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It is my opinion that as soon as the state reaches it's population goals, active management needs to be taken to keep the population at that level. There is a vast amount of data available from states like Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho that show just how difficult it is to control their population once established. If left to their own devices with no active hunting/trapping seasons and other management practices, they will overpopulate and devastate our ungulate populations, as well as increase depredation on livestock and pets.

WDFW has an obligation to manage and perpetuate ALL of Washington's animal species. It currently feels like predators are being given a pass at the expense of our deer and elk herds. Without big game species, WDFW is going to lose massive amounts of funding when hunters stop buying tags. If there are no animals to hunt, we will also lose an entire generation of new hunters. Hunters have shown time and time again that they are the best proponent for wild game. If there are no new hunters, then there will be no one left with skin in the game to care about these animals and ensure their future.

Make the right decision and aggressively manage Washington's wolf population.