



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject) WAC 232-12-073, Master hunter permit program.

Hearing location(s):
Sheriff's Ambulance Training Center
425 N. Highway
Colville, Washington 99114

Date: August 7-8, 2009 Time: 8:45 a.m.

Date of intended adoption: September 11, 2009
(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Submit written comments to:
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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: In 2009, the Washington State Legislature passed SHB 1778, which includes two new statutes authorizing the Master Hunter Permit Program. These statutes provide the cost for initial and renewal master hunter permits; they allow the department to conduct background checks on initial and renewal permit applicants; they give the department authority to suspend permits for specific reasons; and they allow the department to establish the program's requirements and curriculum. These proposed rules mirror the two statutes and provide the accountability standards for initial and renewal applicants. These rules also indicate the conditions and lengths of time for which a permit will be suspended. The effect of these rules will be to ensure that master hunters are ethical hunters and can serve as highly regarded role models for the general hunting community.

Reasons supporting proposal: The department requires application requirements and suspension protocol to attract and retain ethical master hunters. Master hunters play a key role in controlling problem game animals that damage property or threaten public safety. They also contribute significant volunteer conservation work to the state.

Statutory authority for adoption: 77.12.047

Statute being implemented: 77.12.047

Is rule necessary because of a:
Federal Law? Yes No
Federal Court Decision? Yes No
State Court Decision? Yes No
If yes, CITATION:

DATE
July 1, 2009

NAME (type or print)
Lori Preuss

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TIME: 9:45 AM

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None.

Name of proponent: (person or organization) The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

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e-mail _____

No. These rules affect recreational hunters.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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No: Please explain: These rules do not involve hydraulics.