

Proposed Amendment to License Donation Rule

Amending Hunting and
Fishing License Application
19.31.3 NMAC



State Law

17-3-7 G. (3) NMSA 1978 authorizes the Director to transfer a hunting license to a nonprofit organization approved by the State Game Commission

- Request to donate license must be received in writing
- Appropriate license fees must be paid, if applicable
- No refunds offered for donated licenses



Current Rule

NMAC 19.31.3.11 F. currently restricts hunting license donation transfers to youths age 17 or younger who are qualified through a Commission-approved nonprofit organization

Current approved nonprofit organizations:



- **Donald R. Kemp Youth Hunting Club**
 - Las Cruces



- **Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife**
 - Farmington



Transfers to Eligible Recipients

Under current rule, the Department has only been able to match approximately 61% of donation requests with eligible youth hunters.

License Year	Total Donations	To DRK	To SFW	Matched
2015	35	33	2	17
2016	46	20	26	23
2017	87	31	52	83
2017 pending	34	21	13	--
TOTAL	202	105	93	123



Summary of Proposed Changes to 19.31.3

- Expand the definition of eligible recipients for donated hunting licenses through Commission-approved nonprofit organizations to include resident veterans and “first responders.”
- Amend language describing the requirements for Commission-approved nonprofit organizations to accommodate the expanded definition and specify the location of the organization’s headquarters within New Mexico.



Benefits of Proposed Amendment

- The Department would be able to match more of the license donation requests it receives with eligible recipients
- Provides additional hunting opportunities for resident veterans and first responders
- Provides hunting opportunities that would otherwise be unused when no eligible recipient can be located



Summary of Public Comments

The amended rule has been posted to the Department's website for the past 30 days. No comments were received.



Discussion



