3
Tucannon	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 166	8
Wenaha West	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	3
Wenaha East	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	5
Mountain View	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 172, <u>EXCEPT Elk Area 1040</u>	11 <u>12</u>
Ten Forty	<u>EA</u>	<u>Any</u>	Sept. <u>13-26</u>	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>Elk Area 1040</u>	<u>1</u>
Lick Creek	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 175	16
Peola	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 178	4 <u>3</u>
Couse	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 181	2 <u>2</u>
Colockum	EA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) <u>2-14</u>	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 335	2 <u>10</u>
Peaches Ridge	EA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) <u>2-14</u>	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	106 <u>134</u>
Observatory	EA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) <u>2-14</u>	Any bull	GMUs 340, 342	110 <u>131</u>
Goose Prairie	EA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) <u>2-14</u>	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	62 <u>69</u>
Bethel	EA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) <u>2-14</u>	Any bull	GMU 360	35 <u>37</u>
Rimrock	EA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) <u>2-14</u>	Any bull	GMU 364	94 <u>96</u>
Cowiche	EA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) <u>2-14</u>	Any bull	GMU 368	24 <u>32</u>
Nooksack	WA	Any	Sept. 1-((23)) <u>21</u> and Dec. 1-31	Any bull	GMU 418 and Elk Area 4941	3
Toutle	WA	Any	Sept. ((7-22)) <u>6-21</u> and Dec. 1-15	Any bull	GMU 556	((65)) 50 <u>49</u>
Mudflow	WA	Any	Sept. ((3-9)) <u>2-8</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5
White River	WA	Any	Sept. ((4-16)) <u>3-15</u>	Any bull	GMU 653	14 <u>13</u>
Prescott	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	GMU 149	1
Blue Creek	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	GMU 154	1
Dayton	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	GMU 162	3
Ten Ten	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1010, GMU 163	2
Tucannon	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	GMU 166	2
Wenaha West	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1008	2
Wenaha East	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 1009	2
Mountain View	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	GMU 172, <u>EXCEPT Elk Area 1040</u>	6 <u>4</u>
Ten Forty	<u>EM</u>	<u>Any</u>	Oct. <u>1-10</u>	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>Elk Area 1040</u>	<u>1</u>
Lick Creek	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	GMU 175	1
Peola	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	GMU 178	1
Couse	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	GMU 181	1
Mission	EM	Any	Sept. 30 - Oct. 9	Any bull	GMU 251	1
Colockum	EM	Any	Oct. 1-10	Any bull	GMUs 328, 329, 335	4 <u>3</u>
Peaches Ridge	EM	Any	Oct. 1-10	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	25 <u>27</u>
Observatory	EM	Any	Oct. 1-10	Any bull	GMUs 340, 342	19 <u>22</u>
Goose Prairie	EM	Any	Oct. 1-10	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	13
Bethel	EM	Any	Oct. 1-10	Any bull	GMU 360	11 <u>14</u>
Rimrock	EM	Any	Oct. 1-10	Any bull	GMU 364	14 <u>12</u>
Cowiche	EM	Any	Oct. 1-10	Any bull	GMU 368	6 <u>9</u>
Nooksack	WM	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. ((7)) <u>5</u> and Nov. ((24)) <u>22-30</u>	Any bull	GMU 418	3
Toutle	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-11)) <u>4-10</u>	Any bull	GMU 556	((21)) <u>15</u>
Mudflow	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-11)) <u>4-10</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	5

Bulls						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Prescott	<u>EF, EM</u>	<u>Any</u>	Nov. 3-16	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>GMU 149</u>	<u>2</u>
Prescott	<u>EF, EM</u>	<u>Any</u>	Nov. 17-30	<u>Any bull</u>	<u>GMU 149</u>	<u>2</u>

Bulls						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Prescott	EF	Any	Dec. 1-15	Any bull	GMU 149	2
Prescott	EF	Any	Dec. 16-31	Any bull	GMU 149	2
Ten Forty	EF	Any	Oct. 25 - Nov. 2	Spike bull <u>only</u>	Elk Area 1040	2
Grande Ronde	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) 20 - Nov. ((3)) 2	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Mission	EF	Any	Oct. 2420 - Nov. 32	Any bull	GMU 251	1
Teanaway	EF	Any	Dec. 17-31	Any bull	GMU 335	4011
Peaches Ridge	EF	Any	Oct. 2420 - Nov. 32	Any bull	GMUs 336, 346	445125
Observatory	EF	Any	Oct. 2420 - Nov. 32	Any bull	GMUs 340, 342	6672
Goose Prairie	EF	Any	Oct. 2420 - Nov. 32	Any bull	GMUs 352, 356	6873
Bethel	EF	Any	Oct. 2420 - Nov. 32	Any bull	GMU 360	5459
Rimrock	EF	Any	Oct. 24 - Nov. 32	Any bull	GMU 364	424130
Cowiche	EF	Any	Oct. 24 - Nov. 32	Any bull	GMU 368	2024
Alkali	EF	Any	Oct. ((42 - Nov. 1)) 11-31	Any bull	GMU 371	((40)) 15
Nooksack	WF	Any	Oct. ((8)) 11 - Nov. 18	Spike <u>bull</u> only	GMU 418 and Elk Area 4941	6
Margaret	WF	Any	Sept. ((23)) 22-30 and Nov. ((2-14)) 1-12	Any bull	GMU 524	4
Margaret	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-14)) 1-12	Any bull	GMU 524	7372
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Oct. ((49-25)) 18-24	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Oct. ((42-48)) 11-17	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Olympic	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) 1-10	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	16
Skokomish	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) 1-10	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	3
White River	WF	Any	Nov. ((3-14)) 1-10	Any bull	GMU 653	21
Ten Forty	EA	Any	Sept. 4-14	Spike bull <u>only</u>	Elk Area 1040	2
Grande Ronde	EA	Any	Sept. 1-19	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Teanaway	EA	Any	Nov. 21 - Dec. 8	Any bull	GMU 335	810
Alkali	EA	Any	Sept. 1-((24)) 20	Any bull	GMU 371	((5)) 10
Nooksack	WA	Any	Sept. 1-((23)) 21 and Dec. 1-31	Spike <u>bull</u> only	GMU 418 and Elk Area 4941	3
Margaret	WA	Any	Sept. ((7-22)) 6-21 and Dec. 1-15	Any bull	GMU 524	5046
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Lewis River	WA	Any	Nov. ((27)) 26 - Dec. 8	3 pt. min.	GMU 560	5
Siouxon	WA	Any	Nov. ((27)) 26 - Dec. 8	3 pt. min.	GMU 572	5
Olympic	WA	Any	Sept. ((4-16)) 3-15	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT Elk Area 6071	69
Skokomish	WA	Any	Sept. ((4-16)) 3-15	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	2
Ten Forty	EM	Any	Oct. 1-10	Spike bull <u>only</u>	Elk Area 1040	1
Grande Ronde	EM	Any	Oct. 1-((44)) 10	Any bull	GMU 186	1
Teanaway	EM	Any	Dec. 9-16	Any bull	GMU 335	713
Alkali	EM	Any	Sept. ((22)) 21 - Oct. ((44)) 10	Any bull	GMU 371	((40)) 15
Nooksack	WM	Any	Sept. 24 - Oct. ((7)) 5 and Nov. ((24)) 22-30	Spike <u>bull</u> only	GMU 418 and Elk Area 4941	3
Margaret	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-12)) 4-10	Any bull	GMU 524	2428
Upper Smith Creek	WM	Any	Oct. ((42-48)) 11-17	Any bull	Elk Area 5064	2
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Any bull	Elk Area 5065	1
Yale	WM	Any	Nov. ((27)) 26 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.	GMU 554	15
Olympic	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) 5-14-10	3 pt. min.	GMU 621, EXCEPT for Elk Area 6071	4
Skokomish	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) 5-14-10	3 pt. min.	GMU 636	32
White River	WM	Any	Oct. ((6-12)) 5-14-10	Any bull	GMU 653	46

