

Fish and Wildlife Department

Honorary Hunter

Subsistence Requests

Sharing one's harvest with others in need has always been a cornerstone of our Tribal Culture. Not only does this selfless act of kindness greatly help elders, the disabled, and families in need, hunting for others can instill a sense of cultural pride. Linking members together will build important connections and strengthen our community.

What is expected?

- Honorary Hunters are expected to assume the costs of hunting for the animal. Compensation for fuel, bullets, etc. is not provided, nor should it be expected from the "Families in Need." This is a volunteer program to assist these families.
- Honorary Hunters need to be respectful of the requests made by "Families in Need." This means that the hunters should read the "Family in Need Request Form" for specifics, and then coordinate with the families before hunting. As per the "Request Form," the Honorary Hunter may be asked to provide a location for hanging the animal, asked to drop the animal off at a butcher shop, or asked to provide the animal already skinned, but should always provide the meat as clean as possible to the families. These are requests and discussions between the hunter and the family that should be worked out before hunting.
- Honorary Hunters are expected to take pride in their craft. Hunting and providing for another's family is worthy of great respect, and hunters should feel honor while preparing for, hunting for, and taking care of the animals that Mother Nature has provided for us.

What is not expected?

- Honorary Hunters are not expected to take unreasonable requests. For example, Honorary Hunters are not expected to debone the animal, cut and wrap the meat, or pay for butchering costs. Honorary Hunters may cut the meat into quarters (if requested in the "Request Form").
- Honorary Hunters are not expected to take more requests than they can handle or take requests with very short notice. The CTFW wants to create an avenue to help fill needs using cultural practices through the active assistance from volunteers. Hunters are however expected to make a genuine attempt to fill the request once they commit to volunteer.
- Honorary Hunters are expected not to "Trophy Hunt" while they are hunting for "Families in Need." Families in need of subsistence need the meat for food. Honorary Hunters are expected to provide younger animals (spikes, young bucks, does, cows, etc.).

Why do we need Honorary Hunters and what does it mean to be one?

Many individuals do not have the ability to provide fresh subsistence meats for their families. Reasons may include: deaths in the family, disabilities, illnesses, or age. Traditionally, tribal families would be provided for by others in their communities. This traditional practice has continued throughout the centuries, yet at times the connection between "Hunter" and "Family in Need" has not been clear. The CTFW would like to assist in building these cultural connections within our communities.

An Honorary Hunter is a champion of their community; a tribal member that practices one of the oldest of

our traditions. Honorary Hunters are volunteer hunters for those in their community that are in need of assistance. Honorary Hunters are respected for their high ethical hunting standards and for their strict compliance of the approved Colville Tribal Member Hunting Regulations.

***Honorary Hunters follow the CCT Tribal Member Hunting Regulations.
Hunters worthy of honor follow the established rules of the Tribes and are
honest, trustworthy, and fair.***

The Honorary List

- The Fish and Wildlife Department is seeking a list of “Honorary Hunters” that would like to donate their time and expertise to assist “Families in Need” in fulfilling their subsistence needs.
- The “List” will be developed and maintained by CTFW. It will be broken out into four Districts, and possibly an Off-Reservation List (depending on number of requests). These lists will be arranged in order of the date the volunteer signs-up and hunters will be added to the District(s) that they choose.
- Hunters will be selected in order, as they are arranged on the list. If they are available for the request, they will be forwarded the “Request Form” that the “Family in Need” has completed. At that point, the hunter will assume the responsibility to contact and coordinate with the family. If a hunter is not able to take a request due to scheduling or other personal circumstances, the next available hunter on the list will be contacted.

If a Hunter can no longer fill a request that they have received, they should contact the “Family in Need” to inform them. In addition, they need to contact CTFW so that another hunter can be chosen. If you have questions, please contact the main Fish and Wildlife Office at 634.2110.