

## Concise Explanatory Statement (CES)

WAC 220-130-040 Review and selection process.

### **A. Reasons for adopting the rule:**

Currently, WDFW is required to accept and review ALEA grant applications annually. This requires significant staff time.

The amendments to WAC 220-130-040 will allow WDFW to accept applications once per biennium, greatly reducing staff review time over the course of a biennium and reducing ALEA Grant Program costs.

### **B. Differences between the text of the proposed rule and the text of the rule as adopted:**

No differences.

### **C. Summary of comments and WDFW response and consideration for the comments:**

A request for comments was sent to all existing grantees and comments were received. Other than that no other comments were received.

Comments were categorized as favorable, neutral or unfavorable towards the proposal:

Favorable respondents either liked the proposal because of the expected efficiencies in terms of reducing Agency effort, time, and cost, while still providing the program fully funded...and/or they were folks who are used to applying annually, who under the proposed change would just apply once per biennium for a grant covering two years.

Neutral respondents generally didn't provide a strong opinion either way.

The one Unfavorable respondent didn't like the idea of accepting grant applications every two years and preferred keeping options open for projects that come up in between.

All commenters received a response from WDFW by phone or email.