

# Hunter Education Deferral



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# Hunter Education Deferral Program

- Deferral program began in 2007
- Authorizes once-in-a-lifetime, 1-license year deferral from hunter education
- Specific requirements for deferred & accompanying hunters
- Provides a “try before you buy” opportunity
- Addresses a potential barrier to hunting



# Proposed Rule Changes



- No policy changes
- Remove outdated administrative rule
- Improve customer service
- Decrease administrative costs

# Proposal Efficiencies

Customer Benefits	Agency Benefits
Email application vs. USPS	↓ Number mailed apps & walk-ins ↓ Data entry errors
↓ Turn-around time	↓ Processing time
Easier fee payment & license purchase	↓ Check & cash handling ↑ License sales possible
Elimination of deferral cards	↓ Materials & mailing costs



# Proposal Efficiencies

## Generalized Number of Steps; Deferral Application to License Purchase

	Customer	WDFW
Current System	4 - 8	6
Proposed System	4 (easier, faster)	3 (easier, faster)

# Summary of Public Comments

- 44 Public Comments
  - 54% supported the proposed changes
  - 23% did not support
  - 23% had no input on deferral rule proposal
- March Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
  - No public comment
- WDFW not proposing adjustments



# Proposal Summary

- No policy changes
- Rule clean-up
- Improve customer service
- Decrease administrative costs



# Questions?

