



About Public Policy Polling

Public Policy Polling is a national polling company based in Raleigh, North Carolina, which conducts surveys for politicians and political organizations, unions, consultants, nonprofits, and businesses. PPP has consistently been nationally acclaimed as one of the most accurate pollsters, with results that have been proven across numerous presidential, senate, and gubernatorial races. Every poll we conduct is handled from start to finish by highly qualified pollsters with years of experience in public opinion research. PPP performs automated telephone surveys, with supplements from online surveys, texts, and live calls to cell phones when appropriate. This allows us to conduct polls more affordably and faster than most traditional pollsters.



October 17-18, 2022
Poll on Washington Attitudes Toward Fish and Wildlife

From October 17-18, 2022, Public Policy Polling surveyed 713 registered voters in Washington State on behalf of Washington Wildlife First, with 60% reached by text message and 40% by telephone. The survey's margin of error is +/- 3.7%. In order to provide more accurate results, Public Policy Polling weighted the data from the survey in accordance with industry standards, to ensure the demographic breakdown of the poll closely resembled the makeup of the population we were measuring.

The survey reached registered Washington voters across a range of demographics:

- 55% voted for Joe Biden in the 2020 election; 36% voted for Donald Trump; and 9% supported someone else or did not vote.
- 52% identify as women, 46% as men, and 2% as other.
- 42% identify as Democrats, 28% as Republicans, and 29% as independents.
- 78% identify as white and 22% as another race or ethnicity.
- 34% are between the ages of 18 and 45, 44% are between the ages of 46 and 65, and 22% are over the age of 65.
- 21% are high school graduates or less, 28% completed some college but did not finish, 13% completed a 2-year college degree, 22% completed a 4-year college degree, and 15% completed a postgraduate degree.
- 30% live in an urban area, 42% in a suburban area, and 28% in a rural area.
- 32% live in King County, 15% in North Puget Sound, 16% in South Puget Sound, 17% in eastern Washington, 10% in southwest Washington, 7% on the Olympic Peninsula, and 3% in central Washington.
- 17% indicated that they or members of their immediate household have hunted within the past year, while 83% say they have not.
- 41% indicated that they or members of their immediate household have fished over the past year, while 59% say they have not.

- 56% indicated that they or members of their immediate household have engaged in bird or wildlife watching over the past year, while 44% say they have not.

**October 17-18, 2022, Poll Results
Washington Voters' Attitudes Toward Fish and Wildlife**

1. Scientists say human activities have caused global wildlife populations to fall nearly 70% since 1950 and warn that 40% of current species may go extinct by the end of the century. How concerned are you about this biodiversity crisis?

Very concerned.....	47%
Somewhat concerned.....	24%
Not that concerned.....	16%
Not at all concerned.....	11%
Not sure.....	1%

2. Which statement best describes your attitude toward fish and wildlife?

Wild animals have an intrinsic value worthy of protection and conservation in their own right.....	69%
Wild animals are natural resources that should primarily be used to benefit humans.....	17%
Not sure.....	14%

3. How much do you care about the protection and management of Washington's fish and wildlife?

A great deal.....	56%
A moderate amount.....	35%
Very little.....	6%
Not at all.....	1%
Not sure.....	2%

October 17-18, 2022, Poll Results
Washington Voters' Opinions on State Management of Fish and Wildlife

1. Which of the following do you think should be the state's goal in managing fish and wildlife?

Preserving and protecting fish and wildlife.....59%
Maximizing hunting and fishing opportunities.....20%
Promoting and protecting economic interests.....11%
Not sure.....10%

2. Who do you think should control the management of Washington's fish and wildlife?

All Washingtonians should have an equal say about fish and wildlife management.....67%
People who hunt or fish should have a greater say in wildlife management.....25%
Not sure.....8%

3. Who do you think the Governor should primarily appoint to serve on the Commission that controls management of the state's fish and wildlife?

Conservationists who will protect and preserve fish and wildlife species.....25%
Diverse people who will reflect the values and interests of all Washingtonians.....50%
Hunters and anglers who will protect hunting and fishing....16%
Commercial representatives who will protect business interests.....1%
Not sure.....8%

4. Do you think fish and wildlife management and conservation should be funded by all state taxpayers or primarily through hunting and fishing license fees?

