



AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-5

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: May 31, 2016

Date: May 24, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Virginia Bass

Subject: Consider sending a letter of support for SB 1081 (Morrell) related to hunting and sport fishing reduced or free license fees for veterans and senior citizens.

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors send a letter to Senator Mike Morrell in support of his bill, SB 1081 related to hunting and sport fishing reduced or free license fees for veterans and senior citizens.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission is requesting the Board of Supervisors send a letter in support for SB 1081 (Morrell) related to hunting and sport fishing reduced or free license fees for veterans and senior citizens.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from the Humboldt County Fish & Game Advisory Commission.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes Signature Virginia Bass

REVIEW:	Auditor	County Counsel	Personnel	Risk Manager	Other
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TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent

Departmental

Public Hearing

Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Bass

Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass

Nays _____

Abstain _____

Absent _____

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: May 31, 2016

By: Bale Ebersoff

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

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May 19, 2016

HC Board of Supervisors
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Supervisors:

At our last meeting, we heard about California S1081 Legislation which requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue a free hunting license to a disabled veteran or recovering service member and to issue a reduced fee hunting license, upon application and a payment of a fee to a veteran of the Armed Forces who was honorably discharged, and a free fishing license thereto. - See more at:
<http://sportsmenslink.org/policies/legislative-alerts/california-s-1081#sthash.HBF5sckw.dpuf>.

The Humboldt County Fish and Game Advisory Commission feels this legislation does not go far enough. In many state legislatures across the country, legislation has been enacted to create opportunities for our nation's senior citizens and those men and women who have or are currently serving our country in the military, to hunt and/or fish at a discounted cost. The purpose of creating senior privileges is to maintain senior hunter and angler numbers and reward senior hunters for their years of commitment to conservation. In addition, many states allow those who are currently serving on active duty or on leave from active duty to obtain hunting and fishing licenses for free. Other states give active duty military members stationed in that state the ability to purchase licenses as residents of the state in which they are either stationed or traveling to, even though they claim residency elsewhere. This regulation can also spare them the necessity of obtaining a hunter's education certification in that state, allowing them to participate in the honored tradition of hunting and fishing despite the time constraints associated with employment in our nation's armed forces. Nearly every state with an active hunting and fishing community entitles disabled veterans to heavily discounted licenses for both fishing and hunting.

The HCF&GAC requests that you send a letter to Senator Mike Morrell, sponsor of S1081, asking him to include seniors (65 years old and older) in his bill. We have attached a draft letter for you to use, if you so choose. Thank you.

Sincerely,

/John Clark/

John Clark, Chairman
HCF&GAC



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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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May 31, 2016

Senator Mike Morrell
10350 Commerce Center Drive, Suite A-220
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730

Dear Senator Morrell:

We have recently heard about your bill SB 1081 which requires the Department of Fish and Wildlife to issue a free hunting license to a disabled veteran or recovering service member and to issue a reduced fee hunting license, upon application and a payment of a fee to a veteran of the Armed Forces who was honorably discharged, and a free fishing license thereto.

We feel the bill does not go far enough and we are requesting that you consider adding a free fishing license, and a reduced fee hunting license for Seniors (65 years and older) to your bill. The purpose of creating senior privileges is to maintain senior hunter and angler numbers and reward senior hunters for their years of commitment to conservation.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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