Good morning Commissioners, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County, and I am an active member of Backcountry Hunters & Anglers.

I would like to take the opportunity today in speaking with you to touch on the “Overarching Game Management Plan” outline set forth.

As a hunter, fisherman, and overall enjoyer of outdoor recreation here in Washington State, I feel I encompass all of the user groups that the game management plant sets forth to please.

In saying this, I want to encourage the department to put emphasis towards consulting all user groups within the outdoor industry, and be public facing about these interactions.

I would also like to encourage the commission to listen to the sound science and statistics garnered by the department’s hard-working and highly capable biologists. These individuals know their respective study species better than anyone in this state, and while there may be questions as to their practice, these statistics and trends should be the basis of the continued management of our game and non-game species. The historic data accumulated by the department should not and cannot be ignored.

The voice for our public lands, waters and wildlife, the health and abundance of our natural resources for current and future generations is of the utmost importance to me.

I look forward to continuing to work with the commission on making sound policy decisions based on the best available science and participating in the boots on the ground conservation efforts that hunting and angling organizations such as BHA are so famous for.