



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

## CR-103P (August 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.360)

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**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife: 17-253

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- 31 days after filing.
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes  No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:**

The proposal is intended to establish harvest guidelines for 21 spring bear hunts around the state during 2018 hunting season. The proposal will: 1) remove the 2017 season regulations from the current rule, 2) extend the season ending date to June 15 for GMUs 154, 162, 166, 169, 172, 175, 181, and 186, and 3) remove the Monroe hunt area. The anticipated effects include mitigation of nuisance and damage activity while providing distributed recreational hunting opportunities within harvest management levels described in the 2015-2021 Game Management Plan prepared by the department.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: 220-415-080
- Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** 77.04.012, 77.12.240, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.32.070.

**Other authority:**

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 17-13-132 on June 21, 2017 (date).

**Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:**

- Change: Reduce the number of permits offered in the Long Beach Hunt, GMU 684, from 20 permits to 12 permits.

Rationale: The Department has determined that damage occurrences have diminished and thereby hunting pressure can be reduced in this hunt area.

- Change: Add GMUs 638 and 648 (excluding US Forest Service lands) to the Copalis Hunt.

Rationale: This adjustment will distribute hunting pressure across areas where damage mitigation and distribution of harvest is needed.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
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**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

**Date adopted:** August 18, 2017

**Name:** Brad Smith

**Title:** Chair, Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission

**Signature:**



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-05-112, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17)

**WAC 220-415-080 ((2017 and)) 2018 Spring black bear seasons and regulations.** It is unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions of this section. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, 77.15.245, or 77.15.280, depending on the circumstances of the violation.

**Who May Apply:** Anyone with a valid Washington big game license, which includes black bear as a species option.

**Hunt Areas, Permit Levels, and Season Dates for Each License Year:**

Hunt Name	Hunt Area	Permits	Season Dates
Sherman	GMU 101	50	April 1 - June 15
Kelly Hill	GMU 105	50	April 1 - June 15
Douglas	GMU 108	40	April 1 - June 15
Aladdin	GMU 111	50	April 1 - June 15
49 Degrees North	GMU 117	100	April 1 - June 15
Huckleberry	GMU 121	100	April 1 - June 15
Blue Creek	GMU 154	15	April 15 - <del>((May 31))</del> June 15
Dayton	GMU 162	15	April 15 - <del>((May 31))</del> June 15
Tucannon	GMU 166	5	April 15 - <del>((May 31))</del> June 15
Wenaha	GMU 169	45	April 15 - June 15
Mt. View	GMU 172	15	April 15 - <del>((May 31))</del> June 15
Lick Creek	GMU 175	15	April 15 - <del>((May 31))</del> June 15
Couse	GMU 181	4	April 15 - <del>((May 31))</del> June 15
Grande Ronde	GMU 186	5	April 15 - <del>((May 31))</del> June 15
Kitsap	GMU 627	5	April 15 - May 31
Mason	GMU 633	5	April 15 - May 31
Bear River	GMU 681	20	April 15 - May 31
Long Beach	GMU 684	<del>((20))</del> 12	April 15 - May 31
North Skagit	That portion of GMU 418 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR, Sierra Pacific, Weyerhaeuser-Columbia Timber Lands, and Grandy Lake Timber company.	30	April 15 - June 15
<del>((Monroe</del>	<del>That portion of GMU 448 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR and Campbell Global.</del>	25	<del>April 15 - June 15))</del>
Copalis	GMU 642, 638, and 648 (excluding U.S. Forest Service lands).	50	April 15 - June 15
Kapowsin	That portion of GMUs 653 and/or 654 that is designated as the hunt area by Hancock Forest Management and International Forestry.	150	April 15 - June 15

**Bag Limit:** One black bear per black bear special permit season.

**License Required:** A valid big game hunting license, which includes black bear as a species option, is required to hunt black bear. One black bear transport tag is included with a big game hunting license that has black bear as a species option.

**Hunting Method:** Hunters may use any lawful big game modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader equipment for hunting black bear. The use of dogs or bait to hunt black bear is prohibited statewide.

**Submitting Bear Teeth:** Successful bear hunters must submit the black bear premolar located behind the canine tooth of the upper jaw.