

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
WILDLIFE PROGRAM**

**FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION MEETING
August 8-9, 2014**

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

WAC 232-12-286 Reducing the spread of hoof disease – Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

A. Agency reason for adoption:

This new WAC will reduce the probability of hoof disease spreading from units 501 through 564 and 642 through 699 to other areas by requiring the removal of hooves of harvested elk and requiring the hooves be left at the harvest site. Imposing these restrictions on these areas adheres to the department's mission to preserve, protect, perpetuate, and manage the wildlife of the state.

B. Changes, if any, from the text of the proposed rule and reasons for difference: There were no changes to the proposed rule. The proposed rule was adopted as filed with the CR-102.

C. Agency responses to written and oral comments:

| Written Public Comments | |
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| Comments | Agency Response |
| No Written Public Comment received. | |

| Verbal Public Comments | |
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| Comments | Agency Response |
| Concerned for the long seasons on stress of the sick heard, due to hoof disease. Hunter and public participation is important to reduce spread of disease. Public walking through area could possible spread disease as well. | The Department will continue to explore all avenues with regard to understanding and mitigation of elk hoof disease within the constraints of staffing, budget, and practical management. |