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits

Antlerless Elk						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
North Half	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) <u>20</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Stevens	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) <u>20</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 108, 121	10
Aladdin	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) <u>20</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	15
Selkirk	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) <u>20</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 113	20
49 Degrees North	EF	Any	Oct. ((24)) <u>20</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	20
Turnbull	EF	Any	Oct. ((22-27)) <u>21-26</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	6
Turnbull	EF	Any	Oct. ((29)) <u>28</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	6
Turnbull	EF	Any	Nov. ((5-10)) <u>4-9</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	6
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	Oct. ((12-20)) <u>11-19</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	10
Mayview-Peola	EF	Any	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	40
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((12-20)) <u>11-19</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	10
Prescott	EF	Any	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	20
Blue Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	10
Marengo-Dayton	EF	Any	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 163 and Elk Area 1010	75
Mountain View	EF	Any	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	1025
Dayton	EF	Any	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1016	25
Lick Creek	EF	Any	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 175	15
Couse	EF	Any	Aug. 23 - Sept. 1	Antlerless	GMU 181	30
Couse	EF	Any	Oct. 1-((14)) <u>10</u>	Antlerless	GMU 181	((30)) <u>40</u>
Malaga	EF	Any	Sept. 11-21	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	10
Malaga	EF	Any	Nov. 4 - Dec. 31	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	30
Colockum	EF	Any	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	((190)) 32 5425
West Bar	EF	Any	Oct. ((26-30)) <u>25-29</u>	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
West Bar	EF	Any	Oct. ((34)) <u>30</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
Teanaway	EF	Any	Dec. 17-31	Antlerless	GMU 335	30
Taneum	EF	Any	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 336	((200)) <u>40</u> <u>0</u>
Manastash	EF	Any	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 340	((275)) <u>40</u> <u>0</u>
Umtanum	EF	Any	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 342	((250)) <u>35</u> <u>0</u>
Little Naches	EF	Any	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 346	((250)) <u>50</u> <u>0</u>
Nile	EF	Any	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 352	((20)) <u>40</u>
Bumping	EF	Any	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 356	((25)) <u>60</u>
Bethel	EF	Any	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 360	((20)) <u>25</u>
Rimrock	EF	Any	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 364	250
Cowiche	EF	Any	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 368	250
Alkali	EF	Any	Oct. ((12 - Nov. 1)) <u>11-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	20
North Bend	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) <u>1-12</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	7
Skagit River	WF	Any	Oct. 11 - Nov. 21	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	<u>10</u>
Mossyrock	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) <u>1-12</u>	Antlerless	GMU 505	50
Willapa Hills	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) <u>1-12</u>	Antlerless	GMU 506	35
Winston	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) <u>1-12</u>	Antlerless	GMU 520	150

Antlerless Elk						
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(Winston	WF	Any	Jan. 1-16, 2014	Antlerless	GMU 520	150))
Margaret	WF	Any	Nov. ((19-27 and Jan-1-16, 2014)) 18-26	Antlerless	GMU 524	((140)) <u>100</u>
Ryderwood	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 530	100
Coweeman	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 550	200
((Coweeman	WF	Any	Jan. 1-16, 2014	Antlerless	GMU 550	400))
Toutle	WF	Any	Nov. ((19-27 and Jan-1-16, 2014)) 18-26	Antlerless	GMU 556	((200)) <u>175</u>
Lewis River	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 560	75
Washougal	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 568	50
Siouxon	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 572	20
Wind River	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 574	50
West Klickitat	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Antlerless	GMU 578	100
Toledo	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	((50)) <u>30</u>
Green Mt.	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 5051	10
Boistfort	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-13)) 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 5054	75
Wildwood	WF	Any	Jan. 16-30, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5061	((25)) <u>20</u>
Grays River	WF	Any	Nov. 1-12	Antlerless	Elk Area 5056	<u>10</u>
Upper Smith Creek	WF	Any	Oct. ((19-25)) 18-24	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	4
Mount Whittier	WF	Any	Oct. ((12-18)) 11-17	Antlerless	Elk Area 5065	2
Mudflow	WF	Any	Nov. ((2-8)) 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	10
Raymond	WF	Any	Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	10
Raymond	WF	Any	Jan. 1-20, 2014	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	5
Raymond	WF	Any	Feb. 1-28, 2014	Antlerless	Elk Area 6010	5
Puyallup	WF WA WM	Any	Jan. 1-20, 2014	Antlerless	Elk Area 6013	10
North Minot	WF	Any	Oct. 20-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 6067	5
Hanaford	WF	Any	Nov. 3-14	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
North River	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-11)) 5-10	Antlerless	GMU 658	10
Deschutes	WF	Any	Jan. 10-20, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	GMU 666	10
Williams Creek	WF	Any	Nov. ((6-14)) 5-12	Antlerless	GMU 673	50
Turnbull	EA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) 2-14	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	14
Dayton	EA	Any	Sept. 4-16	Antlerless	Elk Area 1016	15
Malaga	EA	Any	Aug. 31 - Sept. 6	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	15
Colockum	EA	Any	Sept. ((3-15)) 2-14	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	((140)) <u>36</u> <u>5475</u>
Alkali	EA	Any	Sept. 1-((21)) 20	Antlerless	GMU 371	5
((North Bend	WA	Any	Sept. 4-16	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	40))
Skagit River	WA	Any	Sept. ((4-16)) 1-21	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	((5)) <u>10</u>
Skagit River	WA	Any	Nov. ((21)) 22 - Dec. ((15)) 31	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	((5)) <u>10</u>
Margaret	WA	Any	Sept. ((7-22)) 6-21 and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 524	((70)) <u>55</u>
Toutle	WA	Any	Sept. ((7-22)) 6-21 and Dec. 1-15	Antlerless	GMU 556	((80)) <u>60</u>
Upper Smith Creek	WA	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	4
Mudflow	WA	Any	Sept. ((3-9)) 2-8	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	10
Lewis River	WA	Any	Nov. ((27)) 26 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 560	10
Siouxon	WA	Any	Nov. ((27)) 26 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 572	5
Wynoochee	WA	Any	Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 648	150
North Half	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMUs 101, 105, 204	10
Stevens	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMUs 108, 121	10
Aladdin	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 111	10
Selkirk	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 113	10
49 Degrees North	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10 and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMU 117	20
Turnbull	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	9

