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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 42.56.430 and 2008 c 252 s 1 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 The following information relating to fish and wildlife is exempt  
6 from disclosure under this chapter:

7 (1) Commercial fishing catch data from logbooks required to be  
8 provided to the department of fish and wildlife under RCW 77.12.047,  
9 when the data identifies specific catch location, timing, or  
10 methodology and the release of which would result in unfair  
11 competitive disadvantage to the commercial fisher providing the catch  
12 data, however, this information may be released to government  
13 agencies concerned with the management of fish and wildlife  
14 resources;

15 (2) Sensitive fish and wildlife data. Sensitive fish and wildlife  
16 data may be released to the following entities and their agents for  
17 fish, wildlife, land management purposes, or scientific research  
18 needs: Government agencies, public utilities, and accredited colleges  
19 and universities. Sensitive fish and wildlife data may be released to  
20 tribal governments. Sensitive fish and wildlife data may also be  
21 released to the owner, lessee, or right-of-way or easement holder of  
22 the private land to which the data pertains. The release of sensitive  
23 fish and wildlife data may be subject to a confidentiality agreement,  
24 except upon release of sensitive fish and wildlife data to the owner,  
25 lessee, or right-of-way or easement holder of private land who  
26 initially provided the data. Sensitive fish and wildlife data does  
27 not include data related to reports of predatory wildlife as  
28 specified in RCW 77.12.885. Sensitive fish and wildlife data must  
29 meet at least one of the following criteria of this subsection as  
30 applied by the department of fish and wildlife:

1 (a) The nesting sites or specific locations of endangered species  
2 designated under RCW 77.12.020, or threatened or sensitive species  
3 classified by rule of the department of fish and wildlife;

4 (b) Radio frequencies used in, or locational data generated by,  
5 telemetry studies; or

6 (c) Other location data that could compromise the viability of a  
7 specific fish or wildlife population, and where at least one of the  
8 following criteria are met:

9 (i) The species has a known commercial or black market value;

10 (ii) There is a history of malicious take of that species and the  
11 species behavior or ecology renders it especially vulnerable;

12 (iii) There is a known demand to visit, take, or disturb the  
13 species; or

14 (iv) The species has an extremely limited distribution and  
15 concentration;

16 (3) The following information regarding any damage prevention  
17 cooperative agreement, or nonlethal preventative measures deployed to  
18 minimize wolf interactions with pets and livestock:

19 (a) The name, telephone number, residential address, and other  
20 personally identifying information of any person who has a current  
21 damage prevention cooperative agreement with the department,  
22 including a pet or livestock owner, and his or her employees or  
23 immediate family members, who agrees to deploy, or is responsible for  
24 the deployment of, nonlethal, preventative measures; and

25 (b) The legal description or name of any residential property,  
26 ranch, or farm, that is owned, leased, or used by any person included  
27 in (a) of this subsection;

28 (4) The following information regarding a reported depredation by  
29 wolves on pets or livestock:

30 (a) The name, telephone number, residential address, and other  
31 personally identifying information of:

32 (i) Any person who reported the depredation;

33 (ii) Any pet or livestock owner, and his or her employees or  
34 immediate family members, whose pet or livestock was the subject of a  
35 reported depredation; and

36 (iii) Any department of fish and wildlife employee, range rider  
37 contractor, or trapper contractor who directly:

38 (A) Responds to a depredation; or

39 (B) Assists in the lethal removal of a wolf; and

1        (b) The legal description, location coordinates, or name that  
2 identifies any residential property, or ranch or farm that contains a  
3 residence, that is owned, leased, or used by any person included in  
4 (a) of this subsection;

5        (5) The personally identifying information of persons who acquire  
6 recreational licenses under RCW 77.32.010 or commercial licenses  
7 under chapter 77.65 or 77.70 RCW, except name, address of contact  
8 used by the department, and type of license, endorsement, or tag;  
9 however, the department of fish and wildlife may disclose personally  
10 identifying information to:

11        (a) Government agencies concerned with the management of fish and  
12 wildlife resources;

13        (b) The department of social and health services, child support  
14 division, and to the department of licensing in order to implement  
15 RCW 77.32.014 and 46.20.291; and

16        (c) Law enforcement agencies for the purpose of firearm  
17 possession enforcement under RCW 9.41.040; and

18        (~~(4)~~) (6) Information that the department of fish and wildlife  
19 has received or accessed but may not disclose due to confidentiality  
20 requirements in the Magnuson-Stevens fishery conservation and  
21 management reauthorization act of 2006 (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1861(h)(3) and  
22 (i), and Sec. 1881a(b)).

23        **Sec. 2.** RCW 77.12.885 and 2007 c 293 s 2 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25        Except for the personal information on reported depredations by  
26 wolves that is exempted from disclosure as provided in RCW 42.56.430,  
27 the department shall post on its internet web site all reported  
28 predatory wildlife interactions, including reported human safety  
29 confrontations or sightings as well as the known details of reported  
30 depredations by predatory wildlife on humans, pets, or livestock,  
31 within ten days of receiving the report. The posted material must  
32 include, but is not limited to, the location and time, the known  
33 details, and a running summary of such reported interactions by  
34 identified specie and interaction type within each affected county.  
35 For the purposes of this section and RCW 42.56.430, "predatory  
36 wildlife" means grizzly bears, wolves, and cougars.

37        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 42.56  
38 RCW to read as follows:

1 By December 1, 2021, the public records exemptions accountability  
2 committee, in addition to its duties in RCW 42.56.140, must prepare  
3 and submit a report to the legislature that includes recommendations  
4 on whether the exemptions created in section 1, chapter . . . , Laws  
5 of 2017 (section 1 of this act) should be continued or allowed to  
6 expire. The report should focus on whether the exemption continues to  
7 serve the intent of the legislature in section 1, chapter . . . , Laws  
8 of 2017 (section 1 of this act) to provide protections of personal  
9 information during the period the state establishes and implements  
10 new policies regarding wolf management. The committee must consider  
11 whether the development of wolf management policy, by the time of the  
12 report, has diminished risks of threats to personal safety so that  
13 the protection of personal information in section 1, chapter . . . ,  
14 Laws of 2017 (section 1 of this act) is no longer an ongoing  
15 necessity.

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act expires June 30, 2022."

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17 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "depredations;" strike the  
18 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 42.56.430 and  
19 77.12.885; adding a new section to chapter 42.56 RCW; and providing  
20 an expiration date."

EFFECT: Clarifies the public records exemption for a location  
related to a depredation. Clarifies that the personally identifying  
information of persons with a current damage prevention cooperative  
agreement with the department is exempt from disclosure.

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