Funded by all state taxpayers.....56%
Primarily through hunting and fishing license fees.....34%
Not sure.....10%

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- 5. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife recently announced a marketing plan to recruit new hunters and encourage former hunters to start hunting again. Do you support or oppose the use of taxpayer money to recruit and reactivate more hunters?**

Support.....27%
Oppose.....56%
Not sure.....17%

- 6. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 10% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, including members of the law enforcement division, reported witnessing someone from the Department commit a legal or ethical violation in the past year.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

Very concerning.....54%
Somewhat concerning.....33%
Not that concerning.....9%
Not concerning at all.....1%
Not sure.....3%

- 7. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that only 55% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife believed other employees were held accountable when they behaved inappropriately, while only 44% believed managers were held accountable.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

Very concerning.....55%
Somewhat concerning.....32%
Not that concerning.....8%
Not concerning at all.....3%
Not sure.....3%

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Washington Voters' Opinions on State Management of Fish and Wildlife**

- 8. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 11% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife indicated they had experienced retaliation in the past year as a result of reporting unethical or illegal behavior, speaking up to a supervisor, criticizing the agency, or talking to auditors, while 16% had witnessed such behavior in the past year.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

Very concerning.....	65%
Somewhat concerning.....	22%
Not that concerning.....	7%
Not concerning at all.....	2%
Not sure.....	4%

- 9. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 21% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife reported that they had been bullied at work in the past year, through yelling, berating, demeaning comments, or physical threats, while 30% reported witnessing bullying directed at others in the past year.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

Very concerning.....	68%
Somewhat concerning.....	19%
Not that concerning.....	6%
Not concerning at all.....	3%
Not sure.....	3%

**October 17-18, 2022, Poll Results
Washington Voters' Views on Management of Specific Species**

1. Do you support or oppose hunting bears in the spring, immediately after bears have emerged from hibernation and many females are nursing newborn cubs?

Support.....8%
 Oppose.....80%
 Not sure.....12%

2. In 1996, Washington voters approved an initiative to ban the use of dogs to hunt bear, cougar, bobcat, and lynx. Do you believe that we should keep this ban or eliminate it?

Keep the ban.....56%
 Eliminate the ban.....27%
 Not sure.....18%

3. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle?

Support.....38%
 Oppose.....42%
 Not sure.....20%

4. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle that are grazing on public forest land?

Support.....25%
 Oppose.....54%
 Not sure.....21%

5. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle whose owners have not taken reasonable steps to protect them?

Support.....22%
 Oppose.....56%
 Not sure.....23%

6. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle when livestock owners have knowingly grazed their cattle near wolf den sites?

Support.....19%
 Oppose.....64%
 Not sure.....16%



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7. How do you think the state should manage coyotes?

- Coyotes should be hunted and killed year-round with no limits and few restrictions.....16%
- There should be regulated and limited hunting seasons.....25%
- Coyotes should only be killed when they present an immediate danger to livestock or pets.....37%
- Coyotes should never be killed unless they present an imminent threat to human safety.....15%
- Not sure.....7%

8. Which statement is closest to your view about how deer and elk populations should be managed?

- Deer and elk populations should be managed to ensure plentiful game for hunters.....19%
- Deer and elk populations should be managed to achieve a balanced ecosystem.....60%
- Deer and elk populations should be largely left alone.....16%
- Not sure.....5%

9. How do you think Washington should manage beavers?

- We should protect beavers because they provide ecosystem benefits such as cooling streams, which may help other species survive climate change.....52%
- We should allow landowners to trap and kill beavers as nuisances, but there should not be a beaver hunting or trapping season.....23%
- We should allow landowners to kill beavers and have a beaver hunting and trapping season.....12%
- Not sure.....13%

10. Would you support or oppose Washington increasing the production of hatchery fish to allow more commercial and recreational fishing, even if science indicates this could threaten the recovery of wild salmon?

