

PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-7

Predatory Wildlife Resolution –Wolf

WHEREAS, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is obligated under RCW 77.12.885 - Reported predatory wildlife interactions-Web site posting: The department shall post on its internet web site all reported predatory wildlife interactions, including reported human safety confrontations or sightings as well as the known details of reported depredations by predatory wildlife on humans, pets, or livestock, within ten days of receiving the report. The posted material must include, but is not limited to, the location and time, the known details, and a running summary of such reported interactions by identified species and interaction type within each affected county. For the purposes of this section and RCW 42.56.430, "predatory wildlife" means grizzly bears, wolves, and cougars; and

WHEREAS, the Pend Oreille County Board of County Commissioners has made outreach efforts to the community through phone calls and meeting with producers and residents to encourage reporting of sightings and conflicts to WDFW; and

WHEREAS, it is well known to WDFW that there is poor reporting participation and reluctance in the community to report sightings; and

WHEREAS, Carpenter Ridge Pack does not have a collared member but its range from agency sources show it travels mostly on private property in the regions along State Highway 211 and Fertile Valley Rd including the residential areas around Sacheen Lake, Wilderness Lake, and Horseshoe Lake as well as a USFS grazing allotment; and

WHEREAS, WDFW has implemented a goal to achieve its mission "to promote a healthy economy, protect community character, maintain an overall high quality of life, and deliver high-quality customer service"; and

WHEREAS, County Government is charged with the duty to protect public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, WDFW supports the principles of protecting public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, under the Growth Management Act and the County Comprehensive Plan the county must maintain and enhance natural resource-based industries, including productive timber, agricultural, and fisheries industries; and

WHEREAS, Pend Oreille County Resolution 2013—17 invoking the coordination authority that is provided in the Federal Code 43 CFR 1600 and State RCW 36.70A.103 require Washington State agencies and entities comply with Pend Oreille County's Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations; and

WHEREAS, as of January 01, 2016 there are no designated wolf packs on the WDFW Wolf Packs of Washington Map south of the Diamond Pack territory ending near Furport WA; and

WHEREAS, There have been reports of wolves that den outside of the state and travel into Washington south of Furport including confirmed depredations as far south as Whitman County; and

WHEREAS, WDFW collar data currently is time delayed, intermittent and does not indicate real time locations of an individual collared wolf; and

WHEREAS, a collared wolf may or may not be with the rest of the pack and true locations of the wolves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to protect the health, safety, economic stability, and general welfare of the citizens of Pend Oreille County, the Pend Oreille County Board of County Commissioners are calling for the following actions and conditions by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. Wolf packs which travel on private property and grazing allotments must be collared and WDFW must provide collar data to local government, producers, and any individual who feels threatened by wolf pack activities; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, an updated map showing general travel parameters of at least one collared wolf in a pack which travels on private property or grazing allotment must be provided on the WDFW website; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, wolf packs which den outside the state of Washington but travel into the state, especially if they travel onto private property, must be collared by WDFW or collar data must be obtained from Idaho and must provide collar data to local government, producers and any individual who feels threatened by wolf pack activities; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, an updated map showing general travel parameters of at least one collared wolf in a pack which travels on private land but also shares territory with Idaho and possibly dens in Idaho must be provided on the WDFW website; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, to foster better communication and trust in the community, the Pend Oreille County Sheriff Office shall be contacted whenever an incident has been reported to WDFW. The deputy officer trained in wolf depredations shall also be accommodated and included in any investigations that follow. Calls made to Pend Oreille County dispatch will be reported to WDFW.

Resolved this 2nd day of February, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PEND OREILLE COUNTY



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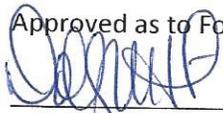
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