



# Deer Hunters Preferred Choice

# 2017 Unique Firearm Deer Applicants



- 52,130 Unique Deer Hunters applied for the WRD, ERD, BHD and MZD seasons.
- 35,706 (68.5%) of the 52,130 unique deer hunters applied for only 1 of the four seasons in 2017.
- 16,424 (31.5%) of the 52,130 unique deer hunters applied for 2 or more of the four seasons in 2017

Number of applications submitted by the 16,424 deer hunters that applied for two or more seasons in 2017	
12,018 Hunters Submitted 2 Applications =	24,036 Applications
3,716 Hunters Submitted 3 Applications =	11,148 Applications
690 Hunters Submitted 4 Applications =	2,760 Applications
<b>Total:</b>	<b>37,944 Applications</b>

- If those 16,424 hunters had to choose a preferred season in the first draw it would remove an estimated 21,520 applications from the draw buckets for ERD, WRD, BHD and MZD.



# Current Deer License Draw Statistics



- Current Draw Success
- In 2017, within the WRD, ERD, BHD and MZD deer seasons, 16,424 deer hunters submitted two or more applications.
- In 2017, 3,318 (20%) of the 16,424 applicants that applied for 2+ seasons actually drew 2+ first draw, first choice licenses.
- In 2017, 256 (2%) of the 3,716 applicants that applied for 3+ seasons actually drew 3+ first draw, first choice licenses.
- In 2017, 8,146 (50%) of the 16,424 applicants that applied for two or more seasons drew only one license and 29% didn't draw any first choice, first draw licenses.
- How many residents applied for both an East River Deer and a West River Deer licenses in 2017?
- 6,485 applicants.
- How many residents drew both an ERD and a WRD first choice license in 2017?
- 1,987 applicants

# 2018 Pooled License Statistics (After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw)



- Antlered licenses that went to Nonresidents after the 2<sup>nd</sup> draw that were originally allocated to residents.

SeasonCode	SeasonYear	WinningChoice	CountOfWinningChoice
WRD	2018	11A11	3
WRD	2018	39B11	31
WRD	2018	41A11	14
WRD	2018	45A11	14
WRD	2018	49A11	1
WRD	2018	49B11	44
WRD	2018	53C18	7
WRD	2018	64A11	41
WRD	2018	65A01	4
ERD	2018	14A18	28



# 2018 Pooled License Statistics (After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw)



- Antlerless licenses that went to Nonresidents after the 2<sup>nd</sup> draw that were originally allocated to residents.

SeasonCode	SeasonYear	WinningChoice	CountOfWinningChoi
WRD	2018	15B19	6
WRD	2018	24A13	22
WRD	2018	31A13	4
WRD	2018	35A13	3
WRD	2018	35C13	10
WRD	2018	49A13	5
WRD	2018	49B13	11
WRD	2018	53A19	21
WRD	2018	53C19	17
WRD	2018	58D03	1
WRD	2018	60A13	11
ERD	2018	03A03	52
ERD	2018	16A13	63
ERD	2018	26A09	59
ERD	2018	28A09	52
ERD	2018	33A13	8
ERD	2018	36A13	5
ERD	2018	38A19	19
ERD	2018	40A13	11
ERD	2018	47A09	84
ERD	2018	54A19	37
ERD	2018	56A13	4
ERD	2018	57A03	9
ERD	2018	59A13	1
ERD	2018	59B13	14
ERD	2018	63A13	25

# Does the Commission proposal limit applicants to just one license?



Drawing	Resident	Nonresident
1 and 2	Maximum of 1 license in ERD, WRD, BHD, or MZD	Maximum of 1 license
3	Maximum of 1 license in <u>each</u> of the WRD, ERD BHD and MZD seasons.	
Leftover Resident and Nonresident Licenses Pooled		
4	Maximum of five additional licenses for a maximum total of nine licenses.	Maximum of 1 license, for a total of no more than one license per hunter.
5	Unlimited. First-come, First-served	Unlimited. First-come, First-served



# Nonresident Draw Structure:

## Potential Change?



Drawing	Resident	Nonresident
1 and 2	Maximum of 1 license in ERD, WRD, BHD, or MZD	Maximum of 1 BHD or WRD license
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# Youth Draw Enhancements

## Potential Changes?



2017	Unsuccessful	Successful	Total	Draw Success
ERD	996	1262	2258	56%
WRD	643	738	1381	53%
BHD	588	174	762	23%
MZD	290	13	303	4%

Residents Only- Proposed Alternative		2017 Overall 1 <sup>st</sup> Draw Success	Projected 1 <sup>st</sup> Draw Success
	2017 Successful Applicants		
ERD	18955	59%	68%
WRD	11346	56%	76%
BHD	3999	30%	57%
MZD	1000	13%	46%
	<b>35300</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>68%</b>





# Youth Deer Hunter Draw Statistics

## 2017

\*3,590 youth hunters <16 years of age applied for 1 or all of the four seasons WRD, ERD , BHD and MZD

\*57% drew a first choice, first draw license

\*1157 youth hunters <13 years of age applied for 1 or all of the four seasons.

