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What is your gender?

Female

Age?

51

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

King/Island

Residential setting:

Suburban

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

Environmentalist

Outdoor Recreationist

WDFW has identified a list of impact topics to include in the Plan/EIS. Impact topics are a means of organizing the discussion of issues and analysis of impacts. Impact topics can be thought of as chapter or section headings in the Plan/EIS.

Please review this list and add other topics, or items that fit under these headings.

Please check the topics you view as most important.

Wolf conservation and monitoring

Wolf classification/status

Wolf management areas

Wolf-livestock conflicts

Wolf-ungulate interactions

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf-human interactions

Wolf hunting

Translocation

Land management

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

Reporting and evaluation

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

Costs and funding priorities

Please list other topics here. The next page provides space for general comments on the scope of the plan.

Wolf-ecosystem interaction

Do you have general comments about the scope of Washington's updated wolf conservation and management plan?

WDFW must adhere to best available, independent science in developing and implementing the wolf recovery plan, and not bend to political/social/cultural pressure as has been occurring by bowing to livestock producers on public lands and killing wolves, contrary to science-based recommendations and knowledge of wolves' social structures.

Washington State should **never** allow wolf hunting. In a highly urbanized state with thousands of hikers in the backcountry, the potential for loss of life because of mistaken identity is enormous (CF the young hunter that mistook a hiker for bear on Sauk Mountain and killed her a few years ago). WDFW must have policies that protect people - permitting hunting of wolves will only create dangerous situations for our state's citizens.

WDFW must also never permit hunting of wolves because of the

social structure of the species, as science has demonstrated that when the pack structure is disrupted, it creates instability in the pack and can lead to increased conflict. Hunting wolves does also not reflect the values of the vast majority of citizens of this state, as the number of hunters continues to decline (and the number of carnivore hunters is vanishingly small) while the number of non-consumptive wildlife watchers continues to increase (see the most recently completed National Survey of State Fish and Wildlife Agencies conducted by USFWS).

It's time for WDFW to enter the 21st Century of wildlife management, and reflect the values of the majority of citizens, not a dwindling special interest group. Ensuring we have a thriving population of wolves throughout their range is critically important for the state and its ecosystems.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment.