

## Concise Explanatory Statement

### **Rules amended as part of this rulemaking:**

WAC 220-200-100 Wildlife classified as protected shall not be hunted or fished.

WAC 220-610-010 Wildlife classified as endangered species.

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### **Reasons for adopting these rules:**

The proposal will reclassify loggerhead sea turtle from state's threatened subcategory (WAC 220-200-100) to state endangered (WAC 220-610-010). In addition, the proposal will classify the yellow-billed cuckoo as state endangered (WAC 220-610-010).

### **Differences between the proposed rule and the rule as adopted:**

Proposed corrections to common and scientific names include the following:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
sage grouse	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>
sharp-tailed grouse	<i>Phasianus columbianus</i>
gray whale	<i>Eschrichtius gibbosus</i>
least chipmunk	<i>Tamias minimus</i>
yellow-pine chipmunk	<i>Tamias amoenus</i>
Townsend's chipmunk	<i>Tamias townsendii</i>
red-tailed chipmunk	<i>Tamias ruficaudus</i>
Cascade golden-mantled ground squirrel	<i>Spermophilus saturatus</i>
golden mantled ground squirrel	<i>Spermophilus lateralis</i>
Washington ground squirrel	<i>Spermophilus washingtoni</i>

Change to the following respectively:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Greater sage grouse	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>
sharp-tailed grouse	<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus</i>
gray whale	<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>
least chipmunk	<i>Tamias minimus</i>
yellow-pine chipmunk	<i>Tamias amoenus</i>
Townsend's chipmunk	<i>Tamias townsendii</i>
red-tailed chipmunk	<i>Tamias ruficaudus</i>
cascade golden-mantled ground squirrel	<i>Callospermophilus saturatus</i>
golden-mantled ground squirrel	<i>Callospermophilus lateralis</i>
Washington ground squirrel	<i>Uroditellus washingtoni</i>

After northern flying squirrel, *Glaucomys sabrinus*, add the following:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Humboldt's flying squirrel	<i>Glaucomys oregonensis</i>

**Rationale:** The changes in taxonomy to sage-grouse, gray whale, golden-mantled ground squirrel, and Washington ground squirrel, have been accepted by the scientific community. Additionally, these authorities have recently split the northern flying squirrel into the northern flying squirrel and the Humboldt's flying squirrel. The scientific names for sharptailed grouse and the chipmunks were incorrect.

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

There were no public comments.

**WAC 220-610-010 Wildlife classified as endangered species.**

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**Differences between the proposed rule and the rule as adopted:**

Proposed corrections to common and scientific names include the following:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Fisher	<i>Martes pennanti</i>
Black right whale	<i>Balaena glacialis</i>
Snowy plover	<i>charadrius alexandrinus</i>

change to the following respectively:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>
Fisher	<i>Pekania pennanti</i>
North Pacific right whale	<i>Embalaena japonica</i>
Snowy plover	<i>Charadrius nivosus</i>

Rationale: These are changes in taxonomy by recognized scientific organizations/authorities that have been accepted by the scientific community.

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There were no public comments.