

CITIZEN PETITION FORM

Date: 7/12/2021

Issue:	Create new regulation to allow youth under 12 years old to purchase for preference points after receiving hunter's safety education.
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Which rule are you seeking to create or revise? Please include a copy of the rule you are proposing to create or change, preferably with the change made in redline format.

I am proposing that a new rule is instated that reads, "Youth under the age of 12 years old are permitted to apply for big game preference points once they have fulfilled the hunter's education requirements."

Why are you seeking to create or revise this rule? Please include a general statement of the reasons for the requested rule or revision and any relevant information related to the request.

Currently youth under the age of 12 are not permitted to apply for big game preference points until they are of legal age to hunt big game. This creates a disadvantage for a youth's ability to hunt early on in their hunting career. Without preference points they will receive less opportunities to hunt during their early formative years. The future of hunting relies on the recruitment of new hunters and specifically a younger generation of new hunters. Early opportunity to accumulate preference points will allow a youth hunter to hunt sooner or in a more preferred area.

Another advantage to be considered is that allowing youth under the age of 12 to apply for preference points will create additional income for CPW through application fees and preference points.

Petitioner's name:

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