



***SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION
MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DISABILITY***

PLEASE TAKE ENTIRE APPLICATION PACKET TO THE DOCTOR

Name: _____	
Address: _____ _____	
City: _____	State _____ Zip _____
Telephone: () _____	E-Mail: _____
Height: _____ Weight: _____ Color Hair: _____ Color Eyes: _____	
Female: _____	Male: _____ Birth Date: _____
WILD ID # _____ (WILD ID# is issued by the Department through the new WILD Computer System)	
DISABLED HUNTER PERMIT # _____ (Mandatory)	
HARVESTER CARD # _____ (Mandatory for Fly-Fishing Only Special Use Permit)	
_____	_____
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provided on this form is true.

RCW 77.15.270 Penalty Providing False Information

Please return this form to:
Brenda Kane, ADA Coordinator
600 Capitol Way North,
Olympia, WA 98501-1091
Questions call (360) 902-2349

SPECIAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: (Print) _____

A Special Use Permit is not available for persons with a temporary disability or for persons not protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Criteria: (Please refer to the attached WAC 232-12-054 and WAC 232-12-828)

1. Doctor Please check the appropriate box(s) and initial: SELECT EITHER ARCHERY ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT OR CROSSBOW – DO NOT SELECT BOTH

- _____ **Archery Adaptive Equipment:** A person with a permanent disability that has a loss of use of one or both upper extremities, has a significant limitation in the use of an upper extremity, or has a permanent physical limitation, which loss or limitation substantially impairs the ability to safely hold, grasp or shoot a long bow, recurve bow or compound bow. The loss or limitation may be the result of, but not limited to, amputation, paralysis, diagnosed disease, or birth defect. Please refer to samples in the application packet when making determination. Adaptive equipment includes cocking devices that hold the bow at full draw; trigger mechanisms that may be released by mouth, or chin, or hand holding the bow; and devices that assist in supporting the bow.

- _____ **Crossbow:** Persons must meet the requirements for an Archery Adaptive Special Use Permit and must be unable to use adaptive archery equipment. **Doctor's must state why the applicant is unable to use adaptive archery equipment and why they need to use a crossbow.** Muscle weakness, impaired range of motion, or unilateral hand weakness disability, of both hands, or both arms or both sides of the upper extremity, may result in an inability to use adaptive archery equipment. (A copy of the testing protocol and results may be submitted with the application)

- _____ **Scopes:** Scopes are 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)
 - Crossbow (only for persons qualifying for/or having a crossbow special use permit)
 - Muzzleloader

- _____ **Fly Fishing Only Waters:** (See WAC 220-56-210) Person has a permanent disability and because of the inability to use one or both upper extremities, the fisher is physically incapable of using conventional fly fishing gear. Fishers who qualify may use spin-casting gear with a casting bubble. Monofilament line is permitted with no limit on the breaking strength of the line.

Statement and Signature/Stamp Block on the next page _____➔

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2. Doctor's Statement of why the Applicant's disability meets the criteria for a Special Use Permit and/or why Applicant cannot use standard archery equipment or adaptive archery equipment and therefore qualifies for a Crossbow Special Use Permit:

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3. Doctor's Statement of why Applicant meets the criteria for a scope on a muzzleloader, adaptive archery equipment or a crossbow:

4. Doctor's Statement of why Applicant meets the criteria to use spin-casting gear with a casting bubble.

Print Doctor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: () _____

Doctor's Signature: **Date:**

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury under the Laws of the State of Washington that the information provided on this form is true. RCW 77.15.270

Doctor's Medical License Number:
(Required)

Hunting of game birds and animals by persons with a disability.

(1) Definitions:

(a) "Hunter with a disability" means a person with a permanent disability who possesses a disabled hunter permit issued by the department. A hunter with a disability must have all required licenses, tags, permits, and stamps before hunting.

(b) "Disabled hunter permit" means a permit, card, or endorsement to a license issued by the department to any person with a permanent disability who applies to the department and presents such evidence as the director may require showing that the applicant is a person with a qualifying disability. Upon approval of the application, the department will issue a vehicle identification placard. A designated hunter companion card will be issued with a hunting license.

(c) "Designated hunter companion" means a person who assists a hunter with a disability in the stalking, shooting, tracking, retrieving, or tagging of game birds and game animals.

(d) "Designated hunter companion card" means an identification card issued by the department to the hunter with a disability.

(e) "Blind or visually impaired" means a central visual acuity that does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with corrective lenses, or the widest diameter of the visual field does not exceed twenty degrees.

(f) "Accompany" means the hunter with a disability and the designated hunter companion are in the physical presence of each other, not to exceed a 1/4-mile separation. While stalking or shooting an animal, the hunter with a disability and the designated hunter companion must have a form of reliable and direct communication.

(g) "Special use permit" means a permit issued by the department to a person with a specific permanent disability as a reasonable accommodation. The special use permit allows for a specific act or acts to include, but not be limited to, use of adaptive mechanical, electrical, or specialty equipment or devices that aid the person in hunting.

