



Master Hunter Permit Program

Master Hunter Advisory Group Recruitment and Selection

Purpose & Scope

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has established the Master Hunter Permit Program (MHPP) to effectively manage wildlife in instances when a higher proficiency and demonstrated skill level are needed for resource protection or public safety.

This policy establishes guidelines and procedures for the recruitment, selection, and appointment of members to the Master Hunter Advisory Group (MHAG).

Policy

All MHAG members shall be a certified Master Hunter in good standing.

Procedures

Master Hunter Advisory Group Recruitment

- 1. WDFW shall post on the Master Hunter page of its website an announcement that applications are being accepted for MHAG positions. WDFW may also notify local news media that applications are being accepted. The announcement shall include instructions and the deadline for application submittal.*
- 2. A complete application must be submitted to the WDFW Master Hunter Permit Program during the open recruitment period.*
- 3. An application submitted after the deadline will not be considered, and the applicant must resubmit his or her application during the next open recruitment period.*

Master Hunter Advisory Group Member Selection

- 1. The WDFW Hunter Education Division Manager will forward all complete applications to the MHAG for further review and consideration.*
- 2. The MHAG Chair and Vice Chair shall review all applications for merits of the candidate. The MHAG (may be a selected sub-committee) may also choose to interview each candidate.*
- 3. The MHAG Chair shall provide his or her candidate appointment recommendations to the Hunter Education Division Manager for further review. The number of names recommended shall not exceed the number of available openings on the MHAG; however, the MHAG may choose to recommend fewer candidates than the number of available openings.*
- 4. The Hunter Education Division Manager shall conduct a background check on each recommended candidate. Based on the findings of the background check, the Hunter Education Division Manager shall notify the MHAG Chair of the final candidate recommendations that will be forwarded to the WDFW Wildlife Program Assistant Director for final review.*

Master Hunter Advisory Group Member Appointment

- 1. After reviewing the applications of the top candidates, the Wildlife Program Assistant Director will provide the WDFW Director with his or her recommendations for appointment.*
- 2. The WDFW Director shall make the final appointment decision for those candidates the Wildlife Program Assistant Director has recommended.*
- 3. All candidates will be notified of their selection status.*