

MEDIA ALERT

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Press Conference at Woodland Park Zoo on April 3 **Toss the Tusk invites the public to drop off wildlife items illegal to sell in state** ***Attorney General Bob Ferguson to speak***



WHAT: Woodland Park Zoo will hold a press conference to invite the community to participate in a secure and legal way to dispose of ivory, pelts, or other animal artifacts or trinkets made from endangered animal parts illegal to sell in the state. Items will be accepted one day only—no questions asked.

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 from extinction.

WHEN: **Press conference: Wednesday, April 3**
Arrival: 10:45 a.m.
Press conference begins: 11:00 a.m.

Toss the Tusk: Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Assam Rhino Reserve at Woodland Park Zoo. Meet PR staff at the West Entrance at Phinney Ave. N. between N. 55th & N. 56th Sts. Park in the Penguin Lot at N. 55th St. & Phinney Ave. N. or Otter Lot off N. 59th St. & Phinney Ave. N.

WHO: Attorney General Bob Ferguson
Alejandro Grajal, PhD, Woodland Park Zoo President and CEO

CONTACT: For planning purposes, media are asked to RSVP if possible:
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INFO: Visit 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 and follow the zoo on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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