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Sent via e-mail

RE: Request for data regarding Criminal Wildlife Penalty Assessments

Dear Ms. Happold,

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Program would like to submit a data request to the Data Dissemination Committee. We request any data transaction related to a Criminal Wildlife Penalty Assessment (CWPA) (see RCW 77.15.420 and 77.15.400(5)). The specific data elements requested are: violator's name, DOB, ticket/case number, date of violation, court, arresting officer, charge, charge disposition code, charge disposition date, CWPA amount, fine amount, and suspended amount.

The Department needs this information to assist in assessing how the Department is handling license suspensions for those who have unpaid Criminal Wildlife Penalty Assessments. These suspensions are mandated under RCW 77.15.420(6) and the Department is exploring better ways in which to meet its responsibilities under this mandate. This data is also necessary to assist the Department in satisfying requests from the Fish and Wildlife Commission and the Legislature on how the CWPA operates and how funds are distributed. We respectfully request any fees associated with this data query be waived.

If you have questions, please contact me at Dawn.Gedenberg@dfw.wa.gov or 360-902-2470.

Sincerely,

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