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Turnbull	EM	Any	Nov. 25 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	9
Dayton	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	Elk Area 1016	((15)) 25
Blue Creek	EM	Any	Dec. 9 - Jan. 20, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	GMU 154	25
Mountain View	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	Elk Area 1013	5
Lick Creek	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 175	10
Mayview-Peola	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMUs 145, 178	20
Couse	EM	Any	Dec. 1-31	Antlerless	GMU 181	((15)) 30
Malaga	EM	Any	Oct. 12-25	Antlerless	Elk Area 2032	35
Colockum	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMUs 328, 329	((40)) 859 0
West Bar	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 330	5
Taneum	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 336	((100)) 40 0
Manastash	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 340	((100)) 40 0
Umtanum	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 342	((250)) 40 0
Nile	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 352	20
Bumping	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 356	30
Bethel	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 360	((20)) 25
Cowiche	EM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 368	((250)) 20 0
Alkali	EM	Any	Sept. ((22)) 21 - Oct. ((11)) 10	Antlerless	GMU 371	10
Teanaway	EM	Any	Dec. 9-16	Antlerless	GMU 335	10
((North Bend	WM	Any	Oct. 5-11	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5))
Skagit River	WM	Any	((Oct. 5-11)) Sept. 24 - Oct. 10	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	((5)) 10
Skagit River	WM	Any	Nov. ((21)) 22 - Dec. ((15)) 31	Antlerless	Elk Area 4941	((5)) 10
Stella	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	GMU 504	75
Toledo	WM	Any	Dec. 8-20	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	((60)) 25
Mossyrock	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5052	8
Boistfort	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5054	75
Willapa Hills	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 506	15
Green Mt.	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5051	30
Wildwood	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5061	((25)) 20
Mudflow	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	10
Winston	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 520	90
Margaret	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 524	((70)) 55
Ryderwood	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 530	50
Coweeman	WM	Any	Nov. ((27)) 26 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 550	50
Yale	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 554	40
Yale	WM	Any	Nov. ((27)) 26 - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 554	35
Toutle	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 556	((80)) 60
Lewis River	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 560	35
Washougal	WM	Any	Nov. ((27)) 26 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 568	35
Siouxon	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	GMU 572	10
Wind River	WM	Any	Nov. ((27)) 26 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 574	50
West Klickitat	WM	Any	Nov. ((27)) 26 - Dec. 8	Antlerless	GMU 578	75
Upper Smith Creek	WM	Any	Oct. ((12-18)) 11-17	Antlerless	Elk Area 5064	4
Mount Whittier	WM	Any	Oct. ((5-14)) 4-10	Antlerless	Elk Area 5065	2
Mashel	WM	Any	Jan. 1-15, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 6054	25
Willapa NWR	WA	Any	Sept. 2-8	Antlerless	Designated areas on Willapa Natl. Wildlife Refuge	3
Willapa NWR	WA	Any	Sept. 9-15	Antlerless	Designated areas on Willapa Natl. Wildlife Refuge	3

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Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
<u>Willapa NWR</u>	<u>WM</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Sept. 20-25</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Designated areas on Willapa Natl. Wildlife Refuge</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Willapa NWR</u>	<u>WM</u>	<u>Any</u>	<u>Oct. 23-28</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Designated areas on Willapa Natl. Wildlife Refuge</u>	<u>2</u>
North River	WM	Any	Nov. ((24)) <u>20</u> - Dec. 15	Antlerless	GMU 658	20

Youth - Only youth hunters may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Dayton	EF	Youth	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((4)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 162	5
Lick Creek	EF	Youth	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((4)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 175	5
North Bend	WF, WM, WA	Youth	Nov. ((3-9)) <u>1-12</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 4601	5
<u>Skagit River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Aug. 1-9</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 4941</u>	<u>5</u>
Toledo	WF, WM, WA	Youth	Aug. 1-7	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	((20)) <u>7</u>
<u>Grays River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Dec. 16-31</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5056</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Grays River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Jan. 1-15, 2015</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5056</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Grays River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Feb. 15-28, 2015</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5056</u>	<u>5</u>
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Youth	Nov. ((25)) <u>26</u> - Dec. ((4)) <u>2</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	3
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Youth	Nov. ((25)) <u>26</u> - Dec. ((4)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	4

65+ Senior - Only hunters 65 and older may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Aladdin	EF	65+	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 111	5
Northeast	EF	65+	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u> and Dec. 16-31	Antlerless	GMUs 113, 117	10
Prescott	EF	65+	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 149	5
Blue Creek	EF	65+	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 154	5
Dayton	EF	65+	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMUs 162, 163	5
Peola	EF	65+	Oct. ((26)) <u>25</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 178	5
Taneum	EF	65+	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((40)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 336	((25)) <u>40</u>
Manastash	EF	65+	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((40)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 340	((25)) <u>40</u>
Umtanum	EF	65+	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((40)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 342	((25)) <u>40</u>
Cowiche	EF	65+	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((40)) <u>2</u>	Antlerless	GMU 368	((25)) <u>40</u>
Alkali	EF	65+	Oct. ((12 - Nov. 1)) <u>11-31</u>	Antlerless	GMU 371	((5)) <u>10</u>
<u>North Bend</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Nov. 1-12</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 4601</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Skagit River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Aug. 10-20</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 4941</u>	<u>5</u>
Margaret	WF, WM, WA	65+	Nov. ((19-27)) <u>18-26</u>	Antlerless	GMU 524	((20)) <u>15</u>
Toledo	WF, WM, WA	65+	Aug. 15-21	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	((20)) <u>7</u>
<u>Grays River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Nov. 14-30</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5056</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Grays River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>65+</u>	<u>Jan. 16-31, 2015</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5056</u>	<u>5</u>
Centralia Mine	WF	65+	Jan. ((5-6, 2014)) <u>3-4, 2015</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6011	<u>45</u>
Centralia Mine	WF	65+	Jan. ((12-13, 2014)) <u>10-11, 2015</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6011	<u>45</u>
Hanaford	WF, WM, WA	65+	Jan. 1-15, ((2014)) <u>2015</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5
Hanaford	WF, WM, WA	65+	Jan. 16-30, ((2014)) <u>2015</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 6069	5

Hunters with Disabilities - Only hunters with disabilities may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt.						
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((42-49)) <u>11-18</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	6
Observatory	EF, EM	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((24)) <u>20</u> - Nov. ((3)) <u>2</u>	Any bull	GMUs 340, 342	5
Little Naches	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. 1-((41)) <u>10</u>	Any bull	GMU 346	5
Little Naches	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((30)) <u>29</u> - Nov. ((40)) <u>9</u>	Antlerless	GMU 346	((5)) <u>15</u>
Alkali	EF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((42 - Nov. 4)) <u>11-31</u>	Any bull	GMU 371	5
Corral Canyon	EF, EM, EA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. 22-29	Any bull	Elk Area 3721	2
<u>Skagit River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Hunters w/ Disabilities</u>	<u>Aug. 21-31</u>	<u>Any elk</u>	<u>Elk Area 4941</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>North Bend</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Hunters w/ Disabilities</u>	<u>Nov. 1-12</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 4601</u>	<u>5</u>
Toledo	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Aug. 8-14	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	((20)) <u>7</u>
<u>Grays River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Hunters w/ Disabilities</u>	<u>Dec. 1-15</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5056</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Grays River</u>	<u>WF, WM, WA</u>	<u>Hunters w/ Disabilities</u>	<u>Feb. 1-14, 2015</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 5056</u>	<u>5</u>
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((21-27)) <u>20-26</u>	Antlerless	Elk Area 5099	4
Mudflow	WF, WM, WA	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Sept. ((46-22)) <u>15-21</u>	Any bull	Elk Area 5099	4
Centralia Mine	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((6-7)) <u>4-5</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Elk Area 6011	<u>45</u>
Centralia Mine	WF	Hunters w/ Disabilities	Oct. ((43-14)) <u>11-12</u>	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Elk Area 6011	<u>45</u>

