

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife 2018 Hunt Coordinator Guidelines

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has increased the level of standardization when deploying Master Hunters on Hunt Coordinator hunts. Some Master Hunters participate in wildlife damage removals in more than one WDFW administrative region. Standard deployment processes provide all Master Hunters with consistency in terms of what they can expect from WDFW.

The goal of this process is to provide flexibility to deploy Master Hunters in a way that will:

- Utilize Master Hunter skills, abilities, and knowledge to increase success rates for given damage situations
- Better meet landowner needs/desires relative to wildlife damage
- Increase efficiencies for Hunt Coordinator
- Utilize Master Hunters to the extent possible to address damage situations

Points are restored to Master Hunters who are drawn for, but do not have an opportunity to participate in a damage hunt. For the purposes of damage removals, an opportunity is described as being deployed on a Hunt Coordinator hunt.

Master Hunter Deployment

1. Master Hunters will be contacted in draw order on an as needed basis.
 - A. Contact is defined as calling the home phone number and cell phone number listed in the Master Hunter's WILD ID profile in the WILD system. If no home phone number or cell phone number is listed, the Hunt Coordinator will contact the next Master Hunter on the list.
 - i. When possible, the Hunt Coordinator will leave a message stating they tried to contact the Master Hunter for deployment.
 - ii. The Hunt Coordinator will log all contacts.
 - B. If the Master Hunter does not answer or is unable to participate, the Hunt Coordinator will move to the next Master Hunter on the list. There is no guarantee that the Master Hunter will be contacted a second time.
2. The Hunt Coordinator can deviate from the list in the following instances:
 - A. If a landowner requests a specific Master Hunter.
 - B. If a landowner does not want to allow access to a specific Master Hunter.
 - C. If an immediate response is needed to address an emergency situation.
 - D. A Master Hunter is not proficient with the hunting equipment needed for the removal (e.g., a Master Hunter has proven proficiency with a modern firearm, but he/she is not comfortably proficient with archery equipment).
 - E. There may be other situations when the Hunt Coordinator must deviate from the list to address a given damage situation.
3. Deviations and reasons for deviations from the list will be recorded on the contact spreadsheet maintained by the Hunt Coordinator
4. Once every Master Hunter on the list has been contacted for the first time, the Hunt Coordinator has the ability to select remaining Master Hunters based on the situational needs of the current damage situation.