

Concise Explanatory Statement

Rules amended as part of this rulemaking:

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 568, 572, 574, and 578. 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:

None.

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

There were no public comments.