



## PETITION FOR ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL OF A STATE ADMINISTRATIVE RULE

Print Form

In accordance with RCW 34.05.330, the Office of Financial Management (OFM) created this form for individuals or groups who wish to petition a state agency or institution of higher education to adopt, amend, or repeal an administrative rule. You may use this form to submit your request. You also may contact agencies using other formats, such as a letter or email.

The agency or institution will give full consideration to your petition and will respond to you within 60 days of receiving your petition. For more information on the rule petition process, see Chapter 82-05 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=82-05>.

### CONTACT INFORMATION *(please type or print)*

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### COMPLETING AND SENDING PETITION FORM

- Check all of the boxes that apply.
- Provide relevant examples.
- Include suggested language for a rule, if possible.
- Attach additional pages, if needed.
- Send your petition to the agency with authority to adopt or administer the rule. Here is a list of agencies and their rules coordinators: <http://www.leg.wa.gov/CodeReviser/Documents/RClst.htm>.

### INFORMATION ON RULE PETITION

Agency responsible for adopting or administering the rule: WDFW

☐ 1. NEW RULE - I am requesting the agency to adopt a new rule.

- ☒ The subject (or purpose) of this rule is: Please See Attached
- ☒ The rule is needed because: Please See Attached
- ☒ The new rule would affect the following people or groups: Please See Attached

☐ **2. AMEND RULE - I am requesting the agency to change an existing rule.**

List rule number (WAC), if known: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am requesting the following change: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This change is needed because: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The effect of this rule change will be: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The rule is not clearly or simply stated: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **3. REPEAL RULE - I am requesting the agency to eliminate an existing rule.**

List rule number (WAC), if known: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Check one or more boxes)*

☐ It does not do what it was intended to do.

☐ It is no longer needed because: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ It imposes unreasonable costs: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The agency has no authority to make this rule: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ It is applied differently to public and private parties: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ It conflicts with another federal, state, or local law or rule. List conflicting law or rule, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ It duplicates another federal, state or local law or rule. List duplicate law or rule, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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Director Susewind, Commissioners, and WDFW Rules Coordinator:

**In accordance with RCW 34.05.330, please accept this petition asking the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife to begin rulemaking for the RETURN of the Washington State Spring Black Bear Hunting Season;**

In prior Spring Bear Hunting Season petition denials by WDFW Staff (not all staff as it is generally only one same staff member whose name is associated with the Rulemaking Petition Summary Sheets) the Staff Recommendation often follows language along the lines of 'the Department has no new information that would warrant a different decision, staff recommend denying this petition.'

As the public is learning, there is a lot the Department has not been forthcoming with regarding what they know and where they keep it when it comes to all things Washington State Black Bear Management.

The Sportsmen's Alliance against WDFW. Not only is it a lawsuit regarding WDFW not being forthcoming regarding Public Records, it also addresses the

public having little confidence in WDFW. Their press release regarding the lawsuit mentioned the Spring Bear Hunting Season cancellation.

This writer has received similar Rulemaking Petition Summary Sheets presented from the same Staff Manager recommending the WDFW Director deny any petition requesting **the RETURN of the Washington State Spring Bear Hunting Season** multiple times per year citing the same tired over used copy/paste language.

Using slightly revised language without giving any discussion or addressing the new and specific issues brought up in each Spring Bear Petition, **it is clear this petition is necessary.**

After receiving a slightly revised Rulemaking Petition Summary Sheet similar to prior Rulemaking Petition Summary Sheets which have been received multiple times per year from the same Staff Manager since the Commission voted on November 18, 2022 to not approve recreational hunting of black bears in the spring, **please accept this petition to begin rule-making for the RETURN of the Washington State Spring Bear Hunting Season.**

These repeat Rulemaking Petition Summary Sheets have recommended denying **the RETURN of the Washington State Spring Bear Hunting Season** using the similarly same language.

Due to continued public comment in every WDFW Commission Meeting by a wide variety of members of the public for **the RETURN of the Washington State Spring Bear Hunting Season**, by the thousands and thousands of emails received by the WDFW Commission and Staff since 2021 **calling for the continuation and RETURN of the Washington State Spring Bear Hunting Season**, it is unacceptable Rulemaking Petition Summary Sheets state again and again and again that the Department has no new information that would warrant a different decision, resulting in staff recommending denying petitions for **the RETURN of the Washington State Spring Bear Hunting Season.**

**Gaslighting;** verb.

**Gaslighting** is a form of emotional abuse and mental manipulation that makes you doubt your sanity and self-worth. People use gaslighting tactics in a effort to gain power and control over others.

The same Staff Manager writing over and over again the Department has no new information that would warrant a different decision does not make it so.

It has been shown (current Sportsmens Alliance lawsuit against WDFW) the public has great difficulty in getting access to public records from WDFW. Leaves the public to wonder what all else the Department does not want us to know. How much other stuff they are hiding. Particularly related to **the RETURN of the Washington State Spring Bear Hunting Season** issue.

During every WDFW Commission Meeting a wide variety of public speakers reference the cancellation of the Spring Bear Hunting Season while calling for its return, the Ruckleshaus Report repeatedly referencing the cancellation of the Washington State Spring Bear Hunting Season in it's report which called the WDFW Commission 'dysfunctional', every Rulemaking Petition Summary Sheet that does not address the new and unique information and issues brought forward in each petition, the essentially copy / paste same language used to deny any petition calling for **the RETURN of the Washington State Spring Bear Hunting Season** boils down to, in the opinion of this writer, Gaslighting on the part of WDFW.

**In accordance with RCW 34.05.330, please accept this petition asking the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife to begin rulemaking for the RETURN of the Washington State Spring Black Bear Hunting Season;**

Thank-you