

## CALENDAR ADVISORY

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### **Toss the Tusk invites the public to drop off wildlife items illegal to sell in state Zoo partners with Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on April 6**

**WHAT:** At **Toss the Tusk**, for one day only, Woodland Park Zoo and Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife offer the public a secure and legal way to dispose of ivory, pelts, or other animal artifacts or trinkets made from endangered animal parts to keep them out of the black market for trafficked species—no questions asked.

A “transfer station” will be set up in Woodland Park Zoo’s Hippo parking lot for people to surrender products made from endangered species, particularly: elephants, rhinos, tigers, lions, leopards, cheetahs, pangolins, marine turtles, sharks and rays.

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will collect the items, which will not be in the zoo’s possession at any time. Items will go into the safekeeping of state law enforcement and may be used in official education programs to combat wildlife trafficking.

The first 25 drop-offs will receive complimentary admission to Woodland Park Zoo, limit two per household. Each pass is valid for one daytime entry; expires December 31, 2019. Not valid for special events including WildLights and ZooTunes.

In 2015, Washington state became the first in the nation to pass a statewide ban on illegal wildlife trafficking by the vote of the people to help save 10 of the most illegally traded endangered species: elephants, rhinos, tigers, lions, leopards, cheetahs, pangolins, marine turtles, sharks and rays.

**WHEN:** **Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.**

**WHERE:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife will collect items in the Hippo parking lot located at Woodland Park Zoo’s South Entrance at N. 50<sup>th</sup> St. & Fremont Ave. N.

**INFO:** Visit [www.zoo.org/tossthetusk](http://www.zoo.org/tossthetusk) for information.

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park Zoo engages more than a million visitors of all ages, backgrounds, abilities, and walks of life in extraordinary experiences with animals, inspiring them to make conservation a priority in their lives. The zoo is helping to save animals and their habitats in the wild through more than 35 wildlife conservation projects in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. Woodland Park Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums and certified by the rigorous American Humane Conservation program. The Humane Certified™ seal of approval is another important validation of the zoo’s long-standing tradition of meeting the highest standards in animal welfare. Visit [www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org) and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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