

# Wolf Post-Recovery Plan Scoping

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The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is inviting the public to comment on the scope of a post-recovery plan for wolves in Washington. Scoping helps us identify reasonable actions, alternatives, and impacts to be discussed in the plan. Scoping improves decisions and encourages collaboration, cooperation, and early resolution of potential conflicts. It is intended to narrow the focus of the plan to the relevant issues. **The public scoping comment period for this process is open from August 1, 2019 through November 15, 2019.**



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## Comments on the scope of the post-recovery wolf conservation and management plan:

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Thank you!

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I would like the following points to be researched and addressed in this scoping process:

- Effects of expanding human population and their housing, roads, and all other features that could impact wolf habitat and wolf prey habitat.
- Alternative uses for land now used for livestock grazing and effects of “retiring” grazing allotments unsuitable for use by domestic animals.
- Collaborating with cattlemen and other livestock and agricultural associations to retrain and offer incentives for careers transitioning from domestic animal industries.
- Creating a more balanced citizen representation on the Wolf Advisory Group members, to include perspectives of Washington residents who are vegetarian and vegan. The trend is toward lower animal consumption for ethical, environmental, and health reasons. WAG membership has been weighted heavily with livestock advocates and growers and with hunters.
- Effects of poaching wolves, enforcement, and fines.
- Public attitudes toward wildlife hunting and wildlife killing contests
- Potential barriers to healthy dispersal patterns of wolves within the state.
- Educational opportunities for public appreciation for wildlife diversity and value of individual wild animals, not just percentages and numbers of wild animals.
- Collaborating with educational institutions and private companies to develop predator-friendly products, similar to salmon-friendly designations with certification, logo, and promotions.
- Economic and environmental trends and implications for ensuring healthy wild populations as human population increases.