(h) "Person with a disability" means:

(i) 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

(ii) A person who has a permanent disability and is physically incapable of holding and safely operating a firearm or other legal hunting device.

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 severe limitation in 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 hunting device; or

(iii) A person who is blind or visually impaired.

(i) "Public highway" means the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained when any part thereof is open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel as defined in RCW [46.04.197](#).

(2) The designated hunter companion must accompany the hunter with a disability when stalking or shooting game on behalf of the hunter with a disability. The hunter with a disability or the designated hunter companion must immediately cut, notch, or date any required tag. The tag must be affixed to the carcass of the game bird or animal as soon as is reasonably possible after killing the game.

(3) The designated hunter companion does not need to accompany the hunter with a disability while tracking an animal wounded by either hunter, or while tagging or retrieving a downed animal on behalf of the hunter with a disability.

(4) It is unlawful for a designated hunter companion to assist a hunter with a disability unless the designated hunter companion has the designated hunter companion identification card on his or her person.

(5) It is unlawful for a hunter with a disability to shoot from a motor vehicle, unless the vehicle is stopped, the motor is turned off and the vehicle is removed from the maintained portion of a public highway. If the roadway is not paved, and it is impossible

for the hunter with a disability to completely remove the vehicle from the roadway, then the hunter may shoot from the vehicle if the vehicle is as far off the roadway as possible. A disabled hunter vehicle identification placard must be displayed.

(6) It is unlawful for any person to possess a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle, except if the person is a hunter with a disability and the vehicle is in compliance with subsection (5) of this section.

(7) Game birds or game animals killed, tagged or retrieved by a designated hunter companion on behalf of a hunter with a disability do not count against the designated hunter companion's bag or possession limit.

(8) A designated hunter companion shooting game for or who may be shooting game for a hunter with a disability must have a valid hunting license issued by Washington or another state.

WAC 232-12-054

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Archery requirements — Archery special use permits.

(1) Rules pertaining to all archery:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to carry or have in his possession any firearm while in the field archery hunting, during an archery season specified for that area.

(b) It is unlawful to have any electrical equipment or electric device(s) attached to the bow or arrow while hunting.

(c) It is unlawful to shoot a bow and arrow from a vehicle or from, across or along the maintained portion of a public highway, except persons with a disabled hunter permit may shoot from a vehicle if the hunter is in compliance with WAC [232-12-828](#).

(d) It is unlawful to use any device secured to or supported by the bow for the purpose of maintaining the bow at full draw or in a firing position, except persons with an archery special use permit may hunt game birds or game animals using a device that stabilizes and holds a long bow, recurve bow, or compound bow at a full draw, and may use a mechanical or electrical release.

(e) It is unlawful to hunt wildlife with a crossbow, except disabled hunter permittees in possession of a crossbow special use permit.

(f) It is unlawful to hunt big game animals with any arrow or bolt that does not have a sharp broadhead, and the broadhead blade or blades are less than seven-eighths inch wide.

(g) It is unlawful to hunt big game animals with a broadhead blade unless the broadhead is unbarbed and completely closed at the back end of the blade or blades by a smooth, unbroken surface starting at maximum blade width forming a smooth line toward the feather end of the shaft and such line does not angle toward the point.

(h) It is unlawful to hunt wildlife with any bow or crossbow equipped with a scope. Except hunters with disabilities who meet the definition of being visually impaired in WAC [232-12-828](#) may receive a special use permit that would allow the use of scopes or other visual aids. A disabled hunter permit holder in possession of a special use permit that allows the use of a scope or visual aid may hunt game birds or game animals during archery seasons.

(2) Rules pertaining to long bow, recurve bow and compound bow archery:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to hunt big game animals with a bow that possesses less than 40 pounds of pull measured at twenty-eight inches or less draw length.

(b) It is unlawful to hunt big game animals with any arrow measuring less than 20 inches in length or weighing less than 6 grains per pound of draw weight with a minimum arrow weight of 300 grains.

(3) Rules pertaining to crossbows:

(a) It is unlawful for a disabled hunter permit holder in possession of a crossbow special use permit to hunt big game animals with a crossbow with a draw weight less than 125 pounds, a limb width less than 24 inches, a draw length less than 14 inches, and a working trigger safety.

(b) It is unlawful for a disabled hunter permit holder in possession of a crossbow special use permit to hunt big game animals with any arrow or bolt measuring less than 16 inches in length and weighing less than 350 grains.

(c) It is unlawful for a disabled hunter permit holder in possession of a crossbow special use permit to hunt game animals or game birds with a crossbow that weighs more than 15 pounds.

(4) Archery special use permits:

(a) An archery special use permit is available to a person who possesses a valid disabled hunter permit. An archery special use permit application must be signed by a physician stating that the person's disability is permanent and the person has a loss of use of one or both upper extremities, has a significant limitation in the use of an upper extremity, or has a permanent physical limitation, which loss or limitation substantially impairs the ability to safely hold, grasp or shoot a long bow, recurve bow or compound bow. The loss or limitation may be the result of, but not limited to, amputation, paralysis, diagnosed disease, or birth defect. The approved archery special use permit must be in the physical possession of the person while using adaptive archery equipment as described in subsection (1)(d) of this section to hunt game birds or game animals.

