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**What is your gender?**

Male

**Age?**

72

**County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?**

King

**Residential setting:**

Urban

**Do you identify yourself as any of the following?**

Environmentalist

Hunter

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-livestock conflicts

Wolf hunting

Habitat connectivity

Costs and funding priorities

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

(The following is a note I wrote to a friend who is also a State employee in the area of wildlife/fisheries. I think it brings up several very valid points I will leave it pretty much as a note to her, but at the same time, consider it addressed to whomever at the State also reads it. When you have read it, you will have a pretty good idea what I think about spending \$20,000 each to kill wolves every time one makes the (completely innocent) mistake of having dinner at the wrong restaurant. Thanks)

Hey good to hear you're still alive 'n kickin'. Still working up north? Are they doing anything yet to stop the taking of chinook?? Now THAT might actually accomplish something!

Read the wolf article too, speaking of which (<https://kuow.org/stories/wanted-wolves-to-kill-in-southeast-washington-state>). Just more misguided thinking! In the first place, if a wolf pack comes across a cow out where the rancher isn't around to scare them off, they WILL eat it! That's what wolves do!! Hello?? Anyone who thinks a wolf is capable of thinking; "Hmmm... there's a cow... but I remember Uncle Fred got shot a couple months ago, a few weeks after we ate that last cow, so I guess we'd better just ignore our grumbling stomachs and let this one go..." is a total fruitcake! Do people train puppies to not pee on the carpet by waiting a month and then rubbing their noses in it? (I don't know if that is still recommended, but whatever...) Of course not! That would be stupid. Just as stupid as decimating wolf packs weeks or months after they have eaten a cow. That article states "Sometimes it appears to have worked." Sheesh! Do those people actually consider that science?? Where did THEY go to 5th grade??? That's just like saying going out in my woods near Seattle and banging pots together has, so far, kept the alligators off my property! Sometimes it appears to have worked!!! I'm sure you have plenty science in your background to know the difference between coincidence and causation. What they are doing is NOT science! If they were thinking, (and if it were possible) they would shoot as many pack members as possible with rubber bullets every time they came within ten miles of a ranch. Now THAT is something the wolves would remember! Impractical? Well yes, but not as impractical OR stupid! as killing wolves that have absolutely no idea why they are being shot at at \$20,000 a head! Just buying the dead cows at \$1,000 a head and thinking of creative ways to harass the wolves when they come too close to livestock would be a MANY times smarter experiment. Heck I could do it! What's wrong with all those college-educated problem-solvers in the Department anyway?? They can do better!!!

Well you rant on me... MY turn!

See ya!

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