

Meeting Notes

Subject: Bruno Friia's Request to Modify Archery Equipment

Meeting Date: June 28, 2021

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: via Zoom

In Attendance: Bruno Friia, Requestor; Kqyn Kuka, FWP Tribal Liaison and Diversity Coordinator; Kim Howell, FWP Human Resources Manager; Aimee Hawkaluk, FWP Attorney; Jessica Snyder, FWP Paralegal

Below is a synopsis of the meeting and not verbatim minutes.

Mr. Friia explained that he is requesting an accommodation to use a crossbow during archery season. He has spent \$200 to modify his bow but still cannot use it. He stated that he cannot pull more than 30 pounds.

Kqyn Kuka asked what modifications Mr. Friia made to his bow. Mr. Friia stated that he added an extension to the bow that holds the string in place and has a trigger. Mr. Friia stated that he is unable to pull the string into place for the extension.

Aimee Hawkaluk stated that crossbows are allowed during the general season and asked why Mr. Friia didn't hunt during the general season. Mr. Friia stated he wants to hunt during the archery season because the weather makes it easier to hunt. Ms. Hawkaluk then asked Mr. Friia if he had a specific crossbow in mind. Mr. Friia stated that it would be a standard crossbow with a crank.

Ms. Kuka asked if Mr. Friia qualified for any other disability license. Mr. Friia stated that he did not need any other accommodations. He stated that he can climb a tree stand and doesn't need to hunt from a vehicle. He just can't pull the bow string. Ms. Kuka asked how long he has had the modification to his bow. Mr. Friia stated that he has had the modification for one year.

Mr. Friia stated that he provided information from Dr. Stainer to the Missoula office.

Kim Howell asked Mr. Friia if he hunted during the archery season only. Mr. Friia stated he only hunted during archery season.

Ms. Hawkaluk then explained the process for requests for accommodations. First, members can submit individual requests, just as Mr. Friia has. The request and information will be submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Commissioners for consideration. The second option is any member of the public can request to modify the permit to modify archery equipment criteria to allow crossbows for all individuals who qualify, or to modify the archery season itself to allow use of crossbows. Mr. Friia stated that he understood these options and did not want to request any regulations changes just his individual accommodation request.

Mr. Friia asked that he be sent contact information for everybody in the meeting and the notes from the meeting.

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Meeting notes completed by Jessica Snyder on June 28, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.

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