

WAC 220-413-200

Reducing the Spread of Hoof Disease- Unlawful Transport of Elk Hooves



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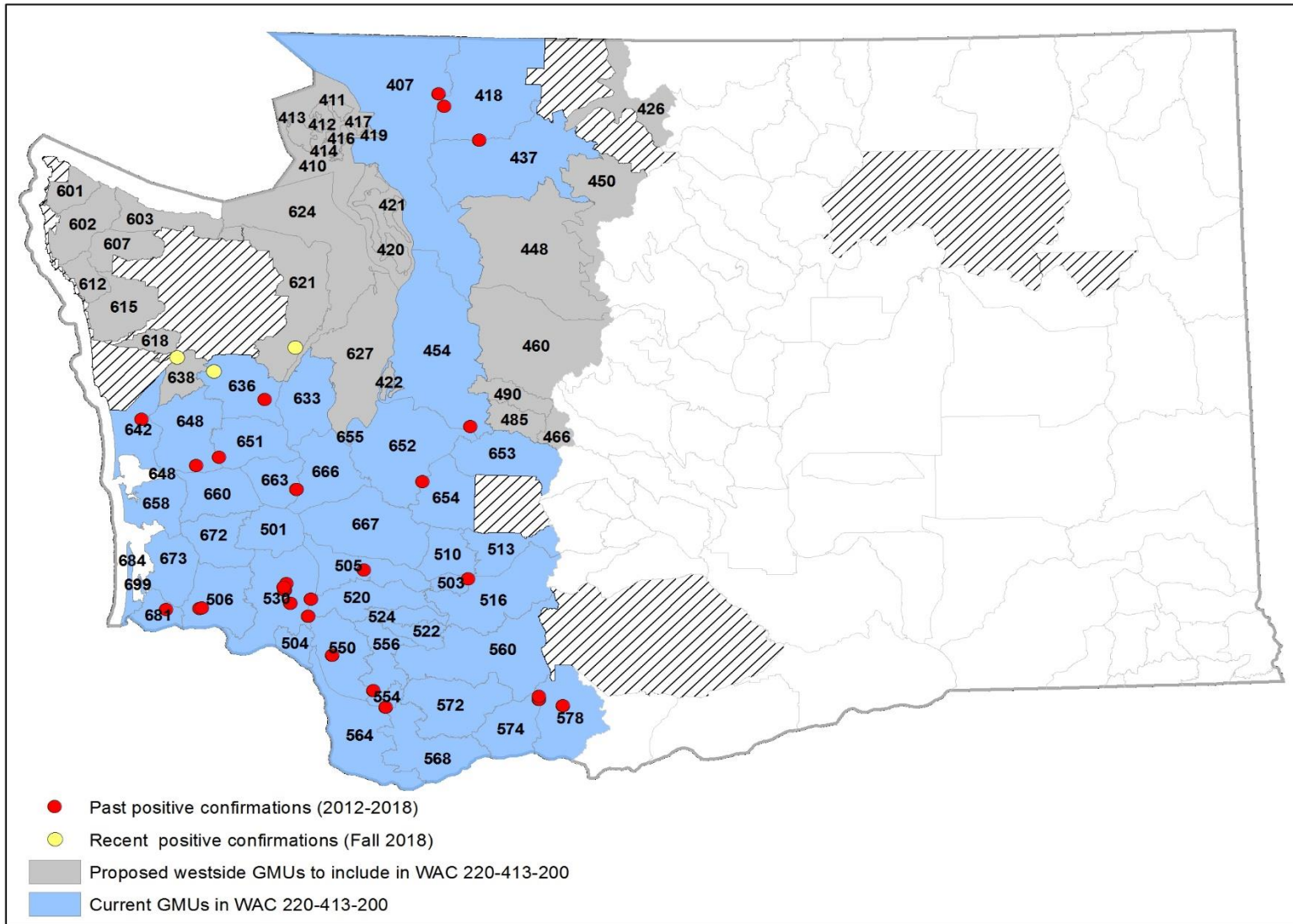
Background

- The Commission adopted a rule in 2014 that restricts the transport of elk hooves from those GMUs where treponeme associated hoof disease (TAHD) has been confirmed in elk.
- The intention of the rule is to reduce the potential for spreading TAHD to new locations.
- WAC 220-413-200 was most recently updated in September 2018
- Since that time, the disease has been confirmed adjacent to Olympic National Park in the Upper Wynoochee Valley (GMU 636), in GMU 621, and in GMU 638

Proposed Changes

- With the addition of GMUs 621 and 638, WAC 220-413-200 would apply in all but 16 of the 61 western Washington GMUs that are not islands in Puget Sound
- Propose adding all 400, 500, and 600 series GMUs to the restriction
- Received 5 comments in support of the proposal and 1 neutral comment
- The neutral comment advocated for letting hunters shoot elk the observed limping

Proposed GMUs



Questions?

