

# Preference Point Reset for Resident Disabled Veteran License Holders

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# Presentation Overview

- **Preference Point System Related to Pioneer License Holders**
- **Senate Bill 593 (2019 session)**
- **Staff Recommendation**



# Preference Point System

- **Controlled Hunt Draw includes a Modified Preference Point System as directed by statute to “provide reasonable assurance of success in those drawings in subsequent years.” ORS 496.146 (17)**
- **In 2009, Oregon Legislature provided direction for the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission to consider giving additional preference points in controlled hunt permit system to persons who have been issued a resident annual pioneer license**
- **Commission authorized that pioneer license holders who were successful first choice controlled hunt applicants would have one preference point when they next apply for a tag in that hunt number series; rather than standard practice of back to zero**



# Preference Point System

- Pioneer License holders are always one preference point ahead in the accumulation of preference points for each hunt series
- A Pioneer license (\$6 annual cost) is a resident combination hunt/fish license along with a discounted cost for elk tags; eligibility requirements include being at least 65 years of age and a resident of Oregon for at least 50 years
- The average number of Pioneer license holders for the past three years is 57,300



# Senate Bill 593

- The 2019 Oregon Legislative Assembly directed the Commission to consider giving persons who have been issued a resident disabled veteran hunting license additional preference points
- A Disabled Veteran license (free) is also a resident combination hunt/fish license along with a discounted cost for elk tag; resident disabled veteran combination licenses are given to those who provide proof of record they are at least 25 percent disabled
- There is no specified age or number of years in Oregon to qualify
- The average number of Disabled Veteran license holders for the past three years is 16,800



# Staff Recommendation

- Amend Modified Preference Point System rules to reset to one preference point for Resident Disabled Veterans license holders who are at least 65 years of age after successfully drawing their first choice hunt, same process as Resident Pioneer License holders
- Qualifying for both licenses will result in only one preference point when reset

**QUESTIONS?**

