

**TESTIMONY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE  
BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND  
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

**In Support of L.D. 881**

**“AN ACT TO ENSURE EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF SUPER PACK  
LICENSE HOLDERS IN ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT LOTTERIES”**

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Good morning Senator Dill, Representative Nadeau and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Tim Peabody, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, speaking on behalf of the Department, in support of **L.D. 881**.

Super pack license holders are currently eligible for an antlerless deer permit in any wildlife management district (WMD) in which at least 3,500 antlerless permits are allocated. No more than 2.5% of the antlerless deer permits in any WMD are allocated to super pack license holders. Under current law, if a person is awarded a super pack antlerless deer permit as part of the special super pack license lottery allocation, they are not eligible to win another antlerless deer permit in the regular portion of the lottery. This section of law was changed by the Legislature in 2011. Prior to that, if a person was awarded a super pack antlerless deer permit, they were still eligible to win another antlerless deer in the regular portion of the lottery. The reason the law was changed in 2011 was that some super pack license holders were being awarded two antlerless deer permits while some regular lottery applicants were not receiving any. In recent years, the number of antlerless deer permits allocated has increased significantly. This, together with the 2011 law change has resulted in a situation where in some WMDs, regular

lottery applicants are now receiving two antlerless deer permits (one regular and one bonus) while super pack license holders are only receiving one. The Department proposes a change in the deer lottery process whereby a person who is awarded a super pack antlerless deer permit would also be entered into the lottery for the awarding of bonus antlerless permits. Total bag limit for deer outside the expanded archery zones would remain 2 deer. In addition, if the Committee decides to move forward on this legislation, we need to be careful about the implementation date. The Any-Deer lottery is run in early September each year. For this law change to be effective this year, it will need to be emergency legislation. Otherwise, making the law effective January 1, 2020 will make it clear that the law will be implemented for the Any-Deer lottery in 2020.

I would be glad to answer any questions at this time or during the work session.