Master Hunter - Only master hunters may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt. Additional weapon restrictions may be conditioned ((on local situation)) by the hunt coordinator for each hunt. For those hunts requiring the purchase of a master hunter second tag, ((only)) one elk may be killed in the unit under the authorization of the special permit.							
Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Requirements	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Turnbull	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	Master Hunter	Dec. 10-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 1015	6
Region 1 ((North))	EF, EA, EM/ 2nd elk tag ((required))	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2013)) 2014 - Mar. 31, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Designated areas in Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille counties	((10)) <u>4020^{HC}</u>
((Region 1 Central	EF, EA, EM 2nd elk tag required		Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2013 - Mar. 31, 2014	Antlerless	Designated areas in Spokane and Lincoln counties	20 ^{HC}
Region 1 South	EF, EA, EM/ 2nd elk tag required		Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2013 - Mar. 31, 2014	Antlerless	Designated areas in Whitman, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, and Asotin counties	10 ^{HC})
Region 2	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2013)) 2014 - Mar. 31, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 2	50 ^{HC}
Fairview	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	Master Hunter	Nov. 1, 2014 - Feb. 28, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMUs 328-368	40 ^{HC}
Region 3	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2013)) 2014 - Mar. 31, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 3	25 ^{HC}
Rattlesnake Hills	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, 2014 - Feb. 28, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMU 372	20 ^{HC}
North Bend	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	Master Hunter	Aug. ((15)) 1, 2014 - Mar. 31, 2015	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Elk Area 4601	((25)) <u>35^{HC}</u>
<u>Skagit River</u>	<u>Any elk tag/2nd elk tag</u>	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	<u>Master Hunter</u>	<u>Aug. 1, 2014 - Mar. 31, 2015</u>	<u>Antlerless</u>	<u>Elk Area 4941</u>	<u>30</u>
Region 4 North	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	<u>Master Hunter elk tag required</u>	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2013)) 2014 - Mar. 31, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Whatcom and Skagit counties	((30)) <u>20^{HC}</u>

Master Hunter - Only master hunters may apply. Weapon must be consistent with weapon/tag restriction noted for hunt. Additional weapon restrictions may be conditioned (on local situation) by the hunt coordinator for each hunt. For those hunts requiring the purchase of a master hunter second tag, (only) one elk may be killed in the unit under the authorization of the special permit.

Hunt Name	Weapon/Tag	Requirements	Hunters	Hunt Dates	Special Restrictions	Boundary	Permits
Region 4 South	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2013)) 2014 - Mar. 31, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Designated Areas in King and Snohomish counties	10 ^{hc}
Green Mt.	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 16-30, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5051	20
Mossyrock	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 16-30, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5052	10
Pumice Plains	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Oct. ((12-18)) 11-17	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	2
Pumice Plains	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Oct. ((19-25)) 18-24	Antlerless	Elk Area 5063	5
((Toledo	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag required		Master Hunter	Aug. 22-28	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	20))
Toledo	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Dec. 21-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 5029	((50)) 25
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Dec. 15-31	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	3
Grays River	WF, WM, WA/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1-15	Antlerless	Elk Area 5056	5
Grays River	WF, WM, WA/2nd elk tag	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 16-30	Antlerless	Elk Area 5056	5
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 1-15, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	3
Trout Lake**	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Jan. 16-30, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Elk Area 5062	3
Region 5	Any western elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2013)) 2014 - Mar. 31, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Designated areas in Region 5	40 ^{hc}
North River	Any elk tag/2nd elk tag ((required))	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Dec. 16, ((2013)) 2014 - Feb. 28, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Designated Areas in GMU 658	10 ^{hc}
Region 6	WF, WA, WM /2nd elk tag ((required))	Master Hunter elk tag required	Master Hunter	Aug. 1, ((2013)) 2014 - Mar. 31, ((2014)) 2015	Antlerless	Designated Areas in Region 6	60 ^{hc}

** May only hunt on privately owned lands. Must use only archery or legal shotgun (10 or 12 gauge; slugs only).
 This is a damage hunt administered by a WDFW designated hunt coordinator. Successful applicants will be contacted on an as-needed basis to help with specific sites of elk damage on designated landowner's property. Not all successful applicants will be contacted in any given year, depending on elk damage activity for that year.

Hunter Education Instructor Incentive Permits				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special elk permits will be allocated through a random drawing to those hunter education instructors who qualify. Permit hunters must use archery equipment during archery seasons, muzzleloader equipment or archery equipment during muzzleloader seasons, and any legal weapon during modern firearm seasons. Hunter orange is required during modern firearm seasons. Qualifying hunter education instructors must be certified and have been in active status for a minimum of three consecutive years, inclusive of the year prior to the permit drawing. Instructors who are drawn, accept a permit denoted with (*) below, and are able to participate in the hunt, will not be eligible for those specific incentive permits for a period of ten years thereafter. Permittees may purchase a second license for use with the permit hunt only. Qualified hunter education instructors may only receive one incentive permit each year. 				
Area	Dates	Restrictions	GMUs	Permits
Region 3	All general season and permit seasons established for GMUs included with the permit. Not eligible for seasons and permits for auction hunts; raffle hunts; and hunts for master hunters, youth hunters, hunters with disabilities, or hunters 65 years and older, unless the hunter education instructor legally qualifies for such hunts.	Any elk	GMUs 336-368	1*
Region 3		Any elk	GMUs 336-368	1
Region 5		Any elk	All 500 series GMUs EXCEPT GMU 522	3*
Region 5		Any elk	All 500 series GMUs EXCEPT GMU 522	1
Region 6		3 pt. min.	GMUs 654, 660, 672, 673, 681	1*

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RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR 102) filing and are already included in your notebook.

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- Under 3-point GMUs, add GMU 448 and delete GMUs 568, 574, and 578. This change updates the list of 3-point GMU changes that were made several years ago.

WAC 232-28-360 2013 Elk Special Permits

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

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- Updated the year to 2014 for special permits.

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- Under Quality, Eastern Modern Firearm (EF):
 - number of permits for the Prescott hunt, Oct. 20-Nov. 2, was changed from 4 to 2 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - number of permits for the Watershed hunt, Oct. 25-Nov. 2, was changed from 45 to 35. Fewer bulls are available for harvest, so a reduction in permits was necessary. This hunt is coordinated with the U.S. Forest Service, Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife, and the city of Walla Walla.
 - number of permits for the Tucannon hunt, Oct. 20-Nov. 2, was changed from 12 to 10 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.

- number of permits for the Wenaha East hunt, Oct. 20-Nov. 2, was changed from 12 to 13 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Mountain View hunt, Oct. 20-Nov. 2, was changed from 15 to 14 due to the special permit allocation formula calculated different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Lick Creek hunt, Oct. 20-Nov. 2, was changed from 6 to 5 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Couse hunt, Oct. 20-Nov. 2, was changed from 1 to 3 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Colockum hunt, Oct. 20-Nov. 2, was changed from 1 to 13 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Quality, Western Modern Firearm (WF), the number of permits for the Toutle hunt, Nov. 1-12, was changed from 99 to 73 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year

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- Under Quality, Eastern Archery (EA),
 - number of permits for the Prescott hunt, Sept. 1-19, was changed from 2 to 1 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - number of permits for the Blue Creek hunt, Sept. 1-19, was changed from 3 to 2 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - number of permits for the Mountain View hunt, Sept. 1-19, was changed from 11 to 12 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - number of permits for the Peola hunt, Sept. 1-19, was changed from 1 to 3 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.

- number of permits for the Couse hunt, Sept. 1-19, was changed from 1 to 2 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Colockum hunt, Sept. 2-14, was changed from 2 to 10 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Peaches Ridge hunt, Sept. 2-14, was changed from 106 to 134 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Observatory hunt, Sept. 2-14, was changed from 110 to 131 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Goose Prairie hunt, Sept. 2-14, was changed from 62 to 69 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Bethel hunt, Sept. 2-14, was changed from 35 to 37 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Rimrock hunt, Sept. 2-14, was changed from 94 to 96 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Cowiche hunt, Sept. 2-14, was changed from 24 to 32 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Quality, Western Archery (WA), the number of permits for the Toutle hunt, Sept. 6-21 and Dec. 1-15, was changed from 65 to 49 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Quality, Western Archery (EA), the number of permits for the White River hunt, Sept. 3-15, was changed from 14 to 13 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Quality, Eastern Muzzleloader (EM):

- number of permits for the Mountain View hunt, Oct. 1-10, was changed from 6 to 4 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Colockum hunt, Oct. 1-10, was changed from 1 to 3 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Peaches Ridge hunt, Oct. 1-10, was changed from 25 to 27 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Observatory hunt, Oct. 1-10, was changed from 19 to 22 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Bethel hunt, Oct. 1-10, was changed from 11 to 14 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Rimrock hunt, Oct. 1-10, was changed from 14 to 12 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Cowiche hunt, Oct. 1-10, was changed from 6 to 9 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.

