



## Fish and Wildlife Commission Presentation Summary Sheet

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**Meeting date:**

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**Agenda item:**

A petition to amend WAC 220-416-120 to allow blowguns as a method of taking bullfrog.

**Presenter(s):**

Anis Aoude, Game Division Manager, Wildlife Program

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**Background summary:**

This petition asks the department to change WAC 220-416-120 to allow blowguns that use a tethered barbed dart for taking bullfrog. The current rule allows angling, hand dip netting, spearing (gigging), or bow and arrow as taking methods. Use of a blowgun would not be a great departure from the methods already allowed. Department staff recommend proposing this idea during the annual season setting rulemaking process that commences with CR-101 filing in December 2024 and ends with a decision by the Commission (or Director if delegated) in April 2025. Department staff are already considering additional methods of taking bullfrog that could also be brought forward during this rulemaking.

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**Staff recommendation:**

Staff recommend accepting this petition and recommend that the rulemaking take place during the annual game season setting process.

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**Policy issue(s) and expected outcome:**

None

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**Fiscal impacts of agency implementation:**

None

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**Public involvement process used and what you learned:**

There was no public involvement directly related to this petition prior to its submission. A public engagement process will occur if rule making occurs.

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**Action requested and/or proposed next steps:**

Dependent on Decision. If accepted rulemaking will take place with the proposed timeframe.

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**Draft motion language:**

I move we accept this petition, and the rulemaking will take place during the annual game season setting process.

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**Post decision communications plan:**

Communicate the outcome of the Commission's or Director's decision to the petitioner.

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