

Fish and Wildlife Licensing and Funding Advisory Council
Preliminary Recommendations on Free/Reduced Cost Licenses, September 2013

Retain the following in recognition of service:

- 1) Free and reduced cost licenses for military service members and disabled veterans
- 2) Free big game combo/sportsman licenses for landowners participating in the block management program
- 3) Agreement allowing CSKT to retain license fees paid on the reservation to fund the CSKT tribal wildlife management program (87-1-228, MCA)

Alter the following:

Youth

Consolidate pricing from three age groups to two. (Current age groups are: under 12, 12-15, and 16-17)

- 1) Fishing licenses for residents:

Under Age 12	Free
Age 12-17	Discounted at fixed % of full-priced license
- 2) Fishing licenses for nonresidents

Under Age 12	Free
Age 12-17	Same as full-priced license
- 3) Hunting licenses for residents and nonresidents

Under Age 12	N/A
Age 12-17	Discounted at fixed % of full-priced license
- 4) Repeal free sportsmans license for first-time resident youth hunters

Seniors

- 1) There's consensus to recommend increasing the age at which seniors are eligible for free or discounted licenses. Currently, licenses are discounted at 62 years of age. The Advisory Council has requested additional demographic information from FWP before recommending a specific age. There may be interest in grandfathering in those who currently receive the senior discount but who would not be eligible under a new age criterion.
- 2) There's concensus to recommend altering senior discounted licenses so that they are priced at a fixed percentage of the full-priced license fee. The Advisory Council has suggested that the fixed percentage be the same percentage used to discount licenses for youth and the disabled.

Disabled

- 1) There's concensus to recommend altering discounted licenses for the disabled so that they are priced at a fixed percentage of the full-priced license fee. The Advisory Council has suggested that the fixed percentage be the same percentage used to discount licenses for youth and seniors.
- 2) The Advisory Council may recommend that the Fish and Wildlife Commission review and consider making changes to the definition of "disabled" in agency rule.
- 3) The Advisory Council may consider a recommendation that FWP charge a fee for the permit to hunt from a vehicle.