

MHPP Orientation Recap

WDFW held six MHPP orientations in 2018 with one in each region. The total number of attendees was 126. Two of the orientations had a CORT training associated with them. Those were in Spokane and Mill Creek with a total of 90 applicants having completed the CORT training as well as the orientation. Below are the attendees per location. The Tri-cities orientation had very little promotion time before it was scheduled.

- Tri-Cities – 1
- Moses Lake – 7
- Olympia – 12
- Longview – 16
- Spokane – 22
- Mill Creek – 68

WDFW Reports and Updates

MHPP 2017 Applicants

The following data was compiled on April 2, 2018. There are 310 Master Hunter Applicants this year. This is down from 350 applicants in 2017. Of those 310, 11 (4%) have sent in their CORT completion certificate. Twenty-four (8%) applicants have taken the test a first time. Twenty (83%) passed the exam on the first attempt. Two (100%) of those who failed have retaken the test and passed. We are down 11% in applicants for this year. Two applicants have completed all requirements and are now Master Hunters.

Region 3 Volunteer Projects & Coordination (*Aaron Garcia*)

- Aaron was at five of the six MHPP orientations.
- He taught CORT classes in Spokane and Mill Creek in conjunction with the orientation.
- Aaron has 10 youth season mentees and 44 general season mentees signed up for spring turkey season. Most to the youth were assigned a mentor, and he is working on the general season. So far, 10 out of the 31 mentors have committed to mentoring this spring.
- He is working on getting volunteers for several projects including, fence removal projects, Yakima Kids fish-in, and RRAG kids fishing day.
- Aaron has started non-government organizations contacts for participation in NHFD. Several have already confirmed.
- He handed out save the date cards at the sportsmen shows and HE classes in the region. Aaron makes it a point to talk about it at every class or event he visits.
- Aaron is working on a plan with conflict staff to meet with landowners in the 3911 Parke Creek area to discuss the Master Hunter Permit Program and what it can do for them.

Region 4 Volunteer Projects & Coordination (*Steve Dazey*)

- Steve answered numerous questions on the availability of CORT training.
- He completed a Master Hunter Orientation at the region 4 office that had 87 people attend.
- Steve and Aaron conducted CORT training at the region 4 orientation.
- He has been working on habitat restoration projects on PSE land in Skagit County.
- Steve also sent out Master Hunter welcome letters to region 4 applicants.
- He is also working with Bill Montgomery on getting the goat crate project completed.

Region 6 Volunteer Projects & Coordination (*Bill Montgomery*)

- Bill hosted two Master Hunter Orientations this year, one in Olympia and one in Longview.
- The three Ness brothers have each put in over 100 hours working on goat crates.
- Bill had three Master Hunters work with sorting the small game surveys for data entry.
- He also contacted a wildlife area manager about upcoming projects.
- He is working with a local biologist on upcoming projects.

Hunter Education Division Specialist (*Kris Thorson*)

- Kris helped at the Master Hunter Orientation in Olympia.
- He has been working on the new materials.
- He worked with conflict staff on drawing up a new standardize Hunt Coordinator Guidelines documents to be used during the 2018 damage season.
- Kris and Dave worked with game division staff to nail down the process Master Hunter special permit points would be reinstated.

NHFD Update

The NHFD celebration this year will be at the Sun Valley Shooting Park in Moxee. We will be having .223, .22, air rifle, archery, and shotgun shooting. The TIP trailer is already booked. NGOs that have been approached for the event are:

- Mule Deer Foundation
- Pheasants Forever
- National Wild Turkey Federation
- Wenas Valley Muzzleloaders
- Back Country Horsemen
- Washington Waterfowl
- Safari Club International
- Kittitas county field and stream
- Richland Rod and Gun

Wenatchee Sportsmen's Association is having an event on September 29 at the North Central Washington Gun Club.