



Washington Department Fish and Wildlife

ADA PROGRAM

for persons with disabilities



Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Set laws, regulations, and other legal requirements for the federal government, federal contractors and any entity receiving federal funds.

SECTION 504

Obligates state and local governments to ensure that persons with disabilities have equal access to programs, services, or activities receiving federal funds and/or grants.

Americans with Disabilities Act 1990

Goes further to include private businesses, non-profits, and organizations receiving federal funds and/or grants.

- > Defines disabilities.
- > Includes Title I and Title II
- > Enforcement through Dept. of Justice, and
- > Civil Rights Division.

2012 Statistical Data

108,000 Persons with disabilities are registered with WDFW.

33,000 Of those are Veterans.

74,000 Are currently active with a WDFW license.

4,714 Applied for the Road Access Entry Program.

835 More than 2011.

1,862 Received a Special Use Permit.

* Five year average

What defines a Disability in Washington State for Hunting / Fishing / Wildlife Viewing

- WAC 232-12-828 Hunting of game birds and animals by persons with a disability.
- WAC 220-55-065 Fishing for shellfish, freshwater fish, or saltwater fish by persons with a disability.
- RCW 71A.10.020 Developmental Disability per DSHS.

Four Classifications of Disability Status - WDFW

- ✓ **LOWER EXTREMITY IMPAIRMENT** - *A permanent condition which causes a physical impairment to the body's lower extremity region, therefore, substantially impairing or severely interfering with mobility over natural terrain without a lower extremity prosthesis or must permanently use a medically prescribed assistive device, including, but not limited to, a wheelchair, crutch, cane, leg brace, walker, or oxygen bottle.*
- ✓ **UPPER EXTREMITY IMPAIRMENT** - *A permanent condition which causes a physical impairment to the body's upper extremity region, therefore, making the individual physically incapable of holding and safely operating a hunting, fishing or shell harvesting device.*
- ✓ **BLIND / VISUALLY IMPAIRED** - *A permanent condition where the central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is not greater than 20 degrees.*
- ✓ **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY** - *A permanent cognitive intellectual disability which originates before the individual attains age eighteen such as: Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome, Muscular Dystrophy, Epilepsy, Autism... Conditions not qualifying: PTSD, ADD, ADHD, Bi-polar, Anxiety, Depression, Parkinson, Multiple Sclerosis...*



WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
HUNTER / FISHER DISABILITY STATUS APPLICATION
 Mail to: WDFW, Licensing Division, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501-1091
 Fax to: (360) 902-2466

Please Print Clearly												APPLICANT INFORMATION REQUIRED			
LAST NAME						FIRST NAME			MIDDLE	SUFFIX JR / SR					
MAILING ADDRESS						PHYSICAL ADDRESS									
CITY				STATE	ZIP	CITY			STATE	ZIP					
SEX M / F	HEIGHT FT.	IN.	WEIGHT LBS.	DOB	EYE COLOR	SEX									
WILD ID				EMAIL				PHONE							
Please select one or both of the following applications: <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting															
Physician: please check and sign one or more following boxes to describe above applicant.															
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent non-operable physical disability: Upper Extremity Impairment <small>Physician Signature</small>															
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent non-operable physical disability: Lower Extremity Impairment <small>Physician Signature</small>															
<p>A person who has a permanent disability and is not ambulatory over natural terrain without a lower extremity prosthesis or must permanently use a medically prescribed assistive device for mobility, including, but not limited to, a wheelchair, crutch, cane, walker, or oxygen bottle; or A person who has a permanent disability and is physically incapable of holding and safely operating a firearm or other legal hunting device; or This definition includes, but is not limited to, persons with a permanent upper or lower extremity impairment who have lost the use of one or both upper or lower extremities, or who have a diagnosed permanent disease or disorder which substantially impairs or severely interferes with mobility or the use of one or both upper or lower extremities for holding and safely operating a firearm or other legal device.</p>															
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent non-operable physical disability: Blind / Visually Impaired <small>Physician Signature</small>															
<p>Central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is not greater than 20 degrees.</p>															
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Developmental disability: Physical / Mental Impairment <small>Physician Signature</small>															
<p>A disability attributable to an intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or another neurological or other condition of an individual found by the secretary to be closely related to an intellectual disability or to require treatment similar to that required for individuals with intellectual disabilities, which originates before the individual attains age eighteen, which has continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely, and which constitutes a substantial limitation to the individual. RCW 71A.10.020 (4).</p>															
<p>I am a registered physician for the above named person, and by my signature do certify under penalty of perjury of the law, the above applicant has a permanent disability as I have indicated.</p>															
<p>X <small>Physician's Signature</small> _____ Date _____</p>															
<p>Physician's Name _____ Title _____ <small>(Please print clearly)</small></p>															
<p>Address _____ Zip _____</p>															
<p>Telephone Number: () _____ Medical License Number: _____ <small>Washington</small></p>															
WDFW USE ONLY															
Approved By: _____						Date: _____									



WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
HUNTER / FISHER REDUCED FEES APPLICATION
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 Fax to: (360) 902-2466

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CITY				STATE	ZIP		CITY				STATE	ZIP			
SEX M / F	HEIGHT FT.	IN.	WEIGHT		DOB		EYE COLOR		SEX						
WILD ID				EMAIL				PHONE							
COMPLETE FOR REDUCED FEE HUNTING AND/OR FISHING LICENSES															
Both selections are automatic for this application :												<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting		
<p><i>This is for reduced fees only. This does not provide access to assistance cards, programs or facilities. You must fill out the hunter/fisher disability application to receive Disability Status.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Resident Veterans: with at least 30% service connected disability as verified by VA letter (RCW 77.32.480)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Resident Veterans 65 years of age or older: with a service connected disability as verified by VA letter (RCW 77.32.480) <small>(Veterans must include with this application a copy of their VA letter showing name and rating clearly)</small></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Resident who permanently use a wheelchair: as certified by the physician's signature below (RCW 77.32.480)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Resident who is Blind or Visually Impaired: central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses or visual field is not greater than 20 degrees per physician's signature below (RCW 77.32.480)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Resident with a Developmental Disability: as determined by DSHS Authority or Physician's Certification below (RCW 71A.10.020) <small>(The intellectual developmental disability must have originated before the individual attained age eighteen)</small></p>															
Only registered physician's may certify a disability on this application. WAC 200.00.000															
<p><i>I am a registered physician for the above named person, and by my signature do certify under penalty of perjury of the law, the above applicant has a permanent disability as I have indicated.</i></p> <p>X _____ Physician's Signature _____ Date _____</p> <p>Physician's Name _____ Title _____ <small>(Please print clearly)</small></p> <p>Address _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Telephone Number: { } _____ Medical License Number: _____ <small>Mandatory</small></p>															
<p><i>I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing information is true and correct.</i></p> <p>X _____ Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____</p>															
WDFW USE ONLY															
Approved By:						Date:									



WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Mail to: WDFW, ADA Manager, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501-1091
 Fax to: (360) 902-2392

Please Print Clearly										APPLICANT INFORMATION REQUIRED				1.
LAST NAME					FIRST NAME					MIDDLE	SUFFIX JR / SR			
MAILING ADDRESS					PHYSICAL ADDRESS									
CITY			STATE	ZIP		CITY			STATE	ZIP				
SEX M / F	HEIGHT FT. IN.		WEIGHT		DOB	EYE COLOR		HAIR COLOR						
WILD ID				EMAIL				PHONE						
<p>I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State Of Washington that the information provided on this form is true and correct. RCW 77.15.650(1)(a) Penalty Providing False Information</p> <p>Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____</p>														

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DISABILITY											2.
<p>Physician: The above applicant is applying for a Special Use Permit for accommodation in hunting, fishing or wildlife viewing activities. State law restricts such permit to persons with permanent non-operable disabilities. There are no temporary permits.</p> <p>Archery Adaptive Equipment: Includes but is not limited to; cocking devices that hold a bow at full draw, trigger mechanisms that may be released by mouth or chin, and devices that assist in supporting the bow. This permit is for hunters who have a permanent upper extremity impairment, rendering them unable to use conventional archery equipment. WAC 232-12-054(4)(a)</p> <p>Crossbow: Hunters unable to use archery adaptive equipment may qualify to use a crossbow. Applicant must have significant loss in the use of the upper extremities which substantially impairs the ability to safely hold, grasp, or shoot a long bow, recurve bow, or compound bow. WAC 232-12-054(4)(b)</p> <p>Scopes: Scopes may be allowed on Crossbows and Muzzleloaders for persons who are visually impaired. Visually impaired means central visual acuity that does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field is no greater than twenty degrees. WAC 232-12-828(1)(e)</p> <p>Fly Fishing Only Waters: Anglers with a permanent non-operable upper extremity impairment, who are physically incapable of using conventional fly fishing gear may qualify to use spin-casting gear with a casting bubble. Monofilament line is permitted with no limit on the breaking strength of the line. WAC 220-56-210</p> <p>Copies of your testing protocol and results may be submitted with this application, or may be requested for further examination. Physicians certifying a disability must have intimate knowledge and documentation of the above applicants condition. Please read and answer the following pages carefully. You will be responsible for all information provided in this application.</p> <p>If you have any questions pertaining to hunting regulations, equipment design & use, acceptable testing methods or have a patient with a disability not meeting the criteria above, please call the ADA Program Office at (360) 902-2349. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife strives to accommodate all persons with permanent disabilities concerning their recreational experiences.</p>											

