

Gerald Yeager

**What is your gender?**

Male

**Age?**

67

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

King

**Residential setting:**

Urban

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

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 classification/status

Wolf management areas

Wolf-ungulate interactions

Habitat connectivity

Costs and funding priorities

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

Too many breeding pairs should have been 5 only not 15, as was originally the plan. Also the N. American Gray wolf from Alberta that is being used was never indigenous to Pacific NW.

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

Yes, 15 breeding pairs was too many for Wolf introduction should have been only 5 as was the original plan. Also the big N. American Gray Wolf from Canada & Alaska was never indigenous to Pacific NW. The smaller Timber Wolf should have been used for introduction of specie recovery. Just finished hunting Deer in NE. Washington. No Deer, Cerlew, Kettle River, Republic, the Methow, French Creek, Texas Creek, McFarlan Creek, Squam Creek drainages I hunted, there was little sign of deer and did not see one Mule Deer Buck in 7 days of hunting. I decided to stop hunting, probably in the years ahead WDFW will suffer less funding as hunters quit hunting. Too much pressure on ungulates now, with massive Wolf packs, winter pressure is causing Doe Deer all species to abort fetuses during winter months. Already suffering from effects of 1989 law passed to outlaw Cougar hunting with dogs, so Cougar population huge as well as Black Bear in Western and Eastern part of state. Wolves steal kills from cats, also kill Coyotes and push Coyotes down in to Urban villages, forcing them to eat greater number of fawns, dogs, chickens livestock, it has been noted in Methow that Coyotes no longer communicate verbally do to presence of Wolves, they still kill but no longer yip or convene in groups social order upset by Wolves. I don't believe the State of Washington realizes the enormous intelligence of the Wolf his need to kill to teach pups and litters, the Wolf is the top killer of the forest, the Prince of the Forest if you will, very hard to manage such a mammal predator at the top of the food chain, very difficult to control. Recommend State kill down existing packs to level of 5 breeding pairs otherwise, you will have no Hunting of ungulates in the state, loss of revenue from license fees, and when the Wolf pours over to the West Side in Sedro Wooley and Mt Baker areas, Enumclaw you will spend millions on predation kills, the public on the West are not as tolerable of bad policy as country folk on the East. Good luck because you now have a Devil by the tail.