

Agenda Item 13

Landowner Hunting Permits

WAC 232-28-296



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FISH and WILDLIFE

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LHP Background

Commission Policy C-6002:

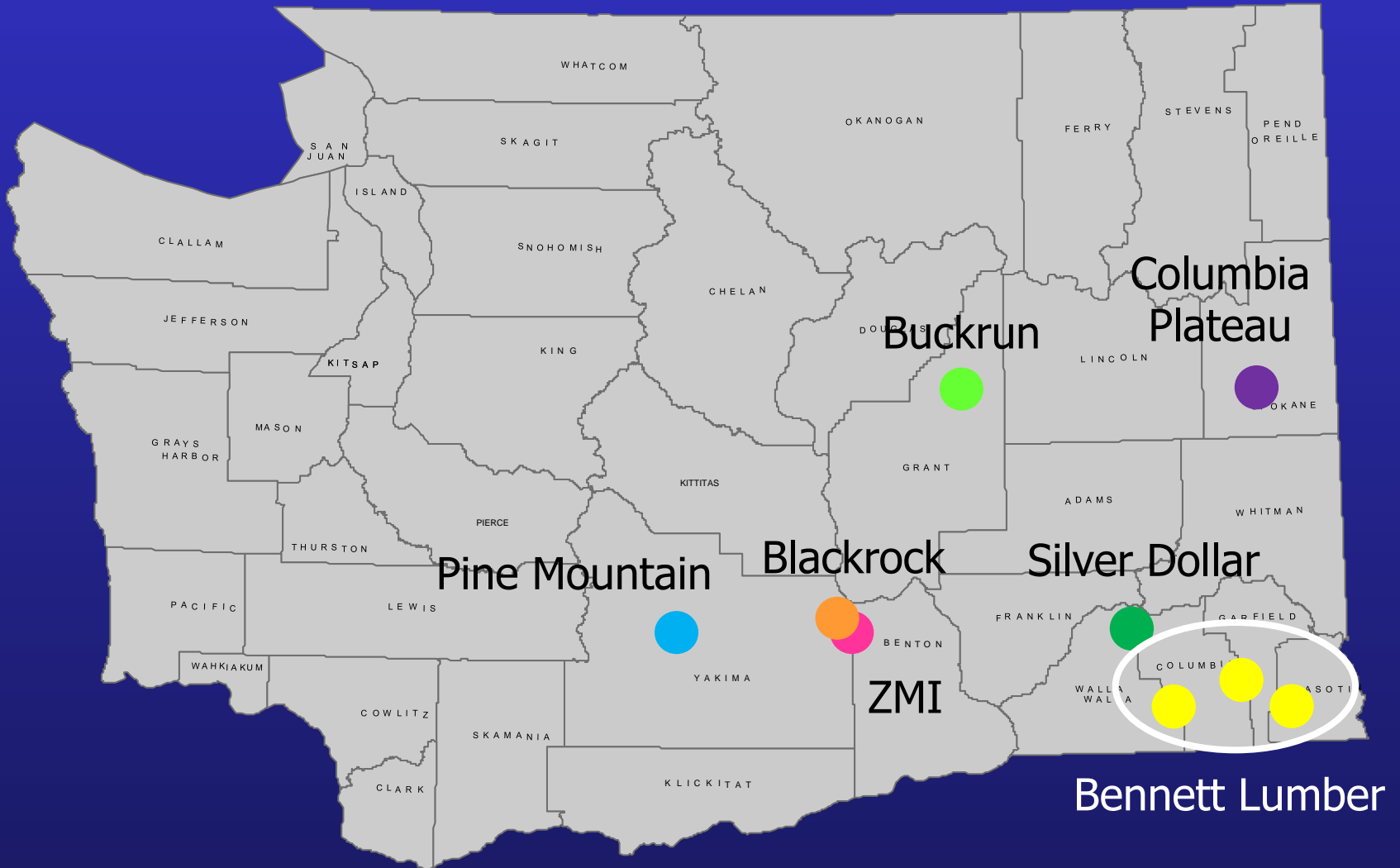
- LHP Permits authorized only by the Commission
- Customized Seasons
- Permit Allocation:
 - 50% of antlerless
 - 25% of bull or buck
 - Exceptions only by Commission
- Equal opportunity for all hunters with permits
- Owners charging access fees waive damage claims

LHP Background

Commission Policy C-6002:

- Landowners shall make provisions for significant public benefit.
- General hunting season opportunity is encouraged.
- Landowner incentives may include the following:
 - Customized hunting seasons
 - Second tag opportunity
 - Technical services to the landowner

LHP Participation



Proposed Changes

Minor date and hunt name adjustments:

- Recommended adjustments:
 - Pine Mountain Ranch date changes
 - ZMI date changes and hunt name changes



Pine Mountain Ranch

LHP:

- Pine Mtn Ranch Nov. ~~(7)~~6-Dec. 31 any buck
- Pine Mtn Ranch Aug. 1 – Nov. ~~(6)~~5 antlerless (elk)

Special Permits:

- Pine Mtn Ranch Nov. ~~(7)~~6-Dec. 31 any buck
- Pine Mtn Ranch Aug. 1 – Nov. ~~(6)~~5 antlerless (elk)

ZMI Ranch

LHP:

- ZMI A Oct. ~~((26-30))~~ 25-29 3 pt. min.

Special Permits:

- ZMI ~~((A))~~ C Nov. ~~((2-6))~~ 1-5 3 pt. min.
- ZMI ~~((B))~~ D Dec. ~~((3-11))~~ 2-10 Antlerless

Public Comment

Forty-two comments received from the public:

- 60% support the proposed changes.
- 40% have concerns about the program only benefitting a select group of hunters and landowners selling permits.

Direction and Rationale

- Implement Fish and Wildlife Commission policy C-6002.
- Continue to work with landowners to gain hunting access on private lands.
- Continue to provide private land access that hunters otherwise wouldn't enjoy.

Questions



Small Game and Other Wildlife Seasons and Regulations

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Background

- In 1997 the South L.T. Murray Wildlife Area name was changed to Wenas Wildlife Area.
- This name change occurred due to different funding sources:
 - L.T. Murray Wildlife Area is funded by wildlife state money.
 - South L.T. Murry Wildlife Area (Wenas) is funded by BPA money.

Proposed change

Change the Wildlife Area name South L.T. Murray to Wenas.

Public Comment

Fourteen comments received from the public:

- 86% support proposed change, no comments submitted.
- None opposed the proposed change, no comments submitted.
- 14% were neutral about the proposed change.

Direction and Rationale

Proposed name change stays consistent with WDFW publications including signs, website pages, pamphlets, and brochures.

Questions