How WDFW provides opportunity and access without barriers

❖ HUNTING

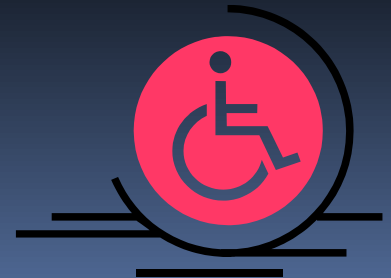
Road Access Programs, Bird Blinds, Special Permit Tags...

❖ FISHING

Ramp & Dock Access, Special Disability Fisheries...

❖ WILDLIFE VIEWING

Viewing platforms, Blinds, Paths and Benches...



Barrier free Hunting Blinds





Accessible Roads

for hunters...



well constructed fishing ramps...





Docks
Pods
Piers

Wildlife Viewing Blinds & Trails



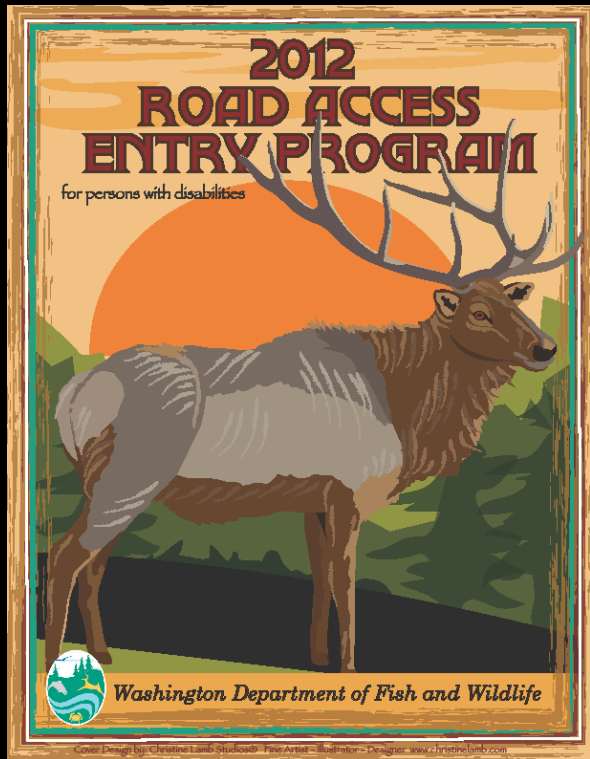


and Disabled
Observation Areas

WDFW Objective



successfully provide ADA opportunities.



June 1st - July 31st



DNR Capitol Forest

DC Line Road GMU 663

Capitol State Forest - DC Line Road (GMU 663) Located in the Capitol Forest between Porter and Oakville opposite of State Route 12 - Mile Post 31. Approximately 4 miles of road accessing good views of both timber and cut over areas. Be extremely cautious. Logging is occurring on this road and there could be brush pickers. ATVs are allowed. No camping.

Entry Number	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits
D 057	Early Archery	September 4 - 9	3
D 058	Early Archery	September 11 - 16	3
D 059	Early Archery	September 18 - 23	3
D 060	Muzzleloader	Sept. 29 - Oct. 2	3
D 061	Muzzleloader	October 5 - 9	3
D 062	Muzzleloader	October 12 - 16	3
D 063	Modern	October 19 - 23	3
D 064	Modern	October 26 - 30	3
D 065	Modern	November 2 - 6	3
D 066	Modern	November 9 - 13	3
D 067	Modern	November 16 - 20	3
D 068	Modern	November 23 - 27	3
D 069	Modern	December 30 - January 3	3



US FOREST SERVICE

Naches Ranger District (GMU 352) Check with the US Forest Service Ranger District for the type of vehicle allowed behind the gates. Maps of USFS may be purchased from any USFS Office and will provide more detail of the area. Camping is available outside the gate. Two non-hunting persons are allowed to assist the hunter with a disability.

Nile (GMU 352)

North of Naches on SR 400 proceed approximately 9 miles to the Nile Road. Turn left and follow about 3.5 miles to USFS Road view, which enters on the left. Stay on main line view about 12 miles to Road block. Turn left and go 100 yards to the gate. 2x4 vehicle area - road not maintained.

