



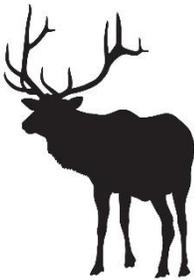
**North Cascades Elk Herd  
Human-Elk Conflict Update  
December 2023**

**Purpose**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) employs dedicated staff to assist landowners with wildlife-related damage issues. This monthly report summarizes efforts by WDFW staff to address damage to private property caused by elk from the North Cascades elk herd.

**Number of Complaints**

Elk Damage Complaints in December 2023 – 4  
Elk Related Damage Complaints year to date – 78



**Harvest on Private Property**

Table 1. Elk harvested on private property as part of elk-related damage-mitigation efforts, North Cascades elk herd, July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024. Landowner harvest pertains to elk harvested by landowners with WDFW-issued Damage Prevention Permits or Kill Permits. Master Hunter harvest pertains to elk harvested by WDFW-certified Master Hunters who have drawn Master Hunter Elk Hunt special permits. Tribal donations pertain to elk harvested by either landowners or WDFW staff and donated to a Point Elliott Treaty Tribe.

GMU	Landowner		Master Hunter		Tribal Donations	
	Bull	Antlerless	Bull	Antlerless	Bull	Antlerless
407		2				
418	2	4		2		
437		8				
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>		<b>2</b>		

**Damage Mitigation Efforts**

WDFW received four elk related damage complaints in December 2023. One complaint was from a commercial producer and involved elk damage to crops. A damage permit was provided. Three complaints were from non-commercial producers experiencing damage to livestock pastures and fencing. Fencing advice to mitigate damages was discussed as well as hazing options.

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