

- September, 2009 SGC meeting, deer permits were replaced with licenses
- •Because of this change, the Department will be offering online, resident deer applicants the option to general hunting/fishing (combination) licenses defined by State Law (17-3-13)
- •These combination licenses offer the online, resident deer applicant a substantial cost-savings benefit.

Examples of Cost-Savings for Resident Deer Hunters

	Deer License	Small Game & Fishing	Total	General Hunting & Fishing	Cost Savings
Resident	\$39.00	\$33.00	\$72.00	\$62.00	\$10.00
Resident Junior	\$24.00	\$16.00	\$40.00	\$23.00	\$17.00
Resident Senior	\$24.00	\$16.00	\$40.00	\$31.00	\$9.00
Resident Handicapped	\$39.00	\$33.00	\$72.00	\$31.00	\$41.00

- •The option to purchase a combination license has created a major restriction for online, resident deer applicants.
- •If an online resident deer applicant selected the option to purchase a combination license at the time of their deer application, the Department would have to be able to provide them an authorization number (as we do now for online sales) for either their small game or their small game and fishing license.
- •This would allow the applicant to begin using the small game/fishing license the day it became valid April 1st.

- •Because the Department would be issuing this authorization number at the time of application, we would need to charge their credit card immediately upon submission of the deer application.
- •The Department is issuing the authorization number immediately because the application deadline is after the start of the new license year when the authorization number would be valid.
- •This is a change from current practice, which is to charge the applicant the appropriate license after the application deadline.

- •Currently, the charging of credit cards occurs after the application deadline because it allows the applicant to delete or change their application choices as many times as they need to until the deadline date. Also, the Department does not have the ability to refund applicants on a daily basis. The Department must wait until the applications can not be changed by the applicant so that the final application is properly accounted for and the applicant charged the correct amount.
- •Because an authorization number is being issued for use by the applicant starting April 1st, the Department can not wait to charge the credit cards for those applicants who have opted to purchase the combination license until after the current deadline (April 7th).

- •The Department would like to be able to provide the same type of application process for all online applicants; particularly allowing all online applicants to change application choices up until the application deadline.
- •With the current deadline, the Department would be placing several additional restrictions on resident, deer applicants because the deer applicants would be charged immediately and they would not be able to change their combination license selection.

The benefits of moving the deadline into March are:

- 1. All online applicants for Draw 2 are offered the same capability to change, update, delete or attach their applications up until the application deadline;
- 2. All online applicants are charged the full fee up front license fees at the same time;
- 3. Draw results for Draw 2 are available one month earlier except for antelope (May vs. June);
- 4. Department can issue refunds earlier to all applicants.

