



Colville Confederated Tribes Fish and Wildlife Department



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Subject: Hide/Pelt Sealing Requirements for Gray Wolf, Cougar, Bobcat, and River Otter

- All gray wolves, cougars, bobcats, and river otters that will be sold, transferred, or removed from the Reservation **are required** to have the hide/pelt sealed by:

Authorized CCT Wildlife Program Employees

- Rick Desautel – (509) 722-7652
 - Cell (509)631-1224
- Donovan Antoine – (509)634-2123
 - Cell (509)557-8306



- To make sure the appropriate Wildlife personnel are available for hide/pelt sealing, successful hunters and trappers **are required to call** them (above) prior to bringing in a hide/pelt for sealing. All hides/pelts must be presented in a way that the hide can be sealed.

No frozen hides or carcasses will be accepted, unless measures have been taken to ensure that they can easily be sealed. (For example, a hide could easily be sealed if a slit was cut and an object (ex. stick) was placed under the skin between the eye cavity and the mouth before the carcass was frozen.)

Gray Wolves –

Hunters must report killing a wolf within 72 hours by calling the Fish and Wildlife office at **(509) 634-2110**. Hunters are also required to call and make an appointment to present the hide and skull to designated Fish and Wildlife staff (listed above) for official CCT hide/pelt sealing and data collection. The hide/pelt seal will allow for transport off Reservation and serve as identification of legal harvest. Failure to seal a wolf hide/pelt is a violation of the Colville Tribes 2014 Tribal Member Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

Cougars –

Cougar hide/pelt seals are also available by appointment only by contacting an authorized employee (listed above). The hide/pelt seal will allow for transport off Reservation and serve as identification of legal harvest. In addition, harvest data such as sex and age structure can be collected. ****Reminder, all hounds must be registered at the Fish and Wildlife Office.****

Bobcat and River Otter –

It is unlawful to possess or export from the state of Washington bobcat or river otter pelts taken in Washington without a department identification seal attached. Bobcat and river otter pelts, on or off the carcass, must be sealed within 20 days after the close of the appropriate hunting or trapping seasons in which they were harvested. All bobcat and river otter pelts must be presented by the person harvesting them to an authorized Fish and Wildlife employee (listed above) by appointment only.

Thank you,
CCT Fish and Wildlife Department