

Concise Explanatory Statement

Rules amended as part of this rulemaking:

WAC 220-412-070 Big game and wild turkey auction, raffle, and special incentive permits.

WAC 220-413-200 Reducing the spread of hoof disease-Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

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Reasons for adopting these rules:

This rule codifies the locations, restrictions, and legal bag limit for auction, raffle and special incentive permits. The proposal clarifies language on those auction and raffle tags that include elk hunting. The proposed language clarifies where the auction, raffle, and incentive permits can be used and which animals are legal for harvest.

Differences between the proposed rule and the rule as adopted:

- None

Comments received during the official public comment period and as testimony received at the public hearing:

There were no public comments.

WAC 220-413-200 Reducing the spread of hoof disease-Unlawful transport of elk hooves.

Reasons for adopting these rules:

This rule is an attempt to reduce the potential risk of inadvertently spreading the causative agents of treponeme associated hoof disease (TAHD) in elk. New Game Management Units (GMUs) are being proposed in which transport of elk hooves from harvested elk would be restricted. These new GMUs include 407, 418, 437, 633, and 636. The rule does allow, under certain circumstances, the legal transport of elk hooves coming from GMUs with TAHD to facilitate research by the Department.

Differences between the proposed rule and the rule as adopted:

In section 1 of WAC 220-413-200, in the new Game Management Units (GMUs) being added to the list of GMUs where the restriction applies, after GMU 437 add GMU 454.

Treponeme associated hoof disease was confirmed in a wild elk in GMU 454 after the filing of the CR 102 that describes the proposed WAC amendment.

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There were no public comments.