- Support.....33%
- Oppose.....43%



Not sure.....24%



**October 17-18, 2022, Poll Results
Hunting Household's Attitudes Toward Fish and Wildlife**

The following are the responses from the 17% of survey respondents who indicate that they or someone in their household had hunted within the past year:

1. Scientists say human activities have caused global wildlife populations to fall nearly 70% since 1950 and warn that 40% of current species may go extinct by the end of the century. How concerned are you about this biodiversity crisis?

Very concerned.....	38%
Somewhat concerned.....	29%
Not that concerned.....	21%
Not at all concerned.....	11%
Not sure.....	1%

2. Which statement best describes your attitude toward fish and wildlife?

Wild animals have an intrinsic value worthy of protection and conservation in their own right.....	56%
Wild animals are natural resources that should primarily be used to benefit humans.....	34%
Not sure.....	10%

3. How much do you care about the protection and management of Washington's fish and wildlife: a great deal, a moderate amount, very little, or not at all?

A great deal.....	65%
A moderate amount.....	32%
Very little.....	2%
Not at all.....	1%
Not sure.....	0%

October 17-18, 2022, Poll Results
Hunting Household's Opinions on State Management of Fish and Wildlife

The following are the responses from the 17% of survey respondents who indicate that they or someone in their household had hunted within the past year:

1. Which of the following do you think should be the state's goal in managing fish and wildlife?

Preserving and protecting fish and wildlife.....	44%
Maximizing hunting and fishing opportunities.....	44%
Promoting and protecting economic interests.....	5%
Not sure.....	7%

4. Who do you think should control the management of Washington's fish and wildlife?

All Washingtonians should have an equal say about fish and wildlife management.....	42%
People who hunt or fish should have a greater say in wildlife management.....	51%
Not sure.....	7%

5. Who do you think the Governor should primarily appoint to serve on the Commission that controls management of the state's fish and wildlife?

Conservationists who will protect and preserve fish and wildlife species.....	23%
Diverse people who will reflect the values and interests of all Washingtonians.....	43%
Hunters and anglers who will protect hunting and fishing....	31%
Commercial representatives who will protect business interests.....	1%
Not sure.....	2%

6. Do you think fish and wildlife management and conservation should be funded by all state taxpayers, or primarily through hunting and fishing license fees?

Funded by all state taxpayers.....	68%
Primarily through hunting and fishing license fees.....	28%
Not sure.....	4%

**October 17-18, 2022, Poll Results
Hunting Household’s Opinions on State Management of Fish and Wildlife**

The following are the responses from the 17% of survey respondents who indicate that they or someone in their household had hunted within the past year:

- 7. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife recently announced a marketing plan to recruit new hunters and encourage former hunters to start hunting again. Do you support or oppose the use of taxpayer money to recruit and reactivate more hunters?**

Support.....48%
 Oppose.....36%
 Not sure.....16%

- 8. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 10% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, including members of the law enforcement division, reported witnessing someone from the Department commit a legal or ethical violation in the past year.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

Very concerning.....51%
 Somewhat concerning.....36%
 Not that concerning.....8%
 Not concerning at all.....0%
 Not sure.....5%

- 9. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that only 55% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife believed other employees were held accountable when they behaved inappropriately, while only 44% believed managers were held accountable.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

Very concerning.....56%
 Somewhat concerning.....35%
 Not that concerning.....6%
 Not concerning at all.....1%
 Not sure.....2%

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The following are the responses from the 17% of survey respondents who indicate that they or someone in their household had hunted within the past year:

10. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 11% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife indicated they had experienced retaliation in the past year as a result of reporting unethical or illegal behavior, speaking up to a supervisor, criticizing the agency, or talking to auditors, while 16% had witnessed such behavior in the past year.

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

Very concerning.....	64%
Somewhat concerning.....	24%
Not that concerning.....	7%
Not concerning at all.....	1%
Not sure.....	4%

11. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 21% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife reported that they had been bullied at work in the past year, through yelling, berating, demeaning comments, or physical threats, while 30% reported witnessing bullying directed at others in the past year.