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- Under Bulls, Eastern Modern Firearm (EF):
 - Ten Forty hunt, Oct. 25-Nov. 2, a clarification was made on the “spike bull only” special restriction.
 - Mission hunt, the date was changed from Oct. 21-Nov. 3 to Oct. 20-Nov. 2, to account for the calendar shift.
 - number of permits for the Teanaway hunt, Dec. 17-31, was changed from 10 to 11 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Peaches Ridge hunt, the date was changed from Oct. 21-Nov. 3 to Oct. 20-Nov. 2, to account for the calendar shift. The number of permits was changed from 115 to 125 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.

- Observatory hunt, the date was changed from Oct. 21-Nov. 3 to Oct. 20-Nov. 2, to account for the calendar shift. The number of permits was changed from 66 to 72 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Goose Prairie hunt, the date was changed from Oct. 21-Nov. 3 to Oct. 20-Nov. 2, to account for the calendar shift. The number of permits was changed from 68 to 73 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Bethel hunt, the date was changed from Oct. 21-Nov. 3 to Oct. 20-Nov. 2, to account for the calendar shift. The number of permits was changed from 51 to 59 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Rimrock hunt, the date was changed from Oct. 21-Nov. 3 to Oct. 20-Nov. 2, to account for the calendar shift. The number of permits was changed from 124 to 130 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Cowiche hunt, the date was changed from Oct. 21-Nov. 3 to Oct. 20-Nov. 2, to account for the calendar shift. The number of permits was changed from 20 to 24 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Bulls, Western Modern Firearm (WF):
 - Nooksack hunt, Oct. 11-Nov. 18, a clarification was made on the “spike bull only” special restriction.
 - Margaret hunt, Nov. 1-12, the number of permits was changed from 73 to 72 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Bulls, Eastern Archery (EA):
 - Ten Forty hunt, Sept. 4-14, a clarification was made on the “spike bull only” special restriction.
 - number of permits for the Teanaway hunt, Nov. 21-Dec. 8, was changed from 8 to 10 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Bulls, Western Archery (WA):
 - Nooksack hunt, Sept 1-21 and Dec. 1-31, a clarification was made on the “spike bull only” special restriction.

- Margaret hunt, Sept. 6-21 and Dec. 1-15, the number of permits was changed from 50 to 46 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- number of permits for the Olympic hunt, Sept. 3-15, was changed from 6 to 9 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Bulls, Eastern Muzzleloader (EM):
 - Ten Forty hunt, Oct. 1-10, a clarification was made on the “spike bull only” special restriction.
 - number of permits for the Teanaway hunt, Dec. 9-16, was changed from 7 to 13 due to a change in harvest objective and the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
- Under Bulls, Western Muzzleloader (WM):
 - Nooksack hunt, Sept 24-Oct. 5 and Nov. 22-30, a clarification was made on the “spike bull only” special restriction.
 - Margaret hunt, Oct. 4-10, the number of permits was changed from 21 to 28 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - Olympic hunt, change the dates from Oct. 5-11 to Oct. 4-10. This change avoids an overlap with modern firearm deer and corrects an oversight in the Regional recommendation.
 - Skokomish hunt, change the dates from Oct. 5-11 to Oct. 4-10. This change avoids an overlap with modern firearm deer and corrects an oversight in the Regional recommendation. Also, the number of permits was changed from 3 to 2 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.
 - White River hunt, change the dates from Oct. 5-11 to Oct. 4-10. This change avoids an overlap with modern firearm deer and corrects an oversight in the Regional recommendation. Also, the number of permits was changed from 3 to 2 due to the special permit allocation formula calculating different special permit numbers from the previous year.

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- Under Antlerless, Eastern Modern Firearm (EF):

- Mountain View hunt, Oct. 25-Nov. 2, the number of permits was changed from 10 to 25 due to more antlerless elk available for harvest and to maintain population control in this Elk Area.
- Colockum hunt, Oct. 29-Nov. 2, the number of permits was changed from 190 to 425. The Colockum population is well above population objective and antlerless elk harvest is necessary to reduce the population to objective levels.

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- Under Antlerless, Eastern Archery (EA) for the Colockum hunt, Sept. 2-14, the number of permits was changed from 140 to 475. The Colockum population is well above population objective and antlerless elk harvest is necessary to reduce the population to objective levels.

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- Under Antlerless, Eastern Muzzleloader (EM) for the Colockum hunt, Oct. 4-10, the number of permits was changed from 85 to 90. The Colockum population is well above population objective and antlerless elk harvest is necessary to reduce the population to objective levels.

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- Under 65+ Senior, Western Modern Firearm (WF) for both Centralia Mine hunts, change the number of permits from 4 to 5. This increase was a negotiated agreement with staff of the mine who are acting as hunt coordinators.

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- Under Hunters with Disabilities, Western Modern Firearm (WF) for both Centralia Mine hunts, change the number of permits from 4 to 5. This increase was a negotiated agreement with staff of the mine who are acting as hunt coordinators.
- Under Master Hunter, Region 1, any elk tag/2nd elk tag, Aug. 1-March 31, 2015, the number of permits was changed from 10 to 20. The increase in permits will be used to help mitigate agricultural damage in Region 1 using Master Hunters.

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Comments	Agency Response
<p>(3) Make ALL big game seasons longer. Hunters can still only take one animal and only have a limited amount of time to apply to their hunting efforts. A hunter can still only harvest one animal. This would spread out hunting pressure and provide all with a more quality hunting experience.</p>	<p>In the last few years the Department has recommended and the Commission has adopted longer seasons for western modern firearm elk and muzzleloader deer. The western modern firearm elk general season used to be 9 days long and was incrementally increased to 12 days. Muzzleloader deer was increased from 7 days to 9 days and now includes 2 weekends rather than 1. The Department's intention is to provide as much recreational opportunity as possible without having a negative impact on the wildlife resource. Longer hunting seasons typically equate to an increase in harvest. If by lengthening the season we are also encroaching further into the breeding season, then harvest will increase even more, because the animals are more vulnerable to harvest during the breeding season. In addition, with all of the user groups vying for an opportunity to hunt, the calendar from September to December already has some form of big game hunting occurring. Any increase for one user group will require a reduction for some other user group. The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p>
<p>(4) If the multi-season tag is drawn, allow the winners to apply for and DRAW any and all special permits for that species in the entire state. Then the lucky winners of the multi-season tag would have more opportunity to make any choice they wanted upon drawing (or not drawing) their special permits.</p>	<p>The multi-season tag already allows for this. If drawn for the multi-season tag you can apply for any special permit for which you qualify. All multi-season deer tag holders can apply for Quality, Bucks, Antlerless, and 2nd deer regardless of weapon type. All multi-season elk tag holders can apply for Quality, Bulls, and Antlerless regardless of east or west designation and weapon type. In addition both deer and elk multi-season tag holders</p>

