



Non-Refundable Renewal Fee: \$25.00



**MASTER HUNTER PERMIT RENEWAL
Criminal Background Check Authorization**

Chapter 77.32 RCW provides authority to conduct criminal background checks for Master Hunters permit renewals. By signing this form and submitting your non-refundable renewal fee you specifically authorize the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to conduct your criminal background check.

The criminal background check requirement and renewal fee apply to every certified Master Hunter for renewal.

Accountability standards and criteria to determine suspensions for certified Master Hunters were established by the state legislature. These criteria will be applied in the criminal background checks and during the period of validity for Master Hunter permits. WAC 232-12-073 – states the following:

- If a Master Hunter pays the required fine or is found to have committed an infraction under Chapter 77.15 RCW or WDFW rules, WDFW shall suspend his/her Master Hunter permit for two years.
- If a Master Hunter pays the required fine or is convicted of a misdemeanor, gross misdemeanor, or felony under chapter 77.15 RCW, WDFW shall suspend his/her Master Hunter permit for life.
- If a Master Hunter pays the required fine or is convicted of trespass, reckless endangerment, criminal conspiracy, or making a false statement to law enforcement, while hunting, fishing, or engaging in any activity regulated by WDFW, WDFW shall suspend his/her Master Hunter permit for life.
- If a Master Hunter pays the required fine or is convicted of a felony prohibiting the possession of firearms, unless firearm possession is reinstated, WDFW shall suspend his/her Master Hunter permit for life.
- If a Master Hunter has a hunting or fishing license revoked or has hunting or fishing license privileges suspended in another state, WDFW shall suspend his/her Master Hunter permit for life.
- If a Master Hunter submits fraudulent information to WDFW, WDFW shall suspend his/her Master Hunter permit for life.
- If a Master Hunter is cited, or charged by complaint, for an offense under Chapter 77.15 RCW; or for trespass, reckless endangerment, criminal conspiracy, or making a false statement to law enforcement while hunting, fishing, or engaging in any activity regulated by WDFW, WDFW may immediately suspend his/her Master Hunter permit until the offense has been adjudicated.
- **If a Master Hunter has his/her Master Hunter permit suspended for a period less than life, they must reapply and repeat the entire Master Hunter permit application process once the suspension period is over.**

I understand that WDFW will conduct a criminal background check applying the accountability standards outlined above and will apply the same standards during the period of validity of my Master Hunter Permit. I further certify under penalty of perjury that I have not violated any of the above standards during the time frames in which they will be applied, and understand that any misrepresentation or concealment of material fact will be sufficient grounds for rejection of my renewal request for a Master Hunter permit.

I hereby authorize WDFW to conduct the necessary criminal background check by my signature below.

Signed Printed Full Name Date

Date of Birth Master Hunter # WILD I.D. # E-mail

Submit your signed *Master Hunter Permit Renewal Criminal Background Check Authorization* form along with your non-refundable \$25 renewal fee and all approved *Proof of Service* form(s) (required for volunteer conservation project work) and a copy of your C.O.R.T. certificate (unless proof of C.O.R.T. was submitted previously).

Return all materials to: WDFW, Master Hunter Section, Wildlife Program 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501. DO NOT send cash. Make checks or money orders payable to WDFW Master Hunter.