

July 15, 2011

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Dear Ms. Kane:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 11-101 and proposed by the Indiana Natural Resources Commission ("NRC"). The proposed rule amends 312 IAC 9-3-2 governing general requirements and licenses for hunting deer to include the new nonresident youth deer license, crossbow license, and deer license bundle and specifies hunter orange requirements for ground blinds. The proposed rule amends 312 IAC 9-3-4 governing the season dates and bag limits for the special youth deer season, archery season, and special antlerless only season and amends the urban deer zones in Lake and Porter counties. The proposed rule amends 312 IAC 9-3-8 by opening the firearms season on October 1 on military reserves and national wildlife refuges and adds the new nonresident youth deer licenses.

The economic impact statement prepared by the NRC estimates that 391 deer check stations, 140 deer processors, and 728 taxidermists, totaling 1,259 small businesses may be indirectly affected by the proposed rule. The proposed rule allows for more deer to be taken by youth hunters and adds the new special antlerless-only season for a week in December. The NRC economic impact statement estimates that each small business may incur increased administrative costs associated with the higher volume of deer being taken in the amount of \$50 per year.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 234-3997 or [eshields@iedc.in.gov](mailto:eshields@iedc.in.gov).

Regards,



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