Recreational Licenses WAC Chapter 220-55-040, 220-55-172, & 220-55-174 Rule Adoption

Dave Ware Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program Wildlife Licensing Rules Purpose of Changes

- Address tag "replacement" when a hunter kills an animal that is unfit for consumption
- Increase sales of the Multi-season deer license
- Improve customer satisfaction with the second deer or elk tag
- Clarify requirements for Master Hunter second deer or elk tags
- Improve harvest reporting for damage permits

Wildlife Licensing Rules Combination Licenses

 RCW 77-32-470 (5) Allows the Commission to create combination licenses and set the fee at or below the combined cost of the licenses

Wildlife Licensing Rules WAC 220-55-172

- Multi-season deer permits are combined with the original big game license that includes deer
 - 2013 Cost: \$226.90
 - 2014 Cost: \$182.00
- The fee for a Second Deer Tag is reduced by \$21 which makes the second tag cost the same as a deer license
 - 2013 Cost: \$60
 - 2014 Cost: \$39

Wildlife Licensing Rules WAC 220-55-172

- Create a Master Hunter Deer Tag and a Damage Deer Tag
- These new tags that would be required of Master Hunters and those using a damage prevention permit or kill permit for a fee of \$20
- Eliminates confusion with harvest reporting

Wildlife Licensing Rules WAC 220-55-174

- Creates a Master Hunter Elk tag and a Damage Elk Tag are each combined with an original big game license that includes elk
- These are new tags that would be required of hunters for a fee of \$20
- Facilitates and improves harvest data collection

Wildlife Licensing Rules Summary

- Reduces the fee for the Multi-season deer tag
- Reduces the fee for a second deer tag
- Creates a Master Hunter tag and a Damage Tag
- As a package it will increase revenue by over \$300,000
- Facilitates and improves harvest data collection

Questions???