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	<p>can apply for youth, 65+, hunters with disabilities, or master hunter if they qualify for those categories.</p>
<p>Make <i>ALL</i> big game seasons longer that would be great. Hunters can still only take <i>ONE</i> animal and only have a limited amount of <i>TIME</i> to apply to their hunting efforts.</p>	<p>In the last few years the Department has recommended and the Commission has adopted longer seasons for western modern firearm elk and muzzleloader deer. The western modern firearm elk general season used to be 9 days long and was incrementally increased to 12 days. Muzzleloader deer was increased from 7 days to 9 days and now includes 2 weekends rather than 1. The Department’s intention is to provide as much recreational opportunity as possible without having a negative impact on the wildlife resource. Longer hunting seasons typically equate to an increase in harvest. If by lengthening the season we are also encroaching further into the breeding season, then harvest will increase even more, because the animals are more vulnerable to harvest during the breeding season. In addition, with all of the user groups vying for an opportunity to hunt, the calendar from September to December already has some form of big game hunting occurring. Any increase for one user group will require a reduction for some other user group. The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p>
<p>Early archery elk is starting too early. September 8th-21st would be better for the archery hunters and the game processing. It would be nice to get closer to the rut and hunt. Also early season elk needs to have more units opened up. Increase the bull tags by 10% in the Yakima herd.</p>	<p>The early, general, elk archery season currently runs for 13 days starting on the Tuesday after Labor Day. If any changes are going to be made to the start date or length of early archery elk they would have to be implemented in the 2015-2017 three-year hunting season package.</p>

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<p>Would like the Little Naches and Bumping units to be open after Labor Day up to Sept. 21st. Little Naches was closed last year, and everyone hunted Bumping across the road. It would be better to have less pressure in both units then a lot of pressure in just one unit.</p>	<p>The early, general, elk archery season currently runs for 13 days starting on the Tuesday after Labor Day. If any changes are going to be made to the start date or length of early archery elk they would have to be implemented in the 2015-2017 three-year hunting season package. The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p> <p>The current opportunities recommended by the Regional biologists are based on the annual aerial surveys conducted, as well as past patterns of harvest and success rates for all user groups. In 2010, Region 3 recommended the antlerless part of the early, archery opportunity in GMUs 352 and 356 be put on temporary hold as a result of lower than desired numbers of elk counted in the aerial surveys. This was always seen as a temporary measure until the elk numbers in those GMUs responded appropriately. At that same time, to offset the loss of early season antlerless opportunity in GMUs 352, 356, Region 3 recommended opening an early antlerless opportunity in GMU 346. Records show that opportunity hadn't been offered in</p>

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	<p>the previous ten years (2000-2009) and probably hadn't been offered much longer than that if ever. Now that the elk numbers in GMUs 352 and 356 have responded, in 2013 the Commission returned to the pre-2010 structure for the early archery season that allowed antlerless opportunity in GMUs 352 and 356 but not in GMU 346. As an aside, late season antlerless opportunity for archery has always been offered in GMU 346 for this entire time period (2000-2012) and there is no recommendation to change that opportunity.</p>
<p>Please bring back the late Muzzleloader season in Yakima unit 346. It would be nice to have more than 7 days to hunt.</p>	<p>The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p>
<p>Please discuss the opportunity of adding a late muzzleloader season to a local Yakima area game mgmt unit. Could be a good tool for damage control issues in the Cowiche or Cleman units.</p>	<p>The Department is always looking for ways to use hunting seasons to mitigate damage. If the elk damage need was there and muzzleloaders were the most appropriate group for the job, we would have recommended such a season. There are currently some general season hunts in the Ellensburg area that involve GMU 371 and Elk Areas 3911 and 3912 that are open to Master Hunters. There are also approximately 1,475 antlerless elk permits being offered to muzzleloaders for the Yakima elk population, however, these are being offered in October, not during a late season.</p>
<p>Too many cow tags for elk. You are going to wipe out the herds. Cow season should be the second week of the season to give people a chance to hunt for bulls.</p>	<p>The opportunities recommended by the Regional biologists are based on the annual aerial surveys conducted, as well as past patterns of harvest and success rates for all user groups. Antlerless permits are typically used to get an elk population back to objective.</p>
<p>Open more hunting units to Muzzle loaders please. many have to travel extraordinary miles just to get to a hunting unit. You need to</p>	<p>For early general muzzleloader season there are 28 GMUs open in eastern Washington and 29 GMUs in western Washington. For late</p>

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<p>open more than 7 or so on each side of the mountains.</p>	<p>general muzzleloader season there are 32 GMUs open in eastern Washington and 19 GMUs open in western Washington. This does not account for any additional special permit hunts.</p>
<p>I hunted elk in region 653 for 40 years then you closed it, except for special permits. I am now disabled and would like to hunt in those old familiar areas at least one more time. Please open the Huckleberry Creek area for disabled hunters this year.</p>	<p>The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. This is one of the topics that will likely be discussed. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p>
<p>(3) Early archery Elk should be two full weeks ending sometime after Sept. 20th. I don't like the tie-in to the labor day weekend. I would like it start for instance on the 8th and end on the 21st no matter what day of the week it starts or ends. Late archery Elk season also should start on a given day not the day after Thanksgiving, It used to start on Nov. 20th. The weather always plays a large role in late season for Elk, sometime there's too much snow other times none. The longer season would give us a better chance to be there at the right time concerning the weather. Early season archery Elk should be open to more units. It used to be one side of the highway for archery the other side for muzzleloaders, (for instance the Little Naches unit and the Bumping unit) now that we don't hunt at the same time why not open all units to both groups. The number of bull tags in the Yakima herd should be increased by at least 10%.</p>	<p>The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. The timing of early archery season will likely be one of the topics discussed. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p> <p>The recommended number of antlered and antlerless, special permits for the Yakima elk population have been increased.</p> <p>The Bumping unit is open during the early season, as is the Nile. The Little Naches is open during the late season.</p>
<p>(3) Early and late muzzle loader and bow seasons when I first started, there were certain areas for these methods to be used in. You had a choice of what you wanted to hunt with for the deer or elk season, one season your choice of weapon. There were some specific areas possibly for bow or muzzle loaders. Now the long seasons</p>	<p>Archery hunters and muzzleloader hunters do have to abide by the same basic rules that modern firearm hunters do. Separating the different user groups avoids overlaps in seasons that could be potentially problematic and some would argue unfair. Separating the user groups also helps us reduce some of the crowding during hunting seasons. All hunters</p>

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<p>given to them puts too much strain on the animals. Make the bow hunters and muzzle loaders obey by the same laws as modern rifle hunters unless drawn for a special permit.</p>	<p>can freely select the weapon type that best meets their needs for opportunity and timing of season.</p> <p>The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p>
<p>(3) Change the early archery elk season back to a fixed time frame of September 8th to the 21st as it was prior to the 2009-2011 seasons and add our 1 day back that was taken away in 2009. Archery is a hard sport and one that does not need further handicaps. By limiting us to 13 days afield and starting on September 2nd (2014) makes a difficult sport much, much harder.</p>	<p>The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. The timing of early archery season will likely be one of the topics discussed. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p>
<p>(3) Bring back the early archery antlerless/spike elk hunt in GMU 346 (Little Naches) as there are plenty of animals as witnessed by the 500 proposed modern firerarm antlerless permits.</p>	<p>The opportunities recommended by the Regional biologists are based on the annual aerial surveys conducted, as well as past patterns of harvest and success rates for all user groups. In 2010, Region 3 recommended the antlerless part of the early, archery opportunity in GMUs 352 and 356 be put on temporary hold as a result of lower than desired numbers of elk counted in the aerial surveys. This was always seen as a temporary measure until the elk numbers in those GMUs responded appropriately.</p> <p>At that same time, to offset the loss of early season antlerless opportunity in GMUs 352, 356, Region 3 recommended opening an early antlerless opportunity in GMU 346. Records show that opportunity hadn't been offered in the previous ten years (2000-2009) and probably hadn't been offered much longer than that if ever.</p> <p>Now that the elk numbers in GMUs 352 and 356 have responded, in 2013 the Commission</p>

