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BUDDY LICENSE

I understand the DNR is trying to bring back people who previously fished but no longer do, and/or invite new people into fishing. What I would like to introduce is a fishing license that you would purchase which could be called the "Buddy License." This would be a way to take someone out fishing who does not have a license. In this way they can go out and try fishing without having to pay \$20.00 right away. The rules and the bag limit would not change. The "buddy" would not have a bag limit - it would basically be catch and release for him. However, if he liked fishing and got "hooked", he would need to buy a license to take some of those delicious fish home.

Another situation would be for a guy who has a 10-year-old child and would like to try fishing, but he does not want to pay \$20.00 for the day in order to go out just once. Therefore, he could go with someone who has a "buddy license." What eventually would happen, the child has so much fun, and the dad realizes it is such a great bonding device, that he goes out and buys a license for himself. Now you have just brought two generations into fishing.

The cost of the "Buddy License" would be equivalent of the extra that a Husband and Wife License would cost. 11\$

Regular Annual License - 20\$

Senior Citizen License - 7\$

Husband and Wife License - 31\$

Buddy License - extra 11\$ to your license

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Kids - free

*** Buddy License not available for non-residents or guides.***

Everyone has already heard the phrase, "you can take a horse to water , but you can't make him drink." What I propose we do

is this - we not only take him to the water, but we put him in a boat, throw a pole in his hand, and you tell me he won't come back fishing.

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