Entry Number	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits
D 223	Early Archery	September 18 - 23	2
D 224	Muzzleloader	Sept 29 - Oct 5	2

WDFW Oak Creek Wildlife Area Cougar Canyon GMU 360



WDFW Oak Creek Wildlife Area - Cougar Canyon (GMU 360)

This 40,368 acre Oak Creek Unit is 8 miles west of Naches on Hwy 12. A winter elk feeding program is conducted annually. This access departs from the office headquarters on the Bethel Ridge road and up passed the Cougar Canyon road on the right. Stay on Bethel Ridge to the signed area on right approximately 5 miles. All permits must be displayed in this area. Only one ATV per entry is allowed at this site. No off road travel. This road is not maintained, 4x4 vehicle recommended. Primitive camping on Bethel Ridge road and at office available with permission. USFS Forest Service campgrounds are nearby. Please contact the Naches Ranger Station for more information.

Entry Number	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits
D 043	Early Archery	September 5 - 10	1
D 044	Early Archery	September 12 - 17	1
D 045	Muzzleloader	Sept 29 - Oct 2	1
D 046	Muzzleloader	October 4 - 7	1
D 047	Modern	October 13 - 16	1
D 048	Modern	October 18 - 21	1
E 049	Muzzleloader	October 6 - 8	1
E 050	Muzzleloader	October 10 - 12	1
E 051	Modern	October 27 - 30	1
E 052	Modern	November 1 - 4	1

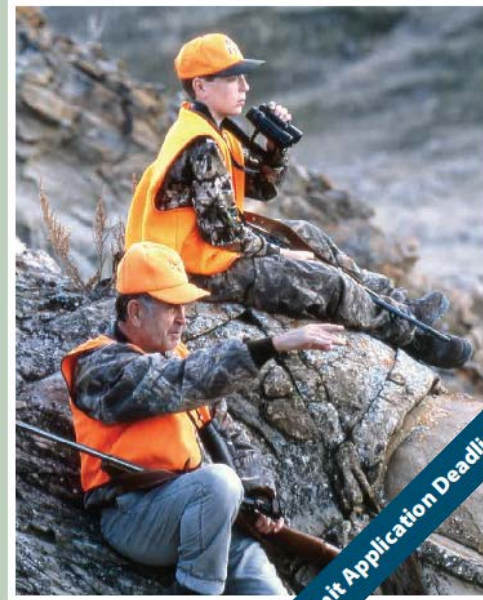
Deer Tags
Elk Tags

Disabled
Hunts

May 1st - May 18th

Washington's 2012 Big Game Hunting Seasons & Regulations

Effective April 1, 2012 - March 31, 2013



Special Permit Application Deadline: May 18, 2012

Goal: evenly disperse ADA hunting / fishing / wildlife view opportunities throughout the state.



● Hunting

■ Fishing

★ Wildlife Viewing

Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee to the Commission for Persons with Disabilities

RCW 77.04.15



Committee Members

Region 1 – Jerry Wood

Region 2 – Brett Emerson

Region 3 – Reno Pellegrini

Region 4 - David Martin

Region 5 – Rick Erickson

Region 6 – Chair

Burt Dezihan

At Large – Vice Chair

Kevin Frankeburger

ADA Advisory Committee Projects

Motions adopted and passed

RCW and WAC language review to bring up to date with current law.

Scopes on Crossbows for persons with disabilities.

WAC 232.12.054(i)

Reduced Fee program change for disabled non-veterans.

RCW 77.32.480(1)(c,d,e)



Ongoing projects...

- * *Development of NEW hunting & wildlife viewing blinds.*
- * *Expansion of the Road Access Program.*
- * *Increase number of Special Hunts for disabled hunters.*
- * *Create new Deer tag for youths with a disability.*

ADA Program Accomplishments

2011-12

- ✓ Redesigned the Disability Status application
- ✓ Added developmental disability to Disability Status application
- ✓ Redesigned the Reduced Fee application
- ✓ Redesigned the Special Use Permit application
- ✓ Expanded special use permit renewals from one year to five years
- ✓ Incorporated Road Access Entry drawing submissions online
- ✓ Expanded Road Access Program by 42 opportunities – 261 total
- ✓ Refashioned the Road Access Program booklet
- ✓ Developed a statewide ADA public presentation plan
- ✓ Acquired a \$69,000 Nova Grant to enlarge the Blue Creek ADA fishing ramp

For more information please contact:

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ADA Access Program Manager

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