

# Concise Explanatory Statement (CES)

## Concise Explanatory Statement for Emergency Rule for 2020 Spring Black Bear Season Delay

### Rules amended as part of this rulemaking:

WAC 220-415-080 Spring Black Bear Special Permits

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

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused the governor to put restrictions in place that prohibit leaving home unless necessary. To comply with the social distancing and public safety precautions associated with the COVID-19 threat, we are delaying the opening date for the 2020 spring bear hunting seasons that were scheduled to open on April 1, 2020.

We will reassess to determine when the spring bear hunts can open. The next assessment is scheduled for April 6.

There is insufficient time to adopt permanent rules.

#### 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 COVID-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