

Summarized Discussion of Elk Research and Management Committee Meeting

June 20, 2011.

1. Twenty-five Persons present: Harold, Jim, Don, Bob F, Jerry K., Travis, David W., Tom H. Gary H., Pat Y., Luther C., Mike W. Jim Meucci, Jen Sy., Warren Thomas, Tom K., Joel Martin, Mark Gavin, Kevin Gavin (Mt Si Grad-going to WSU-VM), Jason and Michelle Bowen (MH candidate), John Craig, Ed Scruggs, Steve Roberts, Barry Hanson (MH candidate), Joel Martin, Rhonda Cole, Steve Roberts.
2. Jim provided short summary of WGD-volunteers and net \$7500.
3. Census data summary- 430 animals +/- 58 for 95% data confidence. Harold ran noemark formula on east and west census data and 289 are in west part of SH4601 and 162 in the East part, 100 of which are migratory. Opines we do not want to target/kill migratory cows because they pass that behavior on to offsprings. Harold asserted that he thinks the local elk herd may be self-regulating its population. It is doing this by out-migration northward into GMA 460. Anecdotal information of increased sightings along SR 203 all the way to Monroe, and on/along the Snoqualmie Trail, have been reported. Additionally, there were two elk/auto collisions on SR 202 in Dec. 2010, and Jan 2011, between Fall City and Carnation (near Pleasant Hill).
4. Collaring commences again about July 15, 2011. Has four GPS and four radio collars. Will trap in peripheral areas (Fire Training Center, Exit 38, Ernies Grove, PGA golf course, Tokul Rd., Exit 27 DNR-W. Rattlesnake Mt.) Hopes to collar ten before year's end.
5. Committee budget needs. Wants to refurbish two GPS collars and maybe buy some more; however, will use trade of traps for collars. No collaring budget needs asserted.
6. Use and purpose of radio collars. General location and mortality important data. Home ranges, too.
7. Pros and cons of Anesthetic Drugs. Harold attended WDFW training course last week to become trained in the use of anesthetic drugs. Harold does not intend to use any. If need arises will call DFW personnel.
8. Telemetry. Needs volunteers and we do primarily to determine mortality and home ranges. Tom Kemp is POC. Telemetry waiver discussed and impact.
9. Habitat work. CCC flats and Wildlife fences along IS 90 from exit 27 through Exit 34 are the two primary projects. Need coordinators to schedule and organize work parties. Tom Kemp and Steve Blazeovich are overall POCs. Ed Scruggs volunteered to operate heavy equipment, if we rented, because that is what he does for a living. Other MHs and MH candidates would volunteer to help.

Jim