

**EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**(EWCOG) RESOLUTION NO 2011-01**

**A MULTI COUNTY RESOLUTION OF THE EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (EWCOG), PETITIONING WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (WSAC) TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS OF ENACTING LEGISLATION TO ALLOW THE USE OF DOGS FOR THE CONTROL OF COUGARS**

**WHEREAS**, the EWCOG is a county coalition, formed under RCW 36.64.080, comprised of Adams, Ferry, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties actively addressing issues of common concern effecting the health, safety and welfare of our respective citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the EWCOG is working to enact legislation that will be effective in controlling the population of cougars by allowing the use of dogs to hunt cougars; and

**WHEREAS**, the EWCOG feels it is imperative to enact legislation for counties that have problematic cougar populations. It is our duty to provide for the safety and welfare of our citizens by reducing the number of close encounters that occur. From past experience we know that these encounters will inevitably increase without legislation that allows us to control these populations; and

**WHEREAS**, allowing hunting cougars with dogs will enhance behavior modification of cougars and help ensure the safety of our citizens, pets and livestock. The use of dogs to selectively harvest problem cougars and manage the population is a much better scientific tool than randomly harvesting animals based on chance encounters.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the EWCOG is respectfully requesting that WSAC support our efforts to enact legislation necessary to assist in keeping our counties safe by allowing hunting cougars with dogs.

**ADOPTED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

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