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WDFW should not be in the business of killing wolves, or allowing members of the public to kill wolves except in extreme circumstances. WDFW has been far too appeasing of Len McIrvin and his ilk who simply want wolves eradicated for their cows.

There are fewer than 130 wolves in the entire state. I don't know how many wolves will indicate "post-recovery", but there remain fewer than 5000 in the entire country.

The ecosystem NEEDS wolves, and other predators to fill their niche. See the work of Ron Weilgus for detailed biological impacts of the presence (or absence) of wolves.

WDFW needs to get in the business of preservation and wildlife protection, and get OUT of the business of acting as a semi-private hunting management agency.

We are in the midst of the 6th Mass extinction event, and the public EXPECTS you to protect our wildlife held in the public trust. Far more are wildlife watchers, and it's time to start catering to those interests ahead of ranchers and hunters.