

“GREEN SHEET”

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Meeting dates: July 10-11, 2009
Agenda item 7: Deer and Elk Damage Claims – Briefing
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Presenter/s: Sean Carrell, Problem Wildlife Coordinator

Background:

This is an annual briefing on the status of deer and elk damage claims and methods to reduce damage. Conflicts with deer/elk on commercial agricultural/horticultural properties continue to utilize valuable resources and time. As directed under RCW 77.36.040, the Department is required to respond quickly in order to eliminate or diminish damage. The Department can reimburse landowners for loss to provide an immediate reprieve or implement other methods to remove/haze damaging deer/elk. Department staff will brief on the following items:

- Background on damage claims process; submitting a claim for damage, claim requirements, assessment, filing, and compensation.
 - Damage claim trends and expenditures.
 - Different tools to reduce/eliminate damages, update on contracts.
 - Regional totals for hot spot hunts, kill permits, depredation permits, landowner preference and landowner damage access permits, and Department kill authority.
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Policy issue(s) you are bringing to the Commission for consideration:

None.

Public involvement process used and what you learned:

None.

Action requested (identify the specific Commission decisions you are seeking and when):

None.

Draft motion language:

None.

Justification for Commission action:

No action required; briefing only.
