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There are only 126 confirmed wolves in the state, it is simply premature for the state to begin post-delisting planning and the corresponding inevitable discussions of hunting.

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee recently directed the state's fish and wildlife agency to dramatically rein in its wolf killing. "The status quo of annual lethal removal is simply unacceptable," Gov. Inslee wrote in a letter instructing the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife to focus on finding nonlethal solutions for conflicts between livestock and wolves.

But instead of addressing these concerns, and reevaluating its controversial lethal protocol, the Department has instead now focused on post-delisting management and expediting the hunting of wolves. Please take a moment to weigh in with the Department and let them know that it's completely premature to discuss post-delisting wolf management. The Department should heed the Governor's advice and focus on fixing its broken lethal protocol to effectively resolve wolf-livestock conflicts without annually killing a large portion of the state's wolf population at the behest of the commercial livestock industry.