

Concise Explanatory Statement (CES)

Concise Explanatory Statement for Pelt Sealing Deadline Extension

Rules amended as part of this rulemaking:

WAC 220-400-050 Requirements for sealing of pelts and collection of biological information for river otter, cougar, lynx, and bobcat.

1. **Background/Summary of Project:**

The Covid_19 pandemic has caused the Governor to put restrictions in place that prohibit leaving home unless necessary. Sealing pelts can require people that harvested furbearing animals or an employee to travel and meet one another to accomplish the sealing. To comply with the social distancing and public safety precautions associated with CODID-19 threat we have extended the date for the sealing requirement from April 20th to July 20th.

This needs to be an emergency rule because the gubernatorial order is already in place and this change cannot wait for formal rule making.

2. **Reasons for adopting the rule:**

The changes to the rule were made to avoid negative consequences related to disease transmission and to comply with the social distancing and public safety precautions associated with CODID-19 threat.

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

NA

4. **Public comments, response to comments, and consideration of comments**

NA