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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

FROM: Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

DATE: August 18, 2022

**SUBJECT: 2022 Landowner Permit rule (R657-43) change recommendation**

On June 2, 2022 the Wildlife Board passed revisions to the Landowner Permit rule (R657-43). As part of the motion, LOAs (Landowner Associations) were given the opportunity to present additional changes to the landowner permit committee. If there were changes that the committee and the DWR could support those items would go back through to the RACs and Wildlife Board. The landowner permit committee met on July 28, 2022 and were presented change ideas by the LOAs. The committee and DWR were able to agree to four change ideas, which are being recommended to be added to the rule.

- Establish an LOA advisory committee.
- Clarify that individual landowners in an LOA could be held accountable before action was taken against the entire LOA.
- Program performance metrics would have input from LOAs.
- Modify the rule language to clarify LOAs and the DWR will work together cooperatively.

The LOA's also presented two ideas that were not supported by the landowner permit committee and the DWR.

- Use a 1.5X permit multiplier for lands enrolled in the LOA.
- If the multiplier was granted, a percentage of the permits would be used for funding the LOA and charity purposes.

These changes were not supported for multiple reasons:

- The vouchers allotted to LOAs are valid on public lands. This significantly multiplies the value of the voucher.

- More support would be given for a multiplier if the voucher was only for private land (Option B of the rule).
- The data used by the LOAs in recommending a multiplier was not apples to apples.
- The use of the vouchers should not factor into the decision of how many vouchers are awarded.
- The DWR can't mandate LOAs to participate in charitable program or another reciprocal program.

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