

**WAC 220-450-080 Wildlife rehabilitation—Responsibilities of primary permittees and subpermittees.** (1) Primary permittees and subpermittees are responsible for abiding by all permit terms and conditions, reporting and record requirements, and compliance with state and federal regulations when conducting wildlife rehabilitation or actions associated with wildlife rehabilitation and in accordance with the most current edition of the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association and International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council's Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation.

(2) A primary permittee is directly responsible for both on-site and off-site subpermittees' actions related to wildlife rehabilitation under his or her primary permit.

(a) The primary permittee must submit a completed application provided by the department for each subpermittee;

(b) A primary permittee may have no more than two off-site subpermittees at one time;

(c) A primary permittee must visit the off-site subpermittee at least once a week if the subpermittee has wildlife at his or her facility and is caring for wildlife; a written record must be kept for those visits;

(d) The primary permittee must submit a quarterly report of visits to and animals at off-site subpermittee facilities on the form provided by the department;

(e) An on-site subpermittee is authorized and responsible for managing the wildlife rehabilitation activities at the permitted facility in the temporary absence of the primary permittee; and

(f) A primary permittee must notify the department within ten business days of removing or adding a subpermittee or changing the address of an off-site subpermittee's facility using the application provided by the department.

(3) In addition to subsection (1) of this section subpermittees must also:

(a) Be listed on the primary permittee's wildlife rehabilitation permit;

(b) Be eighteen years of age or older;

(c) Been employed by or a registered volunteer for the primary permittee's wildlife rehabilitation facility and demonstrate at least three hundred documented hours at the facility, at least one month of this experience must occur during the spring or summer, have assisted with or observed all facets of wildlife care practices at the facility, and possess sufficient experience to tend to the species in his or her care;

(d) Possess direct contact information for at least one other employee or volunteer of the permitted facility in addition to the primary permittee, who the subpermittee must be able to reach at any time; and

(e) Comply with all federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act rules.

(4) A violation of this section by a primary permittee or a subpermittee is punishable under RCW 77.15.750(1), Unlawful use of a department permit—Penalty.

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