

Agency Request Legislation Improving Electronic and Print-From-Home Licenses



Hunting and fishing licenses

Last year, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife sold 963,000 fishing licenses and 238,000 hunting licenses along with 2 million other supporting documents including endorsements, tags, applications, and passes. Roughly 27% of those licenses and documents are purchased online through the WDFW website.

Problem Statement:

Current licensing statutes and rules often require customers to carry paper license documents. Customers that purchase a license online through the WDFW website are mailed a paper license and must have this paper license on hand when hunting or fishing.

Solution:

WDFW is seeking the authority to more broadly implement mobile licensing practices. Current mobile licensing and print-from-home options can be expanded to include cellular telephone based electronic licenses, tags, and permits. In addition, this will allow customers to display their licenses on a mobile device.

This bill expressly authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Commission to adopt rules related to electronic licenses, tags, and permits amending [RCW 77.32.090](#).

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