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

Very concerning.....	54%
Somewhat concerning.....	30%
Not that concerning.....	9%
Not concerning at all.....	3%
Not sure.....	4%

October 17-18, 2022, Poll Results
Hunting Household's Views on Management of Specific Species

The following are the responses from the 17% of survey respondents who indicate that they or someone in their household had hunted within the past year:

1. Do you support or oppose hunting bears in the spring, immediately after bears have emerged from hibernation and many females are nursing newborn cubs?

Support.....20%
Oppose.....69%
Not sure.....11%

12. In 1996, Washington voters approved an initiative to ban the use of dogs to hunt bear, cougar, bobcat, and lynx. Do you believe that we should keep this ban or eliminate it?

Keep the ban.....43%
Eliminate the ban.....41%
Not sure.....15%

13. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle?

Support.....60%
Oppose.....27%
Not sure.....13%

14. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle that are grazing on public forest land?

Support.....35%
Oppose.....48%
Not sure.....16%

15. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle whose owners have not taken reasonable steps to protect them?

Support.....24%
Oppose.....52%
Not sure.....23%

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Hunting Household's Views on Management of Specific Species

The following are the responses from the 17% of survey respondents who indicate that they or someone in their household had hunted within the past year:

16. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle when livestock owners have knowingly grazed their cattle near wolf den sites?

Support.....27%
Oppose.....55%
Not sure.....18%

17. How do you think the state should manage coyotes?

Coyotes should be hunted and killed year-round with no limits and few restrictions.....37%
There should be regulated and limited hunting seasons.....33%
Coyotes should only be killed when they present an immediate danger to livestock or pets.....21%
Coyotes should never be killed unless they present an imminent threat to human safety.....7%
Not sure.....2%

18. Which statement is closest to your view about how deer and elk populations should be managed?

Deer and elk populations should be managed to ensure plentiful game for hunters.....33%
Deer and elk populations should be managed to achieve a balanced ecosystem.....53%
Deer and elk populations should be largely left alone.....14%
Not sure.....1%

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The following are the responses from the 17% of survey respondents who indicate that they or someone in their household had hunted within the past year:

19. How do you think Washington should manage beavers?

- We should protect beavers because they provide ecosystem benefits such as cooling streams, which may help other species survive climate change.....35%
- We should allow landowners to trap and kill beavers as nuisances, but there should not be a beaver hunting or trapping season.....31%
- We should allow landowners to kill beavers and have a beaver hunting and trapping season.....27%
- Not sure.....8%

20. Would you support or oppose Washington increasing the production of hatchery fish to allow more commercial and recreational fishing, even if science indicates this could threaten the recovery of wild salmon?

- Support.....45%
- Oppose.....35%
- Not sure.....21%

October 17-18, 2022, Poll Results
Washington Voters' Attitudes Toward Fish and Wildlife
By Region of the State

Total Respondents by Region of the State:

<i>King County</i>	32%
<i>North Puget Sound</i>	15%
<i>South Puget Sound</i>	16%
<i>The Olympic Peninsula</i>	7%
<i>Southwest Washington</i>	10%
<i>Eastern Washington</i>	17%
<i>Central Washington</i>	3%

1. Scientists say human activities have caused global wildlife populations to fall nearly 70% since 1950 and warn that 40% of current species may go extinct by the end of the century. How concerned are you about this biodiversity crisis?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Very concerned	51%	52%	51%	38%	45%	35%	57%
Somewhat concerned	25%	21%	22%	21%	24%	30%	23%
Not that concerned	10%	16%	20%	24%	19%	21%	5%
Not at all concerned	15%	9%	4%	18%	9%	11%	16%
Not sure	-	2%	2%	-	3%	3%	-

2. Which statement best describes your attitude toward fish and wildlife?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Wild animals have an intrinsic value worthy of protection and conservation in their own right	72%	78%	74%	64%	59%	63%	53%
Wild animals are natural resources that should primarily be used to benefit humans	12%	10%	14%	28%	23%	30%	8%

Not sure	16%	12%	12%	8%	17%	7%	49%
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Washington Voters' Attitudes Toward Fish and Wildlife
By Region of the State