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<p>(3) Object to "peak rut" hunts for eastern washington modern firearm quality elk hunts increasing from 1 to 3 permits??? Archery hunters have long been told by the game department that we will never have an archery season during the peak rut (last week of September) however peak rut permits were added in 2009 to allow modern firearm hunters to hunt bulls during the last week of September.</p>	<p>The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. The timing of early archery season will likely be one of the topics discussed. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p>
<p>I would like to see the archery season for early elk be set to start on Sept 8 every year and go for 2 weeks rather than how it is now with it depending on Labor Day weekend. No other season dates are dependent on a holiday so why should this one. Also most of the olympi Peninsula gmus especially around the Forks area need some cow tags. We have herds of over 100 cows and very few bulls to breed them. They are becoming nuisance elk in many areas so let hunters help manage the numbers. At least some youth tags or archery tags even if it is special permit.</p>	<p>There are many late archery and muzzleloader hunts that are dependent on the Thanksgiving day holiday. Although it's not a holiday, the modern firearm deer seasons fall on the Saturday after Oct 10.</p> <p>The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. The timing of early archery season will likely be one of the topics discussed. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p>
<p>Having the season at the beginning of September means that you are forced to hunt during what will most likely be very warm temperatures. This poses obvious problems for meat care should you harvest a back country elk. The difference between the first and the end of September temperature wise is</p>	<p>The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. The timing of early archery season will likely be one of the topics discussed. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p>

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<p>profound. When I lived in Idaho we didn't even hunt the first weekend for that very reason. Why not move the season deeper into September? If you observe the Idaho panhandle you will see there doesn't seem to be any ill effect from Bowhunting clear to the end of September, and we share some of the same elk as I often hunt the northeast corner of the state.</p>	
<p>The Season is far too short. Another thing that disappointed me was how the shortened seasons in Washington impacted my hunting. I have a steady job, and am limited to hunting on my days off. It is very deceptive to say I have a 13 day season, because I really only have a 2-3 days I can hunt. In Idaho I had 4 weekends to hunt on vastly increasing my opportunities. Also, by cramming all the hunters into such a short time frame it makes it very difficult to get away from other people which is very important to me. Last Year I bought a non-resident tag for Idaho based on these very reasons, and then tried the Muzzleloader season here. Sadly, we were really busy here at work that weekend and I only got to hunt a 1/2 day in Washington, and there were people everywhere!</p>	<p>The state of Washington is the smallest in area of all the western elk states and is second only to California in human population. Washington also has more elk hunters per elk than any other western state. One of the highest values for Washington elk hunters is to maintain an over-the-counter, general season opportunity. To maintain that opportunity and not overharvest the elk populations we have shorter seasons, we antler restrictions, and we require hunters to select a weapon type and only hunt within those designated seasons.</p> <p>At this time the calendar is full with no room to lengthen the seasons for user groups as you've described or to push them later when elk are more vulnerable. In addition, history has shown that the increased vulnerability of eastern Washington elk moving in response to snow events will result in a higher harvest than can be sustained over the long-term. The Department will be engaging in the public process to develop the three-year hunting season package for 2015-2017 in the summer and fall of 2014. We encourage all hunters to participate in that process.</p>



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 13-14-015 on 06/21/13;
and WSR 13-24-098 on 12/03/13; or
 Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
 Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).

Original Notice
 Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
 Continuance of WSR _____

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)

The subject of this proposed rule-making effort is the amendment of deer and elk seasons and permits; cougar seasons and regulations; black bear seasons and regulations; mountain goat, bighorn sheep, and moose seasons, permits, and regulations; bighorn sheep marking requirements; game bird regulations; small game seasons; landowner hunting permit program; deer and elk area boundaries; game management units, special closures and firearm restriction areas; unlawful methods for hunting; hunting equipment rules; special hunting season permits, hunters with disabilities, and other hunting regulations. This rule making proposal also incorporates a CR-101 filed on June 21, 2013, regarding archery special use permits for people with a disability.

Hearing location(s):

Moses Lake Civic Center
401 S. Balsam
Moses Lake, Washington 98837

Date: March 7-8, 2014 Time: 8:30 a.m.

Submit written comments to:

Name: Wildlife Program Commission Meeting Public Comments
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Olympia, WA 98501-1091
Wildthing@dfw.wa.gov

Fax: (360) 902-2162 by (date) February 14, 2014

Assistance for persons with disabilities:

Contact Tami Lininger by February 21, 2014

TTY (800) 833-6388 or (360) 902-2267

Date of intended adoption: on or after April 11, 2014

(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

See Attachment A.

Reasons supporting proposal:

See Attachment A.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 77.04.010, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240

Statute being implemented: RCW 77.04.010, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law? Yes No
 Federal Court Decision? Yes No
 State Court Decision? Yes No
 If yes, CITATION:

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

When filing the permanent rule-making order (CR-103P), the WAC sections containing rule amendments will be consolidated into one or two Order Typing Service (OTS) documents.

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

These rules apply to recreational hunting and do not affect small business.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No: Please explain: This proposal does not involve hydraulics.

ATTACHMENT A

Amendment to 220-55-040 - Recreational License tag, permit and stamp refund and exchanges

New Section 220-55-172 - Reduced Rate Combo deer hunting license

New Section 220-55-174 - Reduced Rate Combo elk hunting license

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to clarify and expand the rationale for refunding, exchanging, and replacing licenses and tags. In addition, we have received several complaints regarding the price of second deer and elk licenses. This proposal creates discounts for combination licenses and tags.

Reasons supporting proposal:

This proposal will address the complaints about the cost of second deer and elk license and improve the Department's administration of permits and tags and facilitate much improved collection of harvest data.

Amendment to 232-12-047 - Unlawful methods for hunting

Amendment to 232-12-051 - Muzzleloading firearms

Amendment to 232-12-054 - Hunters with Disabilities

New Section 232-12-819 – Special Use Permits

New Section 232-12-825 - NEW SECTION: Definition of a person with a disability

Amendment to 232-12-828 - Hunting of game birds and animals by persons with a disability

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

Several rules (232-12-047, 232-12-051, & 232-12-054) are recommended to be amended to delete exceptions for hunters with disabilities from equipment regulations. Exceptions instead will be combined in a new rule (232-12-819) and by amendment to an existing rule (232-12-828). We are recommending that the Department be allowed to issue special use permits to provide reasonable accommodations for persons with a disability. The Department also recommends a change to the definition of a hunter with a disability.

Reasons supporting proposal:

In the past, any time the Department wanted to change the types of equipment necessary for a disabled hunter to participate in an agency hunting program, we needed to have a rule changed to accommodate the request. These changes will allow the Department to issue special use permits as needed to make those accommodations.

In addition, this change will address a petition to the Commission to amend rules to allow scopes on crossbows used by hunters with disabilities and a complaint filed with the Department of Interior. The essence of the complaint was similar to the petition. Nearly all crossbows available on the market today include scopes and modifying them required relatively expensive conversion kits which invalidated the warrantee. Therefore the claim was that the Department was discriminating by creating an economic hardship in not allowing hunters with disabilities to use a crossbow equipped with a scope.

WAC 232-12-242 - Hunting Restrictions

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

Reinstate restrictions on night hunting and hound hunting during deer and elk seasons which were inadvertently deleted from the small game seasons last year but not placed in a different section as planned.

Reference to WAC 232-28-285 is removed as it is no longer in effect and reference to WAC 232-12-243 is replaced with reference to RCW 77-15-245 which is the statute authorizing public safety cougar removals.

Reasons supporting proposal:

This rule is important in mitigating conflicts and the potential for unlawful use of dogs to pursue deer and elk and night hunting.

