

**Motion to the Fish and Wildlife Commission**

TO: Brad Smith, Chair, Fish and Wildlife Commission

NOW COMES the ADA Advisory Committee, by and through its Chairman, Dan Dickerson, and conveys to the Commission as follows:

On October 25, 2019, the ADA Advisory Committee met, with quorum present, and discussed the matter of people receiving points in the disabled category before they become disabled.

In as much as,

-In 2010, new hunter categories were added. During the transition, a decision was made to take whatever points a person had in the elk category and assign that point total to all the new categories as well (ie, youth, senior, disabled, etc.). The practical effect of this is that persons who were healthy adults received points in the new categories (youth, senior, disabled) even though they were not then eligible to earn or receive those points in those categories. In the years since then, these points continue to roll forward. About 4-500 individuals each year are entering the disabled category with existing disabled points they haven't earned, and are in a better position to be drawn for the limited number of disabled hunts, to the detriment of people who have been disabled for long periods of time.

- the Commission and the Department are committed to providing equal access to all programs and services provided by the Department; and

NOW THEREFORE, the ADA Advisory Committee, by unanimous vote, has approved this motion, advising the Commission of this issue, and requesting the Department be asked to review and evaluate this issue, and report back to the Commission.

This the 7<sup>TH</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2019.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Dan Dickerson,

As Chairman, for and on behalf of the ADA Advisory Committee

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