



**State of Washington**

**DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

Habitat Program: 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, Washington 98501-1091 - (360) 902-2534

**DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE  
AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS**

**Name of Proposal:** STATE WOLF MANAGEMENT SCOPING

**Description of Proposal:** Although gray wolves were largely eradicated in Washington by the 1930s, sightings have increased since federal recovery efforts were initiated in Idaho and Montana in the mid-1990s. The success of those efforts has prompted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to propose removing gray wolf populations from the federal list of endangered species in three states and parts of four other states, including Washington.

The gray wolf is also designated as a state endangered species in Washington, so a plan must be developed to identify population objectives and appropriate conservation and management strategies. The plan will also address wolf management in Washington after the species is removed from the federal list of endangered species.

If gray wolves are de-listed by the federal government, the main difference will be that Washington and other western states will have the primary responsibility for managing their wolf populations. WDFW needs to prepare for that possibility by developing a conservation and management plan that works for people and wildlife.

**Proponent:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Wildlife Program  
600 Capitol Way N  
Olympia, WA 98501

**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Statewide

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

**EIS Required.** WDFW has determined that this proposal may have a significant impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c) and will be prepared.

**The lead agency had identified the following areas for discussion in the EIS:** The plan will cover gray wolf population objectives, wolf-livestock conflict resolution, wolf-game species interactions, wolf-human interactions, and other issues. The plan will also address wolf management in Washington after the species is removed from the federal list of endangered species.

**Scoping.** Agencies, affected tribes and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required.

**The method and deadline for giving us your comments is:**

Written comments should be received at the address listed below no later than: **August 31, 2007**

When you send us your comments, please provide the name of proposal in your comment letter and mail it to:

**Responsible Official:** Teresa A. Eturaspe

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, Regulatory Services Section

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**You can also send your comments via email to:** [SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov)

*Please provide the title of this proposal and your name in the subject area of the email.*

**You can also send you comments via fax to: (360) 902-2946.**

If you have questions about details of the proposal, contact:

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Wildlife Program  
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Olympia, WA 98501  
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If you have questions about the scoping process, please contact:

Teresa A. Eturaspe **Phone:** (360) 902-2575 **Fax:** (360) 902-2946 or

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**SIGNATURE:**



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**The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has scheduled public scoping meetings across the state Aug. 14 – 23 and will take comment through Aug. 31 on gray wolf conservation and management.**

**The public meetings will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the following locations:**

Clarkston, Aug. 14, at the Clarkston Center of Walla Walla Community College, 1470 Bridge St.

Spokane, Aug. 15, at Mount Spokane High School, 6015 E. Mount Spokane Park Drive.

Yakima, Aug. 16, at the Ahtanum Youth Park barn facility, 1000 Ahtanum Road (parking fee waived for meeting attendees)

Twisp, Aug. 20, at the Methow Valley Community Center, 201 S. Methow Valley Highway.

Sequim, Aug. 21, at the Guy Cole Convention Center, Carrie Blake Park, 212 Blake Ave.

Bellingham, Aug. 22, at Whatcom Community College, 237 West Kellogg St.

Vancouver, Aug. 23, at the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way.