

# License Consolidation

# Why Consider Consolidation?

- House Joint Memorial 56 requests that the Department study the consolidation of hunting and fishing licenses and stamps for the ease of hunters and fisherman
- Report findings to the interim Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee by November 2010

# Discussion Points for Consolidation

- Reduce complexity of license purchases
- Facilitate compliance with State Laws and Rules
- Revenue impacts of consolidation
- Effective date of possible “consolidated” licenses

# Current License Sales

- Average number of hunting, trapping and fishing licenses sold each year  $\approx$  312,000
- \$21 million annual revenue from all license sales
- In addition to the appropriate license, customers must purchase Sikes Act and HMAV stamps.

# Consolidation Proposal

- Two part Proposal;
  - Over the counter (OTC) licenses
  - Special Hunts revisions

## OTC

- Eliminate the Sikes Act and HMAV stamp and second rod validation as separate purchases
- Include the stamps and rod fee in the cost of each license type
- To maintain current revenue, the price of each fishing, hunting and trapping license would increase by \$6-7
- Reduces complexity and facilitates compliance with State Laws and Rules

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## Special Hunts Revision

- All applicants required to purchase a “base” license at time of application
- Base license allows applicant to hunt small game and/or fish based on their selection at time of application
- Base license issued independent of success in the special hunt lottery drawings
- Base license is valid for entire license year
- Facilitates Department’s participation in the Federal Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration Funding Programs

# Consolidation Proposal

- Consolidation Proposal would require a number of changes to law and rule
  - Change prices and definitions of privileges
  - Develop new base license type for non-residents (small game and small game/fishing combination)
  - Determine pricing for non-resident licenses

# Next Steps for Proposal

- Request public input regarding options
- Revise licensing options based on public input and SGC guidance
- Present initial findings and options at August SGC meeting
- Refine options as needed, present to SGC at September meeting
- Present options to the Interim Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee, by November 2010