

Agency Request Legislation Expanding Eligibility for ADA Advisory Committee



In 2001, the Legislature directed the Fish and Wildlife Commission to appoint seven volunteers to serve on an advisory committee. This committee represents the interests of disabled hunters, anglers, and wildlife viewers on matters pertaining to barriers to recreational access to public lands, WDFW managed lands, and hunting and fishing opportunities for persons with disabilities. This committee works closely with the Department to review, enhance, and create more recreational opportunities.

Problem Statement:

As currently written, the requirements to be a member of the ADA Advisory Committee ([RCW 77.04.150](#)) for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife are too narrow. Eligible members are individuals with a disability, with preference given to individuals with specific disabilities.

Solution:

WDFW is seeking legislative changes to remove the language that preferences certain disabilities for membership on the advisory committee; as well as adding language to allow for individuals who have demonstrable experience working with disabled persons in a natural resource environment.

These changes will broaden membership eligibility on the committee for individuals with all types of disabilities and experienced caregivers. It will also increase the performance of the committee by providing for diverse viewpoints and experiences to be included in discussions.

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