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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

FROM: Lindy Varney, Wildlife Licensing Coordinator

DATE: July 14, 2025

**SUBJECT: Proposed rule amendments R657-41:  
Sportsman draw  
Proposed rule amendments R657-62:  
Group applications**

If you are one of the lucky applicants to draw out on a Sportsman permit, unfortunately the current rule does not allow you to purchase a point for a species that you are ineligible to hunt in the same year. The DWR recommends allowing successful applicants in the Sportsman's draw to be eligible to purchase a point for a species that they would have normally been ineligible to apply for.

If you are successful for one of these statewide (sportsman or conservation) permits, you have a different season than if you drew out in the regular drawings. These hunts start on a set date and if that set date falls on a Sunday, it needs to be adjusted.

The DWR recommends that for these statewide permits, if the hunt opens on Aug 1 and is a Sunday, the hunt would instead open on Aug 2. If the hunt opens on Sept 1 and is a Sunday, the hunt would instead open on Aug 31. For statewide turkey, if the hunt opens on April 1 and is a Sunday, the hunt would instead open on March 31.

The DWR is clarifying rule that an applicant may only draw out for one species within the Sportsman drawing.

The DWR is also recommending to allow group applications for all management buck deer hunts within the big game application.