
SENATE BILL 5560

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By Senators Roach, Hargrove, Hochstatter, Hale and Long

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

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) Authorize the general elk hunt for a maximum of two continuous
4 weeks for each of the following groups to commence no earlier than the
5 first Thursday in November following the state general election:
6 Modern firearm hunters; archery hunters; and muzzleloader hunters;
7 (c) Establish uniform controls for special either-sex harvest of
8 elk and deer so that all hunter groups, modern, archery, and
9 muzzleloader, in all areas come under the same requirements for the
10 taking of does, fawns, cows, calves, or either-sex permits;
11 (d) Prohibit the hunting of elk from September 1 through October 15
12 to avoid the disruption of their mating cycle; and
13 (e) Eliminate spike bull elk only general elk hunting season
14 requirement currently in effect for Colockum and Yakima areas of
15 eastern Washington.

16 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
17 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
18 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
19 effect July 1, 1995.

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