

R657. Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources.

R657-12. Hunting and Fishing Accommodations for People With Disabilities.

R657-12-1. Purpose and Authority.

Under authority of Sections 23-14-18, 23-19-1, 23-19-36, 23-20-12 and 63G-3-201, this rule provides the standards and procedures for a person with disabilities to:

- (1) obtain a certificate of registration for taking wildlife from a vehicle;
- (2) obtain a fishing license as authorized under Section 23-19-36(1);
- (3) obtain a certificate of registration to participate in companion hunting;
- (4) obtain a certificate of registration to receive a limited entry season extension;
- (5) obtain a certificate of registration to receive a general deer or elk season extension;
- (6) obtain a certificate of registration to hunt with a crossbow or draw-lock;
or
- (7) obtain a certificate of registration to use telescopic sights on a weapon when otherwise prohibited.

R657-12-10. Fishing Licenses for Veterans with Disabilities.

(1) A resident who has a service-connected disability of 40% or more and is not eligible to fish without a license under Section 23-19-14 or to receive a free fishing license under Section 23-19-36 may purchase a discounted 365-day fishing license upon furnishing verification of a service-connected disability and paying the fee established in the approved fee schedule.

(a) "Armed Forces" means the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard, including the reserve components thereof and the Army and Air National Guard of the United States.

(b) "Service-connected disability" means injury or illness incurred or aggravated:

- (i) while in Armed Forces service; and
- (ii) that is recognized by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or by a branch of the Armed Forces.

(c) "Verification of Service-Connected Disability" means an official written letter, statement, or card issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs or by a branch of the Armed Forces certifying that the person has a service-connected disability with a disability rating of 40% or higher.

(2) The discount provided in this section on the purchase of a fishing license does not apply to combination licenses.

(3) Veteran fishing licenses shall be issued at division offices and may be issued online or at license agents. The purchaser may be required to complete an affidavit of the service-connected disability at the time of purchase.

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