

WSR 24-14-151  
PROPOSED RULES  
DEPARTMENT OF  
FISH AND WILDLIFE

[Order 23-18—Filed July 3, 2024, 12:00 p.m.]

Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 24-01-142 on December 20, 2023.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations.

Hearing Location(s): On August 9-10, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., at the Natural Resources Building, Room 175, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504. Information on how to register to testify at the public hearing is available at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/commission.meetings>, or contact the commission office at 360-902-2267.

Date of Intended Adoption: On or after September 27, 2024.

Submit Written Comments to: Wildlife Program, P.O. Box 43200, Olympia, WA 98504, email [2024trappingcr102@publicinput.com](mailto:2024trappingcr102@publicinput.com), fax 360-902-2162, <https://publicinput.com/2024trappingcr102>, phone 855-925-2801, code 7087, beginning July 3, 2024, by August 9, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Title VI/ADA compliance coordinator, phone 360-902-2349, TTY 1-800-833-6388 or 711, email [Title6@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Title6@dfw.wa.gov), <http://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/requests-accommodation>, by August 9, 2024.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The proposed rule would amend WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations, to restrict trapping of red fox. The proposed change would close fox trapping within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests to prevent accidental take of state endangered Cascade red fox.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The state endangered Cascade red fox (*Vulpes vulpes cascadiensis*) is at risk of being captured via recreational trapping activities within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests where they overlap with the regular species of red fox (*V. vulpes*) which is not state or federally listed. Therefore, closing red fox trapping in these areas will prevent accidental take of the state endangered Cascade red fox.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 77.04.012, 77.04.055, and 77.12.047.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: WDFW, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting and Implementation: Eric Gardner, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, 360-902-2515; Enforcement: Steve Bear, 1111 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, 360-902-2373.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(4).  
Scope of exemption for rule proposal:  
Is fully exempt.

The proposed rule does not impose more-than-minor costs on businesses. Following is a summary of the agency's analysis showing how costs were calculated. [No information supplied by agency.]

July 3, 2024  
Scott Bird  
Rules Coordinator

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-14-022, filed 6/28/21, effective 7/29/21)

**WAC 220-417-010 Trapping seasons and regulations.** (1) Statewide trapping seasons:

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	RESTRICTIONS
Badger, Beaver, Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, ( <del>Red Fox</del> ) River Otter, and Weasel	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year	
Marten	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year	CLOSED in Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, and Gray's Harbor counties.
<u>Red Fox</u>	<u>Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year</u>	<u>CLOSED within the exterior boundaries of Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests.</u>

(2) Participation requirements:

- (a) A valid Washington state trapper's license is required.
- (b) To be issued your first Washington state trapping license an individual must pass the Washington state trapper education exam.
- (c) Licensed trappers must comply with reporting requirements in WAC 220-417-020.