

established where such notice was given within the time limits prescribed by this section.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This 1977 amendatory act shall take effect January 1, 1978.

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## CHAPTER 58

[Senate Bill No. 2341]

### SPECIAL HUNTING SEASONS—DRAWING FOR PERMITS

AN ACT Relating to the power and duties of the game commission; and amending section 77.12.150, chapter 36, Laws of 1955 as amended by section 1, chapter 102, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 77.12.150.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Section 1. Section 77.12.150, chapter 36, Laws of 1955 as amended by section 1, chapter 102, Laws of 1975 1st ex. sess. and RCW 77.12.150 are each amended to read as follows:

The director, with the approval of the commission, may entirely close, or shorten any season for game animals, fur-bearing animals, game birds, or game fish within the respective game areas, and after a season has been closed or shortened, reopen it, and also fix daily, weekly, or season bag limits on game animals, fur-bearing animals, game birds, or game fish within any game area.

Whenever the director finds that game animals have increased in numbers in any locality of the state to such an extent that they are damaging public or private property, or over-grazing their range, the commission may establish a special hunting season, designate the area and the number and sex of the animals that may be killed by a licensed hunter therein, promulgate necessary rules and regulations, and determine by lot the number of hunters that may hunt within such area and the conditions and requirements incident thereto. The drawing shall take place at ~~((the city hall of the town nearest the area to be opened))~~ a time and place previously determined by the director. Notice of the establishing of such special hunting season and of the drawing shall be given in the manner provided for the publishing of orders opening or closing seasons.

The exercise of power herein granted to close or reopen regular or special seasons, or fix bag limits, shall be by a written order signed by the director promulgated in accordance with chapter 34.04 RCW.

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