3. How much do you care about the protection and management of Washington's fish and wildlife?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
A great deal	53%	69%	58%	38%	59%	50%	60%
A moderate amount	36%	27%	36%	39%	33%	43%	12%
Very little	7%	2%	6%	18%	4%	4%	-
Not at all	1%	1%	-	5%	3%	-	-
Not sure	2%	-	-	-	-	3%	28%

October 17-18, 2022, Poll Results
Washington Voters' Opinions on State Management of Fish and Wildlife
By Region of the State

Total Respondents by Region of the State:

<i>King County</i>	32%
<i>North Puget Sound</i>	15%
<i>South Puget Sound</i>	16%
<i>The Olympic Peninsula</i>	7%
<i>Southwest Washington</i>	10%
<i>Eastern Washington</i>	17%
<i>Central Washington</i>	3%

1. Which of the following do you think should be the state's goal in managing fish and wildlife?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Preserving and protecting fish and wildlife	64%	68%	64%	60%	52%	42%	42%
Maximizing hunting and fishing opportunities	14%	12%	16%	19%	34%	33%	30%
Promoting and protecting economic interests	14%	5%	6%	5%	9%	14%	23%
Not sure	8%	15%	14%	16%	5%	11%	5%

2. Who do you think should control the management of Washington's fish and wildlife?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
All Washingtonians should have an equal say about fish and wildlife management	74%	74%	69%	62%	55%	59%	41%
People who hunt or fish should have a greater say in wildlife management	17%	21%	26%	27%	36%	37%	17%

Not sure	9%	6%	5%	11%	9%	4%	42%
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3. Who do you think the Governor should primarily appoint to serve on the Commission that controls management of the state's fish and wildlife?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Conservationists who will protect and preserve fish and wildlife species	33%	33%	29%	7%	13%	17%	32%
Diverse people who will reflect the values and interests of all Washingtonians	42%	48%	59%	59%	57%	54%	24%
Hunters and anglers who will protect hunting and fishing	13%	7%	10%	29%	24%	22%	17%
Commercial representatives who will protect business interests	1%	1%	-	-	2%	-	-
Not sure	10%	11%	3%	6%	5%	6%	27%

4. Do you think fish and wildlife management and conservation should be funded by all state taxpayers or primarily through hunting and fishing license fees?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Think it should be funded by all state taxpayers	60%	57%	58%	54%	53%	46%	50%
Think it should be funded primarily through hunting and fishing license fees	26%	37%	31%	44%	35%	46%	20%
Not sure	13%	6%	11%	1%	12%	7%	30%

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- 5. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife recently announced a marketing plan to recruit new hunters and encourage former hunters to start hunting again. Do you support or oppose the use of taxpayer money to recruit and reactivate more hunters?**

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Support	25%	19%	22%	23%	40%	36%	18%
Oppose	55%	71%	60%	60%	48%	55%	13%
Not sure	20%	10%	19%	17%	12%	9%	69%

- 6. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 10% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, including members of the law enforcement division, reported witnessing someone from the Department commit a legal or ethical violation in the past years. Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?**

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Very concerning	58%	61%	49%	49%	47%	52%	44%
Somewhat concerning	29%	30%	41%	31%	37%	34%	45%
Not that concerning	8%	7%	9%	18%	10%	11%	-
Not concerning at all	-	-	1%	-	1%	3%	-
Not sure	5%	2%	0%	2%	5%	1%	11%

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- 7. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that only 55% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife believed other employees were held accountable when they behaved inappropriately, while only 44% believed managers were held accountable.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Very concerning	59%	59%	50%	43%	59%	51%	40%
Somewhat concerning	26%	30%	43%	32%	29%	34%	29%
Not that concerning	10%	8%	5%	7%	10%	7%	-
Not concerning at all	0%	-	1%	16%	2%	7%	-
Not sure	5%	4%	1%	2%	-	2%	31%

- 8. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 11% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife indicated they had experienced retaliation in the past year as a result of reporting unethical or illegal behavior, speaking up to a supervisor, criticizing the agency, or talking to auditors, while 16% had witnessed such behavior in the past year.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Very concerning	67%	63%	58%	58%	64%	74%	51%
Somewhat concerning	16%	28%	35%	29%	19%	14%	18%
Not that concerning	8%	6%	5%	11%	8%	8%	3%

Not concerning at all	2%	-	1%	-	7%	3%	-
Not sure	7%	2%	0%	2%	2%	1%	28%

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9. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 21% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife reported that they had been bullied at work in the past year, through yelling, berating, demeaning comments, or physical threats, while 30% reported witnessing bullying directed at others in the past year.

