Amending the Deer and Hunting and Fishing License Application Rules





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PROPOSED CHANGES

- 1) Application deadline and draw
 - Three options
 - Summary of public comments

 Amend Deer rule to adjust which hunts are designated as 'Quality'

3) Amend Hunting and Fishing License Application rule to allow some exemptions to the Q/HD application restriction

Option 1: February Deadline-March Draw

ADVANTAGES:

- Online <u>resident</u> applicants can select and purchase discount licenses, Habitat Stamp, Habitat Management Access Validation and HIP Card when applying
 - Paper applicants only receive deer license
- Results are known prior to new license year
- Eliminates the deer permit

DISADVANTAGES:

- Shortened application period
- Hunter Education classes must be completed earlier

Option 2: April Deadline-June Draw

ADVANTAGES:

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- Online <u>resident</u> applicants can select and purchase discount licenses, Habitat Stamp, Habitat Management Access Validation and HIP Card when applying
 - Paper applicants only receive deer license
 - Eliminates the deer permit
 - Application period remains the same

Option 3: April Deadline-June Draw

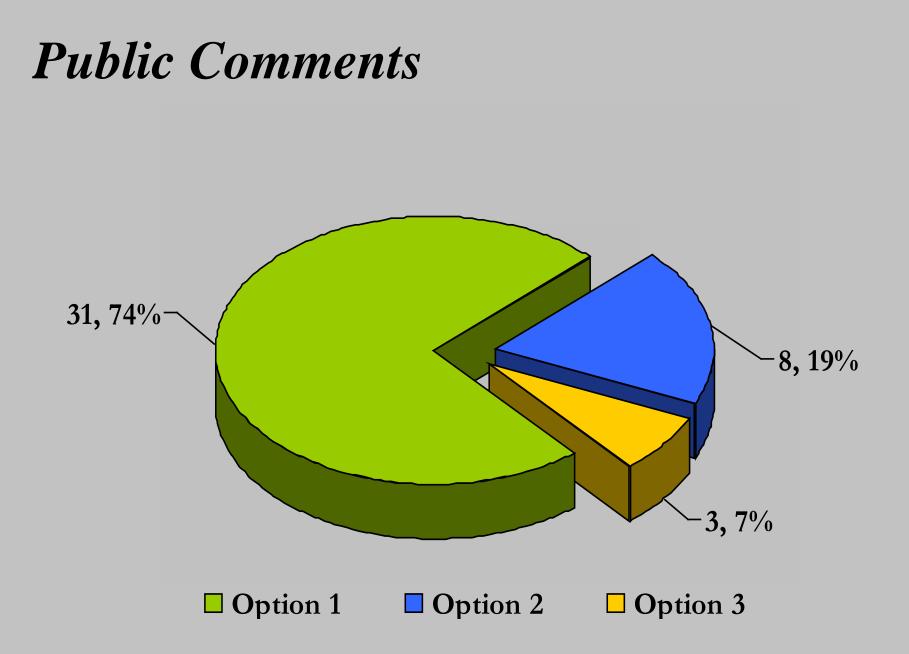
NO CHANGE!

ADVANTAGES:

- Familiarity with current process
- Application period remains the same

DISADVANTAGES:

- Permits are issued; successful applicants must still purchase a separate license
- Compliance issues with multiple documents



PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION

OPTION 2—April Application Deadline

- Eliminates the deer permit
- Residents obtain discount licenses and validations
- Online and paper applications
- Hunter Education classes keep current schedule
- Applicants familiar with deadline

19.31.13 NMAC Deer

Quality Hunt: a hunt designed to provide a hunter with an opportunity to achieve one or more of the following: a potential harvest from a wider selection of buck deer, a pleasurable experience based on timing and length of hunt season, lower hunter density, and an increased opportunity for success.

Proposed Recommendation - Amend 19.31.13.12 to:

- designate specific January bow hunts (e.g., GMUs 2B, 30, 36 and 37) as opposed to <u>all</u> January bow hunts
- > add the November bow hunt in Sugarite Canyon State Park
- > add all hunts occurring on the Humphries/Rio Chama WMAs

add all Private Land Deer Conservation Incentive Program hunts

19.31.3 NMAC Hunting and Fishing License Application

- Proposed Recommendation Amend 19.31.3.8 to:
 > allow application by hunters who held 2009-2010 deer permits for 'Quality' hunts that are removed from 'Quality' designation
- exempt private land-only and youth-only deer hunts from the 'Quality' application restriction
- allow application by hunters who held deer or elk licenses for hunts designated as 'Quality' that were undersubscribed, issued through a fourth choice or secondary license sale

