

WAC 232-28-273 2009-2011 Moose, bighorn sheep, and mountain goat seasons and permit quotas

RECOMMENDED ADJUSTMENTS

The following adjustments are proposed since the Code Reviser (CR-102) filing and are already included in your notebook.

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1. Change the permit level for the Cleman Mountain A bighorn sheep hunt from 4 to 3. This change is due to recent lower counts of mature rams in the population.
2. Change the permit level for the Cleman Mountain B bighorn sheep hunt from 4 to 3. This change is due to recent lower counts of mature rams in the population.
3. Change the hunt name of Quilomene A to Quilomene. This change is because the A designation is no longer necessary.
4. Delete the Tieton B hunt. This change is because ewes are being removed from the herd during a capture rather than a hunt.
5. Change the hunt name of Tieton A to Tieton. This change is because the A designation is no longer necessary.

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1. Under Mountain Goat Permit Hunts, add the following hunts:

<u>Naches Pass</u>	<u>Sept. 15 – Oct. 31</u>	<u>Fife's East, Fife's Peak, Corral Pass, Basin Lake</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Bumping River</u>	<u>Sept. 15 – Oct. 31</u>	<u>Nelson Ridge, Cash Prairie, American Ridge, American Lake, Timber Wolf, Russell Ridge</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Blazed Ridge</u>	<u>Sept. 15 – Oct. 31</u>	<u>Blowout Mtn., Blazed Ridge, Blazed North, Milk Creek, Rock Creek</u>	<u>Any Legal Weapon</u>	<u>1</u>

This change is due to meeting population thresholds in the above areas to justify goat hunts.

2. Add superscript "a" to the "permit" column and change the associated language from:

Mountain goat populations are managed as a collection of subpopulations and the ideal harvest is distributed through all the subpopulations. The director is authorized to open or

close subpopulations to protect from overharvesting specific areas.

To:

Mountain goat populations are managed as a collection of subpopulations and the ideal harvest is distributed through all the subpopulations. The director is authorized to open or close subpopulations and reduce permit levels to protect from overharvesting specific areas.

This change is to allow flexibility for biologists to reduce permit levels if necessary due to overharvest.