

# Agenda Item 14

## Special Hunting Season Permits



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# Background

- We have several damage hunts in our pamphlet that require drawing a permit.
- These drawings are usually limited to Master Hunters, Youth and Seniors.
- By current rule, WAC 232-28-291, hunters that draw these hunts lose their accumulated points.
- Not all hunters that draw these permits are always called to participate based on need.
- The proposed language will allow the department to reinstate points for hunters that were not called to participate.

# Recommended Change

## WAC 232-28-291

- Current language: Once drawn for a permit, the applicant's points will be reduced to zero in that category.
- Recommended addition: Applicants who are drawn for a damage hunt administered by a WDFW designated hunt coordinator and not given a chance to participate shall get their points restored. Those that decline to participate for any reason are not eligible for point restoration.

# Questions?