53% drew a first choice, first draw license

\*446: 12 year olds, first year applying

46% drew a first choice, first draw license

\*3,589 Youth Hunters <16 years of age submitted 4,704 applications  
75% of the 3,589 youth hunters submitted one application



# Youth Draw Enhancements

## Potential Changes?

Potential Change : **All first-time youth hunters/applicants**, age 15 or younger during the calendar year of the drawing, would be granted a bonus preference point when an application is submitted for any of the four limited-draw deer seasons during the combined drawing (ERD, WRD, BHD and MZD).

Example: A first time youth hunter applying for a WRD license at 12 years of age would receive one preference point for submitting an application.

- If unsuccessful, they would receive an additional point for being unsuccessful and have two for the following year.
- When they submit an application the following year they would then have two preference points at 13 years of age.

If the youth hunter submitted a preference point application for WRD when they were 10 and 11, at age 12 when they are eligible to submit an application for a WRD license, they would have three points going into the draw and if unsuccessful they would have four points going into the draw in their second year of eligibility at 13 years of age.

- The bonus preference point would only be granted to first –time youth applicants.



# Youth Draw Enhancements Potential Changes?



- The preference point fee for the limited-draw deer licenses in the combined drawing (WRD, ERD, BHD, MZD) would be free for any hunter that is or was age 15 or younger during the calendar year when the preference point is acquired.

# 2017 Unique Firearm Deer Applicants



Residents Only- Proposed Alternative		2017 Applicants: One Season	Mock Applications (Preferred Choice)	Projected Total Applicants	Projected Applicants Removed from the First Draw:
	2017 Total Applicants				
ERD	32053	21983	5913	27896	4157
WRD	20422	8597	6405	15002	5420
BHD	13339	4599	2464	7063	6276
MZD	7847	528	1642	2170	5677
	<b>73661</b>	<b>35707</b>	<b>16424</b>	<b>52131</b>	<b>21530</b>

In 2017, 16,424 residents applied for two or more 1st draw licenses that included some combination of ERD, WRD, BHD, MZD.

Approximately 21,530 applications would be taken out of the 1st draw with the proposed alternative if those 16,424 were allowed to select one season in the 1st draw.



# 2017 Unique Firearm Deer Applicants



- Projected increase in draw probabilities for each of the four deer seasons (WRD, ERD, BHD, MZD)

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# Cons of current Commission Proposal



- Hunters that currently apply for multiple seasons (16,424 of the 52,131) will have to wait until the 3<sup>rd</sup> draw to pick up additional leftover licenses.
- A landowner that is not willing to hunt only their own land within that respective season and applies for multiple seasons will have to make a choice to either:
  - Use their landowner preference and likely not obtain a preferred license for a different season, or
  - Apply for one of their other preferred seasons 1<sup>st</sup> draw/1<sup>st</sup> choice and obtain a landowner own land license and be restricted to their own land for that season.
- Drawing two hard to draw licenses (units that take 2+ preference points) in the same year will not happen under the Commission proposal.
  - For example, a hunter will not draw a MZD and a BHD license in the same year.
  - Under the current system it is statistically impossible to draw one “hard to draw” unit within a season consecutively year after year.



# Pros of current Commission Proposal



- Draw probabilities will increase for all deer applicants that apply for an ERD, WRD, MZD and BHD license.
  - The Commission proposal will help every individual have an improved chance at drawing a license each year
- More deer hunters will obtain their preferred deer license more often.
- Under the Commission proposal it is projected that more than 3,500 additional hunters will have the opportunity to hunt deer and take the field that would have otherwise been unsuccessful at drawing a license under the current system.
- The folks that get multiple licenses will still have an opportunity to get multiple licenses, just not necessarily multiple “preferred licenses” in a given year.
  - If they can get a license with 0 points now they’ll still very likely get those licenses in the 3<sup>rd</sup> draw or later.
- Enhanced abilities to use preference points through the 3<sup>rd</sup> draw

# Application Examples Under Commission Proposal



Under the current Commission proposal an applicant could apply:

- For an East River Special Buck license, draw it and still apply first draw in the combined drawing for either WRD, BHD or MZD.
  - Could purchase a preference point for ERD to use the following year
- For a East River Special Buck license, not draw it and then could apply first draw in the combined drawing for either WRD, ERD, BHD and MZD
  - Could purchase a preference point for ESB to use the following year
- First draw combined drawing for a BHD license, draw it and purchase a preference point for ERD, WRD and MZD that same year.
- First draw combined drawing for a BHD license, draw it and then would be able to apply for ERD, WRD and MZD separately in the third draw and would have the abilities to select the “use my preference” box for those seasons.
- First draw combined drawing for a BHD license, not draw it and then would be able to apply for either a ERD, WRD and MZD as a second choice in the first draw and would have the abilities to select the “use my preference” box for those seasons.



# Application Examples Under Commission Proposal



- If an applicant was unsuccessful in the first draw for their first and second choice or forgot to apply in the first draw they would be eligible to apply in the second draw.
- An applicant would have the abilities to check the “use my preference” box for their second choice in the first draw and/or their first and second choice in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> draw.
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# Questions?

