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To: [FGC](#)
Subject: Please improve license delivery options for Handicapped Hunters
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I am attaching a letter to the Fish and Game commission. I've pasted the contents as well below. I would appreciate it if you it could be distributed to the commissioners.

Thank you,
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Honored Commissioners,

I would like to share my 2014 MIDPMVHL licensing experience with you and humbly request you consider reducing the degree of difficulty in the current handicapped license delivery system and enforcement ID verification process.

License issuance and verification methods used by other states allow both purchases and enforcement verification from the field. They require ONLY a valid picture ID and a hunting license account number provided by the agency. It is very easy for officers to verify licenses and hunters to obtain them in transit or in the field. All current hunting privileges and license features are instantly available via electronic means to enforcement officers. When tags are required, of course, they must in possession.

I have encounter this convenience when obtaining "out of state" hunting and fishing licenses in Montana, Colorado, Oregon, and New Mexico. Why can't California have paperless, electronic license verification for hunters and fishers?

My situation is this: for reasons beyond my control I have just a few days before my upcoming hunt. In order to exercise my approved handicap privileges I now must physically present myself to the department to obtain an reprinted license - a piece of thermal paper - while I currently hold a perfectly valid hunting license purchased before my handicap status was processed. Yet, this updated status shows up on line and in the ALDS system. Why can it not be used ?

The DCFW has only 7 sales locations where I can reprint my license - only 7. When I was notified of my MIDPMVHL application's acceptance I should simply have been mailed the updated license but, that's now how it works.

It is unnecessarily humiliating, inconvenient and physically challenging to have

to bodily present myself, during budget limited CDFW department sales hours, to one of only seven State licensing offices. Yet, this appears my only option to hunt in compliance with the current procedural maze the California's Department of Fish and Wildlife has set up for handicapped hunters.

I request that the commission please consider the two following potential solutions:

--[if !supportLists]-->1. <!--[endif]-->Empower all enforcement officers to simplify their official ID Verification by requiring fishers and hunters to possess ONLY a valid picture ID, a valid hunting license – OR – their GO ID number, and proper tags even This would allow one to proceed to hunt without having to present themselves to the State to obtain "papers".

--[if !supportLists]-->2. <!--[endif]-->Empower all sellers of licenses in the State of California to re-issue updated physical licenses and recover old ones from licensees. This simple change would us with physical challenges tremendously by increasing the number of places we can go to get our "papers" in order to pursue happiness in the field.

Thank you for your kind attention to this problem and for your hard work for the outdoor's men, woman and children of the great State of California!

Respectfully,
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