



King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks

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WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION FOR A SPECIAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY UNDER KING COUNTY CODE SECTION 7.12.630

1. Pursuant to the authority granted by K.C.C. 7.12.630 and based on my review of the materials referenced on page 2 of this document, in my capacity as the Director of the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, for good cause, I hereby authorize a special recreational activity, namely, the possession and discharge of certain weapons (modern shotguns, black powder weapons, archery equipment, and revolver-type handguns) for the limited purpose of deer hunting in Island Center Forest on Vashon Island, and only from October 15 to October 31, 2011; and I further find that this activity is not inconsistent with King County park use.
2. Pursuant to K.C.C. 7.12.035, Island Center Forest is closed to all other public uses from October 15 to October 31, 2011.
3. All applicable Washington State hunting laws and regulations are in effect and apply to deer hunting in the Forest during the special recreational activity period of October 15 to October 31, 2011.
4. I hereby direct Division staff to monitor, review, evaluate, and report on this special recreational activity in order to inform the Division's longer-term decisions regarding shooting (and thus deer hunting) at Island Center Forest.
5. This authorization does **not** authorize the discharge of weapons in the Island Center Forest Natural Area, which is located adjacent to and northeast of Island Center Forest. Pursuant to K.C.C. 7.12.630 the discharge of weapons remains **prohibited** in the Island Center Forest Natural Area and on all other lands or property for which the King County Parks and Recreation Division is the custodian, except Island Center Forest as described in Sections 1 through 3 above.

Authorization granted.


Christie True, Director

Department of Natural Resources and Parks




DATE

Copies of these documents, as well as written summaries of consultations and public comments, are attached to the file copy of this written authorization. These documents were made available to the public during the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) comment period. The documents may be reviewed at no cost. Copies may be requested, subject to copying and mailing fees as permitted by law. Contact Kathy Nygard of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, parks and Recreation Division at 206-296-8687 or kathy.nygard@kingcounty.gov to review or request copies of these documents.

1. King County Parks and Recreation Division Staff Report on Deer Hunting in Island Center Forest (September 2011). King County Parks and Recreation Division.
2. King County Parks and Recreation Division White Paper on Deer Hunting in Island Center Forest (September 2011). King County Parks and Recreation Division.
3. King County Parks and Recreation Division Environmental Checklist and Determination of Nonsignificance re: authorization of a special recreational activity to allow possession and discharge of certain weapons for the purpose of deer hunting in Island Center Forest from October 15 to October 31, 2011. (September 2011). King County Parks and Recreation Division.
4. Island Center Forest Site Management Guidelines (April 2006). King County Water and Land Resources Division.
5. Public Comments (oral and written) provided during the October 27, 2010, Island Center Forest Public Meeting.
6. Public comments submitted during the SEPA process from September 14 – 28, 2011, via the King County Parks and Recreation Division public comment forum, (www.parksfeedback.com).
7. Notes and briefings on consultations between King County Parks and Recreation Division Staff and representatives of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, (Russell Link, Wildlife Program Manager, North Puget Sound Region, Guy Norman, Southwestern Regional Director, and Brian N. Kertson, PhD., Wildlife Biologist, North Puget Sound Region (Various dates, 2010 and 2011).
8. The Programmatic Plan for Management of King County-owned Working Forest Properties (August 2003). King County Water and Land Resources Division.