

Hunter Orange Requirements for Master Hunters

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Issue

- Some confusion regarding when Master Hunters are required to wear orange
- Some Master Hunter hunts are Master Hunter general season hunts
- General season definition
 - “Any hunting season that is open to all licensed hunters, excluding special permit only, damage and landowner damage hunts.”
- Definition leaves ambiguity for Master Hunter general seasons
 - These are only open to Master Hunters and do not fall into the general season definition.

Purpose

- To provide definitive regulatory clarity to the hunter orange requirement for master hunters.

Proposed Change

- Add clarifying language to WAC 232-12-055
 - Increase Master Hunter safety, by making Master Hunters more visible to other hunters who are hunting during an overlapping general deer or elk modern firearm season
 - Ensure Master Hunters are setting a good example
 - Allows WDFW to authorize exceptions through damage permits when hunter orange is undesirable

Questions?

