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EDUCATIONAL GROUP FISHING PERMIT

A group fishing permit allows a group of individuals to fish and harvest shellfish without individual licenses or the payment of individual license fees. The director may issue an educational group fishing permit to groups working in partnership with and participating in WDFW outdoor education programs. The permit is valid only for use during open seasons.

PERMIT CONDITIONS:

1. Permit application must be received at least 21 days prior to fishing event.
2. Fishing activity must take place in conjunction with at least two hours of angler education, including angling regulations/ethics, aquatic habitat/conservation, water/boating safety and species identification. High school teachers must submit an angler education unit plan that outlines instructional activities and lessons (attach to application).
3. Instruction plan must be approved by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.
4. Group leader must possess an annual fishing license or short-term license valid on the day(s) of the fishing activity. If group includes more than 50 students, there must be at least one licensed angler /instructor per 50 students.
5. Educational group permit is valid for one day only, except that this limit may be extended to as many as four days for certain school classes and other angler-training programs involving one group over an extended period. In any case, permit will be valid only for date(s) and times specified on permit. (If asking for more than one fishing day, attach explanation and justification.)
6. Permits will be issued for groups targeting non-catch-record-card species only. (No group permits for salmon, steelhead, Sturgeon, Dungeness crab or halibut fishing.)
7. Group leader must have the permit on his/her person during the fishing activity, with a complete list of participants attached.
8. All seasonal restrictions, gear regulations and bag limits will be strictly enforced.

APPLICATION

School or program name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: **WA** Zip: _____

Event Date(s) _____ Time _____ Location _____

Group Leader (Please print) _____ State Fishing License Number: _____

Description of angler education _____

Signature: _____ Number of students participating: _____

DATE ISSUED: _____ **PERMIT #:** _____

ISSUED BY: _____

DEPARTMENT USE ONLY FACILITY: _____

PERMIT # _____

Notification Clause

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