WAC 232-28-248 Special closures and firearm restriction areas

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of the proposal is to adjust the boundary of the Columbia River Restricted Hunting Area hunting closure to better reflect conditions on the ground and also to alleviate trespass on restricted federal lands. The proposal also provides for an exception to allow special permit hunting on the Parker Lake Restricted Hunting Area. In addition the proposal provides for an exception to the modern firearm restriction in the Kittitas firearm restriction area.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Special closures and firearm restriction areas allow the Fish and Wildlife Commission to restrict or close hunting activity in certain areas to optimize safety, discourage trespass on restricted lands, and protect sensitive species.

WAC 232-28-273 2012-2014 Moose seasons and permit quotas.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

Increase the current temporal, geographic, and gender scope of the Master Hunter permits in Region 1. Current rules limit Master Hunts permits for moose (10) to antlerless animals only, a season of Dec 1 through the following March 1, and GMUs 124, 127, and portions of 130 within Spokane County. The revision would allow for Master Hunt permits for any moose identified by WDFW as requiring removal, for a season extending from Aug 1 through the following March 1, and extend to area to include all of GMUs 124, 127, 130, 133, 136, 139, and 142.

Additionally, new, experimental archery-only and muzzleloader-only hunts are proposed in the Parker Lake area (within GMU 117) which had previously been closed due to potential conflicts with USAF survival school. This hunt is being coordinated with USAF.

Reasons supporting proposal: Master Hunter permits for moose are intended to provide hunter opportunity where moose are causing damage or are a threat to human safety (typically in or near urban and suburban settings), and these cannot be otherwise resolved. Current restrictions on these permits limit the effectiveness of implementing this objective. This revision will allow for needed flexibility in removing problem moose.

The experimental archery-only and muzzleloader permit hunts are being offered to provide additional hunter opportunity in any area where moose populations can absorb additional harvest.

WAC 232-28-283 2012-2014 . Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: Add to (18) Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep Raffle permit GMU 172, and remove GMU 181.

Reasons supporting proposal: Provide hunter opportunity where herd increase has allowed for increase harvest, while reducing permit levels where mortality must be limited.

WAC 232-28-296 Landowner hunting permits

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

This proposal modifies hunt dates and permit levels on properties enrolled in WDFW's Landowner Hunting Permit (LHP) program for the 2014 hunting season. These sites offer special hunting opportunities to the public through WDFW's special permit drawings, raffles, or selection by the landowner.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Several years ago, the Fish and Wildlife Commission developed a policy to expand the private lands available to the general public for hunting. One of the programs that was authorized is the Landowner Hunting Permit Program. This program encourages landowners to provide opportunity to the general hunter in exchange for customized hunting seasons and the ability to generate funding to offset the cost of providing public access.

232-28-337 Elk area descriptions.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of the proposal is modify the boundary of an existing Elk Area in Region 5 to better address wildlife conflict through special permit elk hunting. The proposal also creates an Elk Area in Region 1 to facilitate elk special permit hunting on newly acquired wildlife area lands.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Elk Areas allow the Commission to distribute hunters more favorably during quality hunts. The proposed language also helps delineate when state authorized elk hunting is and is not allowed at a smaller scale within a GMU. Elk Areas help direct hunters when a scale smaller than the GMU is needed. Elk areas also help staff address wildlife conflict problems at a smaller scale than the GMU when needed.

WAC 232-28-342: 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 Small game seasons

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

Changes proposed increase the possession limit to three times the daily bag for mourning dove (including falconry), band-tailed pigeon, and September Canada goose (except for the two day eastern Washington September season). Other changes include shifting season eastern Washington September goose season dates to occur on weekend days, and increasing the bag limit for the Pacific County September Canada goose season.

Reasons supporting proposal:

The proposed changes will standardize possession limits among all migratory bird seasons and allow increase recreational opportunity on resident Canada geese, while conserving these populations and providing agricultural damage control.

232-28-357 2012-2014 Deer general seasons and definitions.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season deer hunting opportunity. The purpose is also to balance the hunting opportunity between user groups. In addition the purpose is to increase opportunity when deer populations allow, and reduce the opportunity when declining deer numbers warrant a change.

Reasons supporting proposal: This proposal provides for recreational deer hunting opportunity and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable general deer hunting season opportunities for 2014. The proposal also helps address deer agricultural damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed.

232-28-358 2012-2014 Elk general seasons and definitions.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to retain general season elk hunting opportunity for 2014. The purpose is also to balance the elk hunting opportunity between user groups. The proposal also increases elk hunting opportunity when elk populations allow, and reduces elk hunting opportunity when declining elk numbers warrant a change.

Reasons supporting proposal: This proposal provides for recreational elk hunting opportunity and protects elk from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable general elk hunting season opportunities for 2014. The proposal helps address elk agricultural damage problems and provides for elk population control when needed.

232-28-359 2014 Deer special permits.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit deer hunting opportunity for 2014. The purpose is also to balance the hunting opportunity between user groups and increase hunting opportunity when deer populations allow. In addition the proposal reduces the deer hunting opportunity when declining deer numbers warrant a change.

Reasons supporting proposal: This proposal provides for recreational deer hunting opportunity and protects deer from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable deer special permit hunting season opportunities for 2014. The proposal also helps address deer agricultural damage problems and provides for deer population control when needed.

232-28-360 2014 Elk special permits.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of this proposal is to retain special permit elk hunting opportunity for 2014. The purpose is also to balance the elk special permit hunting opportunity between user groups. In addition the proposal increases elk hunting opportunity when elk populations allow, and reduces the opportunity when declining elk numbers warrant a change.

Reasons supporting proposal: This proposal provides recreational elk hunting opportunity and protects elk from overharvest. The proposal would maintain sustainable elk special permit hunting season opportunities for 2014. The proposal helps address elk agricultural damage problems and provides for elk population control when needed.

WAC 232-28-622 Big horn sheep seasons and permit quotas.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: 1) Increase permits in the Asotin herd from 0 to 1. 2) Increase permits in the Lincoln Cliff herd from 1 to 2. 3) Decrease permits in the Cleman Mountain herd from 10 to 8. 4) Increase permits in the Umtanum portion of the Umtanum/Selah herd from 2 to 3. 5) Initiate new ewe-only hunt in the Selah portion of the Umtanum/Selah herd, 5 permits.

Reasons supporting proposal: Provide hunter opportunity where herd increase has allowed for increase harvest, while reducing permit levels where mortality must be limited.

WAC 232-28-623 2012-2014 Mountain goat seasons and permit quotas.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

1) Decrease mountain goat permits in the Methow (2-2) goat hunt unit from 1 to 0. 2) Increase mountain goat permits in the Naches Pass (3-6) goat hunt unit from 1 to 2; 3) Increase mountain goat permits in the Bumping River (3-7) goat hunt unit from 1 to 2; 4) Increase mountain goat permits in the Chowder Ridge (4-3) goat hunt unit from 1 to 2. 5) Initiate new conflict-reduction mountain goat hunt in Region 6, GMU 621, with 6 permits.

Reasons supporting proposal: Provide hunter opportunity where herd increase has allowed for increase harvest, while reducing permit levels where mortality must be limited. Reduce conflicts with hikers and possibility of dangerous confrontation on popular hiking trails in Region 6.

232-28-624 Deer area descriptions.

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The purpose of the proposal is to add a Deer Area in Pend Oreille County that would facilitate some special permit hunting opportunity on the USAF survival training facility where hunting access did not exist before. The proposal also adds a new Deer Area in Asotin County to facilitate special permit hunting opportunity on newly acquired wildlife area land.

Reasons supporting proposal:

The proposed language allows the Commission to distribute hunters more favorably during quality hunts. Proposed language also helps delineate when state authorized deer hunting is and is not allowed at a smaller scale within a GMU. Deer Areas help direct hunters when a scale smaller than the GMU is needed.

Deer areas also help staff address wildlife conflict problems when needed.