

WSR 21-02-015  
PERMANENT RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 20-270—Filed December 28, 2020, 10:09 a.m., effective January 28, 2021]

Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: The proposed amendments are to align season dates, adjust permit numbers where needed, and clarify information about biological samples collected from harvested bears through a pelt check-in process conducted by department staff.

Staff recommendation:

- Standardize season dates.
- Clarify language associated with spring bear check-in.
- Reduce permit numbers on the Long Beach hunt by two.
- Remove Weyerhaeuser-Columbia timber lands from the North Skagit hunt area because they are not allowing access.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 220-415-080.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.020.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 20-20-098 on October 5, 2020.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

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Larry Carpenter, Chair  
Fish and Wildlife Commission

**OTS-2647.1**

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 19-22-061, filed 11/5/19, effective 12/6/19)

**WAC 220-415-080 ((2020)) 2021 Spring black bear special permits.**

It is unlawful to fail to comply with the provisions of this section. A violation of this section is punishable under RCW 77.15.410, 77.15.245, or 77.15.280, depending on the circumstances of the violation.

**Who May Apply:** Anyone with a valid Washington big game license, which includes black bear as a species option.

**Hunt Areas, Permit Levels, and Season Dates for Each License Year:**

Hunt Name	Hunt Area	Permits	Season Dates
Sherman	GMU 101 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	April ((4)) <u>15</u> - June 15
Kelly Hill	GMU 105 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	April ((4)) <u>15</u> - June 15
Douglas	GMU 108 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	40	April ((4)) <u>15</u> - June 15
Aladdin	GMU 111 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	50	April ((4)) <u>15</u> - June 15
49 Degrees North	GMU 117 Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	100	April ((4)) <u>15</u> - June 15
Huckleberry	GMU 121	100	April ((4)) <u>15</u> - June 15
Blue Creek	GMU 154	18	April 15 - June 15
Dayton	GMU 162	18	April 15 - June 15
Tucannon	GMU 166	5	April 15 - June 15
Wenaha	GMU 169	60	April 15 - June 15
Mt. View	GMU 172	24	April 15 - June 15
Lick Creek	GMU 175	18	April 15 - June 15
Peola	GMU 178	5	April 15 - June 15
Couse	GMU 181	5	April 15 - June 15
Grande Ronde	GMU 186	5	April 15 - June 15
Kitsap	GMU 627	5	April 15 - (( <del>May 31</del> )) <u>June 15</u>
Mason	GMU 633	5	April 15 - (( <del>May 31</del> )) <u>June 15</u>
Bear River	GMU 681	20	April 15 - (( <del>May 31</del> )) <u>June 15</u>
Long Beach	GMU 684	((42)) <u>10</u>	April 15 - (( <del>May 31</del> )) <u>June 15</u>
North Skagit	That portion of GMU 418 that is designated as the hunt area by DNR, Sierra Pacific, (( <del>Weyerhaeuser-Columbia Timber Lands,</del> )) and Grandy Lake Timber company. Note: Mandatory bear identification test required.	30	April 15 - June 15
Copalis	GMU 642, 648, and 638 (excluding U.S. Forest Service lands).	50	April 15 - June 15

**Bag Limit:** One black bear per black bear special permit season.

**License Required:** A valid big game hunting license, which includes black bear as a species option, is required to apply for a spring black bear special permit. One black bear transport tag is included with a big game hunting license that has black bear as a species option.

**Hunting Method:** Hunters may use any lawful big game modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader equipment for hunting black bear. The use of dogs or bait to hunt black bear is prohibited statewide.

**Other Requirements:** Hunters that are selected to hunt in GMUs located in grizzly bear recovery areas, as identified by the department, must successfully complete the annual WDFW online bear identification test with a passing score (80% or higher) or carry proof that they have

passed an equivalent test from another state. The WDFW test may be taken repeatedly until a passing score is achieved. All hunters must carry proof of passing a bear identification test while hunting in the GMUs identified by the department.

**Harvest Check, Submitting Biological Samples and Bear Teeth:** All successful bear hunters must validate (notch) their bear tag consistent with WAC 220-413-020, notify the department within 72 hours of kill (excluding legal state holidays), provide the hunter's name, date and location of kill, and sex of animal. The unfrozen raw pelt, with evidence of sex attached, and the first premolar must be presented to an authorized department employee for ((sealing)) inspection within 5 days of notification of kill. All permit hunters must comply with harvest reporting and submission of biological samples as described above. Failure to comply with the submission of biological samples is a misdemeanor pursuant to RCW 77.15.280.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, and 77.12.240. WSR 19-22-061 (Order 19-275), § 220-415-080, filed 11/5/19, effective 12/6/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.020, 77.12.040, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.210, 77.12.240, 77.12.320, 77.12.570, 77.12.800, 77.15.245, 77.32.007, 77.32.050, 77.32.070, 77.32.090, 77.32.370, and 77.32.530. WSR 18-11-061 (Order 18-76), § 220-415-080, filed 5/11/18, effective 6/11/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.12.240, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.32.070. WSR 17-19-088 (Order 17-253), § 220-415-080, filed 9/19/17, effective 10/20/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.013, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047. WSR 17-05-112 (Order 17-04), recodified as § 220-415-080, filed 2/15/17, effective 3/18/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.020, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.12.800, 77.32.090, and 77.32.155. WSR 16-12-087, § 232-28-286, filed 5/31/16, effective 7/1/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, 77.12.047, 77.12.150, and 77.12.240. WSR 15-10-066 (Order 15-99), § 232-28-286, filed 5/1/15, effective 6/1/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.240, and 77.32.070. WSR 13-11-078 (Order 13-94), § 232-28-286, filed 5/16/13, effective 6/16/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 12-12-006 (Order 12-90), § 232-28-286, filed 5/23/12, effective 6/23/12; WSR 11-16-015 (Order 11-167), § 232-28-286, filed 7/22/11, effective 8/22/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020, 77.12.570, 77.12.210, 77.12.150, 77.12.240, 77.32.070, and 77.32.530. WSR 10-10-061 and 11-02-044 (Orders 10-94 and 10-94A), § 232-28-286, filed 4/30/10 and 12/30/10, effective 5/31/10 and 1/30/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047, 77.12.020. WSR 09-09-082 (Order 09-52), § 232-28-286, filed 4/15/09, effective 6/16/09; WSR 08-01-052 (Order 07-292), § 232-28-286, filed 12/13/07, effective 1/13/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. WSR 07-01-049 (Order 06-300), § 232-28-286, filed 12/14/06, effective 1/14/07; WSR 06-11-030 (Order 06-90), § 232-28-286, filed 5/8/06, effective 6/16/06.]