
SENATE BILL 6184

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1 AN ACT Relating to game management; amending RCW 77.04.055; and
2 providing an effective date.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 77.04.055 and 1993 sp.s. c 2 s 62 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) In establishing policies to preserve, protect, and perpetuate
7 wildlife, game fish, and wildlife and game fish habitat, the commission
8 shall meet annually with the governor to:

9 (a) Review and prescribe basic goals and objectives related to
10 those policies; and

11 (b) Review the performance of the department in implementing game
12 fish and wildlife policies.

13 The commission shall maximize game fish, hunting, and outdoor
14 recreational opportunities compatible with healthy and diverse fish and
15 wildlife populations.

16 (2) The commission shall establish hunting, trapping, and fishing
17 seasons and prescribe the time, place, manner, and methods that may be
18 used to harvest or enjoy game fish and wildlife. In so doing the
19 commission shall:

1 (a) Not prescribe a penalty or discriminatory conditions for those
2 who may be eligible for a special sex elk or deer permit application;

3 (b) Allow all hunters a minimum of two Saturdays and two Sundays
4 for the general elk and deer hunting season;

5 (c) Authorize the general elk hunt for a maximum of two continuous
6 weeks for each of the following groups in the order indicated to
7 commence no earlier than the first Thursday in November following the
8 state general election: Modern firearm hunters; archery hunters; and
9 muzzleloader hunters;

10 (d) Establish uniform controls for special either-sex harvest of
11 elk and deer so that all hunter groups, modern, archery and
12 muzzleloader, in all areas come under the same requirements for the
13 taking of does, fawns, cows, calves, or either-sex permits;

14 (e) Prohibit the hunting of elk from September 1 through October 15
15 to avoid the disruption of their mating cycle; and

16 (f) Require elk and deer hunters under the age of eighteen years to
17 mandatorily wear "hunter orange" and make it optional for those over
18 eighteen years of age.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

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