(b) A crossbow special use permit is available to a person who meets the requirements for an archery special use permit and is unable to use adaptive archery equipment. Adaptive equipment includes, but is not limited to: Cocking devices that hold the bow at full draw; trigger mechanisms that may be released by mouth, or chin, or hand supporting the bow; and devices that assist in supporting the bow. Information describing types of adaptive equipment will be provided to physicians for their assessment of the applicant's ability to utilize adaptive archery equipment. Muscle weakness, impaired range of motion, or unilateral hand weakness disability, of both hands or both arms or both sides of the upper extremity, may result in an inability to use adaptive archery equipment. Standard tests approved by the American Medical Association may be conducted to assess a person's abilities.

WAC 232-12-051 **Muzzleloading firearms.**

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(1) It is unlawful to carry or possess any firearm during muzzleloading seasons which does not meet the following specification for a muzzleloader. A muzzleloading firearm is loaded from the muzzle and uses black powder or a black powder substitute as recommended by the manufacturer for use in muzzleloading firearms. A muzzleloading firearm has a single or double barrel of at least 20 inches, rifled or smooth-bored. Ignition is to be wheel lock, matchlock, flintlock, or percussion using original style percussion caps that fit on the nipple and are exposed to the elements. Shot shell and 209 primers are not legal.

(2) Sights must be open, peep or of other open sight design. Fiber optic sights are legal. Telescopic sights or sights containing glass are prohibited. It is unlawful to have any electrical device or equipment attached to a muzzleloading firearm while hunting. Except hunters with disabilities who meet the definition of being visually impaired in WAC [232-12-828](#) may receive a special use permit that would allow the use of scopes or other visual aids. A disabled hunter permit holder in possession of a special use permit that allows the use of a scope or visual aid may hunt game birds or game animals during muzzleloader seasons.

(3) A muzzleloading firearm used for deer must fire a single, nonjacketed lead projectile of nominal 40 caliber or larger, except that buckshot size #1 or larger may be used in a smoothbore of 60 caliber or larger.

(4) A muzzleloading firearm used for all other big game must fire a single, nonjacketed lead projectile of nominal 50 caliber or larger, or fire a single, nonjacketed lead projectile of at least 170 grains.

(5) This section shall not apply to the carrying of a handgun designed to be charged with black powder only.

(6) This section shall not apply to persons lawfully hunting game birds with a shotgun.

(7) Only one barrel of a double barrel muzzleloader may be loaded with powder or bullet or capped at any one time while hunting in a muzzleloading season except in specified firearm restricted areas.

WAC 220-56-210 **Fly fishing.**

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(1) It is unlawful to fish in waters restricted to "fly fishing only" with the use of:

(a) A fixed spool reel.

(b) Fishing line other than conventional fly line, except that other line may be used for backing and leader if it is attached to

not less than 25 feet of conventional fly line.

- (c) Hooks that exceed 1/2 inch when measured from point to shank.
 - (d) Not more than two flies each with a barbless single hook.
 - (e) Bait.
 - (f) Weight attached to the leader or line.
- (2) Only knotless nets may be used to land fish in waters restricted to "fly fishing only."
- (3) Violation of this subsection is an infraction, punishable under RCW [77.15.160](#).

It is unlawful to possess fish taken with gear in violation of the provisions of this section. Possession of fish while using gear in violation of the provisions of this section is a rebuttable presumption that the fish were taken with such gear. Possession of such fish is punishable under RCW [77.15.380](#) Unlawful recreational fishing in the second degree -- Penalty, unless the fish are taken in the amounts or manner to constitute a violation of RCW [77.15.370](#) Unlawful recreational fishing in the first degree -- Penalty.

(4) "Fly" means a lure on which thread, feathers, hackle, or yarn cover a minimum of half the shank of the hook. Metallic colored tape, tinsel, mylar, or beadeyes may be used as an integral part of the design of the fly pattern.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, persons who have a permanent disability that significantly limits the use of one or both upper extremities may use spinning gear and may fish from a floating device equipped with an electric motor in lakes where fishing from a floating device is allowed in fly fishing only waters as provided for in this section.

(a) A fisher with a disability must apply for a fly fishing special use permit by presenting a letter from a physician stating that the fisher's disability is permanent and that, because of the inability to use one or both upper extremities, the fisher is physically incapable of using conventional fly fishing gear.

(b) The fisher will be issued a fly fishing special use permit in the form of a wearable tag. The fisher must have the special use permit in his or her possession at all times while using spin casting gear in fly fishing only waters, and may display the permit on outer clothing.

(c) It is lawful for persons in possession of a fly fishing special use permit to use the following gear:

- (i) Fishers may use spin casting gear with a casting bubble.
- (ii) Monofilament line is permitted with no limit on the breaking strength of the line.
- (iii) Hook size and barb restrictions, fishing fly requirements, and bait and weight prohibitions as provided for in this section apply to both conventional fly fishing and spin-bubble fly fishing.