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Very concerning	71%	73%	63%	59%	61%	73%	40%
Somewhat concerning	13%	16%	31%	16%	24%	18%	31%
Not that concerning	6%	8%	4%	6%	15%	4%	1%
Not concerning at all	4%	1%	1%	16%	1%	4%	-
Not sure	6%	2%	0%	2%	-	1%	28%

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<i>Southwest Washington</i>	10%
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<i>Central Washington</i>	3%

1. Do you support or oppose hunting bears in the spring, immediately after bears have emerged from hibernation and many females are nursing newborn cubs?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Support	10%	6%	1%	7%	6%	16%	7%
Oppose	81%	89%	90%	78%	66%	77%	43%
Not sure	9%	5%	10%	15%	28%	8%	50%

2. In 1996, Washington voters approved an initiative to ban the use of dogs to hunt bear, cougar, bobcat, and lynx. Do you believe that we should keep this ban or eliminate it?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Keep ban	64%	63%	59%	46%	49%	41%	33%
Eliminate ban	17%	21%	28%	40%	30%	39%	31%
Not sure	18%	15%	13%	13%	21%	20%	36%

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3. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Support	27%	31%	34%	49%	41%	54%	65%
Oppose	49%	48%	51%	43%	34%	25%	16%
Not sure	24%	21%	15%	9%	24%	21%	18%

4. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle that are grazing on public forest land?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Support	20%	16%	28%	35%	24%	33%	48%
Oppose	59%	60%	57%	55%	40%	50%	38%
Not sure	21%	24%	15%	10%	36%	18%	14%

5. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle whose owners have not taken reasonable steps to protect them?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Support	19%	17%	19%	23%	26%	29%	17%
Oppose	62%	62%	55%	66%	40%	48%	36%
Not sure	19%	21%	26%	11%	34%	22%	47%

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7. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle when livestock owners have knowingly grazed their cattle near wolf den sites?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Support	13%	14%	17%	38%	22%	26%	37%
Oppose	72%	71%	69%	54%	46%	59%	31%
Not sure	14%	14%	14%	8%	32%	16%	32%

8. How do you think the state should manage coyotes?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Coyotes should be hunted and killed year-round with no limits and few restrictions	7%	18%	10%	25%	21%	30%	32%
There should be regulated and limited coyote hunting seasons	25%	23%	21%	34%	20%	31%	5%
Coyotes should only be killed when they present an immediate danger to livestock or pets	36%	31%	56%	37%	38%	28%	24%
Coyotes should never be killed unless they present an imminent threat to human safety	21%	21%	12%	4%	6%	9%	11%
Not sure	11%	7%	1%	-	16%	2%	27%

9. Which statement is closest to your view about how deer and elk populations should be managed?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Deer and elk populations should be managed to ensure plentiful game for hunters	18%	12%	16%	19%	22%	24%	29%
Deer and elk populations should be managed to achieve a balanced ecosystem	62%	60%	59%	62%	68%	57%	32%
Deer and elk populations should be largely left alone	16%	22%	20%	17%	6%	15%	1%

Not sure	4%	7%	5%	2%	4%	4%	37%
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10. How do you think Washington should manage beavers?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
We should protect beavers because they provide ecosystem benefits such as cooling streams, which may help other species survive climate change	59%	58%	55%	55%	44%	38%	31%
We should allow landowners to trap and kill beavers as nuisances, but there should not be a beaver hunting or trapping season	19%	17%	26%	27%	21%	34%	10%
We should allow landowners to kill beavers and have a beaver hunting and trapping season	9%	7%	12%	15%	19%	16%	25%
Not sure	13%	18%	8%	3%	16%	12%	34%

11. Would you support or oppose Washington increasing the production of hatchery fish to allow more commercial and recreational fishing, even if science indicates this could threaten the recovery of wild salmon?

