

**RCW 77.12.035 Protection of grizzly bears—Limitation on transplantation or introduction—Negotiations with federal and state agencies.** The commission shall protect grizzly bears and develop management programs on publicly owned lands that will encourage the natural regeneration of grizzly bears in areas with suitable habitat. Grizzly bears shall not be transplanted or introduced into the state. Only grizzly bears that are native to Washington state may be utilized by the department for management programs. The department is directed to fully participate in all discussions and negotiations with federal and state agencies relating to grizzly bear management and shall fully communicate, support, and implement the policies of this section.  
[2000 c 107 § 211; 1995 c 370 § 1.]