
Small Game and Trapping Regulations

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Overview

• **Game birds**
  – Allow for release of certain game birds
  – License Private Game Farms

• **Trapping**
  – Is a form of hunting where devices are used to capture animals to harvest fur
Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-416-110

Use of game birds for training dogs, field trials—Marking requirements

• Adding nasal scarring as an option for marking

• Public comment
  – Received 2: Both support
  – No additional comment received
Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-430-010

Game farm license provisions

• Clarify a current, valid game farm license is required to possess, propagate, sell and transfer certain game birds and waterfowl species

• Added language outlining failure to comply with game farm license provisions

• Public comment
  – Received 5: 4 support; 1 oppose
  – No additional comments received
Recommended Adjustment

• Add language to clarify that a game farm license does not authorize the licensee to purchase, possess, propagate, sell or transfer deleterious exotic wildlife.
  – Adjustment aligns with WAC 220-640-200 by providing consistency in treatment of deleterious exotic wildlife species (e.g. mute swan)
Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-450-010
Criteria for planting aquatic plants and releasing wildlife

• Simplify requirement and clarify language to allow game birds to be “acquired” from certain facilities for dog training and hunting

• Add language to minimize risk of disease transmission by identifying and expanding the facilities from which birds may be acquired

• Public comment
  – Received 4: All support
  – No additional comments received
Proposed Changes

Amend WAC: 220-417-030
Wild Animal Trapping

• Clarify language by stating restraining traps (live capture traps) must be checked every 24 hours, whether or not an animal has been captured

• Public comment
  – Received 6: 2 support; 4 oppose
  – No additional comments received
Expected Outcomes

• Increase compliance with game bird marking requirements (WAC 220-416-110)
• Support game farm license holders and increase compliance with game farm license provisions (WAC 220-430-010)
• Decrease risk of avian disease transmission (WAC 220-450-010)
• Safeguard for humane treatment and welfare of trapped furbearers and by-catch (WAC 220-417-030)
Questions?