	King County	N. Puget Sound	S. Puget Sound	Olympic Peninsula	Southwest WA	Eastern WA	Central WA
Support	31%	23%	29%	43%	50%	35%	32%
Oppose	49%	55%	43%	41%	27%	35%	33%
Not sure	20%	22%	28%	16%	23%	30%	35%

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Washington Voters' Attitudes Toward Fish and Wildlife
By 2020 Presidential Vote

Breakdown of Respondents by Vote in 2020 Presidential Election:

Donald Trump.....36%
Joe Biden.....55%
Someone else / Did not vote.....9%

1. Scientists say human activities have caused global wildlife populations to fall nearly 70% since 1950 and warn that 40% of current species may go extinct by the end of the century. How concerned are you about this biodiversity crisis?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Very concerned	18%	69%	32%
Somewhat concerned	28%	20%	33%
Not that concerned	32%	5%	20%
Not at all concerned	18%	6%	14%
Not sure	4%	0%	-

2. Which statement best describes your attitude toward fish and wildlife?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Wild animals have an intrinsic value worthy of protection and conservation in their own right	46%	86%	53%
Wild animals are natural resources that should primarily be used to benefit humans	31%	8%	17%
Not sure	22%	6%	30%

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3. How much do you care about the protection and management of Washington's fish and wildlife: a great deal, a moderate amount, very little, or not at all?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
A great deal	45%	65%	41%
A moderate amount	44%	29%	38%
Very little	7%	5%	12%
Not at all	3%	-	1%
Not sure	2%	1%	7%

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Washington Voters' Opinions on State Management of Fish and Wildlife
By 2020 Presidential Vote

Breakdown of Respondents by Vote in 2020 Presidential Election:

Donald Trump.....36%
Joe Biden.....55%
Someone else / Did not vote.....9%

1. Which of the following do you think should be the state's goal in managing fish and wildlife?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Preserving and protecting fish and wildlife	30%	80%	44%
Maximizing hunting and fishing opportunities	36%	9%	26%
Promoting and protecting economic interests	16%	6%	18%
Not sure	18%	6%	11%

2. Who do you think should control the management of Washington's fish and wildlife: do you think all Washingtonians should have an equal say, or do you think people who hunt or fish should have a greater say?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
All Washingtonians should have an equal say about fish and wildlife management	44%	83%	56%
People who hunt or fish should have a greater say in wildlife management	45%	11%	31%
Not sure	10%	5%	13%

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3. Who do you think the Governor should primarily appoint to serve on the Commission that controls management of the state's fish and wildlife?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Conservationists who will protect and preserve fish and wildlife species	13%	36%	11%
Diverse people who will reflect the values and interests of all Washingtonians	49%	49%	58%
Hunters and anglers who will protect hunting and fishing	27%	8%	24%
Commercial representatives who will protect business interests	2%	0%	-
Not sure	10%	7%	7%

4. Do you think fish and wildlife management and conservation should be funded by all state taxpayers or primarily through hunting and fishing license fees?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Think it should be funded by all state taxpayers	44%	64%	52%
Think it should be funded primarily through hunting and fishing license fees	45%	27%	33%
Not sure	11%	9%	16%

5. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife recently announced a marketing plan to recruit new hunters and encourage former hunters to start hunting again. Do you support or oppose the use of taxpayer money to recruit and reactivate more hunters?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Support	39%	16%	46%
Oppose	48%	65%	33%
Not sure	13%	19%	21%

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- 6. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 10% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, including members of the law enforcement division, reported witnessing someone from the Department commit a legal or ethical violation in the past years.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Very concerning	44%	62%	41%
Somewhat concerning	36%	31%	36%
Not that concerning	12%	6%	20%
Not concerning at all	2%	-	-
Not sure	6%	1%	3%

- 7. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that only 55% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife believed other employees were held accountable when they behaved inappropriately, while only 44% believed managers were held accountable.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Very concerning	41%	65%	47%
Somewhat concerning	40%	28%	22%
Not that concerning	12%	3%	20%
Not concerning at all	3%	2%	1%
Not sure	4%	2%	10%

