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Press Release

Process to purchase hunting license new this year Changes to antlerless application process

The process used by hunters to purchase licenses has been changed for 2009 by the Pennsylvania Game Commission. Effective this year, hunters will be able to apply for antlerless deer licenses for any wildlife management unit (WMU) through any county treasurer's office.

In the past, hunters mailed their antlerless license applications to the county treasurer in the area where they wanted to hunt. With the Pennsylvania Automated Licensing System (PALS) in place, hunters can now mail their licenses to any county treasurer in the state.

Hunters may list the top three wildlife management units in which they would like to hunt. The licenses will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Therefore, if the first priority selection of the hunter is unavailable, the treasurer's office will issue a license for the second or third choice WMU, if available.

The treasurers' offices can only accept applications by mail and will return applications that are received prior to July 13, 2009. Antlerless deer applications are available from the Pennsylvania Hunting and Trapping Digest and are also included with hunting licenses.

According to Janis Creason, Dauphin County Treasurer, it will be difficult to anticipate the volume of licenses that county treasurers will receive under this new system. Her office currently has three license printers and an additional printer will be requested in the volume requires it. "Every effort will be made to turn the licenses around as quickly as possible," Creason said.

The price of the hunting license has increased by an additional 70 cents per license. The 70 cents will subsidize PALS. The county receives \$1.00 for each license processed. If payment does not include the 70 cent additional fee, the application will be returned to the applicant.

Creason is optimistic that all licenses will be processed without a hitch, but hopes that hunters will exercise patience while county treasurers adapt to the new system.

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