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- 8. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 11% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife indicated they had experienced retaliation in the past year as a result of reporting unethical or illegal behavior, speaking up to a supervisor, criticizing the agency, or talking to auditors, while 16% had witnessed such behavior in the past year.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Very concerning	55%	76%	37%
Somewhat concerning	24%	19%	23%
Not that concerning	10%	3%	25%
Not concerning at all	5%	-	4%
Not sure	6%	2%	10%

- 9. In a 2021 report, the state auditor found that 21% of employees at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife reported that they had been bullied at work in the past year, through yelling, berating, demeaning comments, or physical threats, while 30% reported witnessing bullying directed at others in the past year.**

Do you find this information to be very concerning, somewhat concerning, not that concerning, or not concerning at all?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Very concerning	52%	83%	36%
Somewhat concerning	30%	12%	24%
Not that concerning	9%	2%	21%
Not concerning at all	4%	2%	10%
Not sure	5%	1%	10%

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Breakdown of Respondents by Vote in 2020 Presidential Election:

Donald Trump.....36%
Joe Biden.....55%
Someone else / Did not vote.....9%

1. Do you support or oppose hunting bears in the spring, immediately after bears have emerged from hibernation and many females are nursing newborn cubs?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Support	11%	5%	17%
Oppose	69%	90%	64%
Not sure	20%	5%	19%

2. In 1996, Washington voters approved an initiative to ban the use of dogs to hunt bear, cougar, bobcat, and lynx. Do you believe that we should keep this ban or eliminate it?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Believe we should keep the ban on the use of dogs to hunt bear, cougar, bobcat, and lynx	32%	73%	43%
Believe we should eliminate the ban on the use of dogs to hunt bear, cougar, bobcat, and lynx	44%	13%	43%
Not sure	24%	14%	14%

3. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Support	63%	19%	53%
Oppose	20%	58%	28%
Not sure	17%	22%	19%

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4. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle that are grazing on public forest land?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Support	45%	11%	32%
Oppose	33%	69%	50%
Not sure	22%	20%	19%

5. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle whose owners have not taken reasonable steps to protect them?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Support	36%	13%	18%
Oppose	33%	71%	54%
Not sure	31%	17%	28%

6. Do you support or oppose killing state endangered wolves for preying on cattle when livestock owners have knowingly grazed their cattle near wolf den sites?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Support	35%	10%	13%
Oppose	45%	77%	62%
Not sure	20%	13%	25%

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7. How do you think the state should manage coyotes?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Coyotes should be hunted and killed year-round with no limits and few restrictions	30%	7%	18%
There should be regulated and limited coyote hunting seasons	25%	23%	31%
Coyotes should only be killed when they present an immediate danger to livestock or pets	34%	39%	34%
Coyotes should never be killed unless they present an imminent threat to human safety	4%	22%	10%
Not sure	6%	8%	7%

8. Which statement is closest to your view about how deer and elk populations should be managed?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Deer and elk populations should be managed to ensure plentiful game for hunters	30%	11%	18%
Deer and elk populations should be managed to achieve a balanced ecosystem	45%	70%	61%
Deer and elk populations should be largely left alone	17%	16%	12%
Not sure	8%	3%	9%

9. How do you think Washington should manage beavers?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
We should protect beavers because they provide ecosystem benefits such as cooling streams, which may help other species survive climate change	26%	70%	42%
We should allow landowners to trap and kill beavers as nuisances, but there should not be a beaver hunting or trapping season	36%	15%	23%
We should allow landowners to kill beavers and have a beaver hunting and trapping season	22%	6%	14%
Not sure	16%	9%	21%

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10. Would you support or oppose Washington increasing the production of hatchery fish to allow more commercial and recreational fishing, even if science indicates this could threaten the recovery of wild salmon?

	Voted for Donald Trump	Voted for Joe Biden	Someone else / Did not vote
Support	51%	21%	42%
Oppose	20%	60%	34%
Not sure	29%	20%	24%