

**Resolution to Reduce Fishing License Fees for Wyoming Residents Aged 65 and Older and First Responders**

*A Resolution Urging the Wyoming Legislature to Amend State Law to Provide Reduced or Free Fishing Licenses for Senior Residents Aged 65 and Older*

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming's natural resources, including its abundant fisheries, are a vital part of the state's heritage and economy, providing recreational opportunities that enhance the quality of life for residents; and

**WHEREAS**, senior citizens aged 65 and older often live on fixed incomes and may face financial barriers to participating in outdoor activities such as fishing, which promote physical health, mental well-being, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, current Wyoming law provides a free Resident Lifetime Pioneer Fishing License to residents aged 65 and older who have resided in the state for at least 30 consecutive years, but does not offer similar reduced-fee options for other seniors aged 65 and older who may not meet this residency requirement; and

**WHEREAS**, the standard resident fishing license fees (\$27 for an annual license and \$6 for a daily license) may impose an undue burden on seniors, potentially limiting their access to this cherished pastime; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing fishing license fees for residents aged 65 and older, regardless of years of residency, and first responders, would encourage greater participation in outdoor recreation, support conservation efforts through increased license revenues in aggregate, and honor the contributions of Wyoming's senior population; and

**WHEREAS**, such a reduction could be structured as a discounted annual fee (e.g., \$10 or less) or a free lifetime license for qualifying seniors, with provisions to maintain funding for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department through other means if necessary;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the residents of Wyoming, as represented by this petition, that the Wyoming Legislature is urged to introduce and pass legislation amending Wyoming Statutes (specifically Title 23, relating to Game and Fish) to reduce or eliminate fishing license fees for all Wyoming residents aged 65 and older, effective upon passage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the Wyoming House of Representatives, the President of the Wyoming Senate, and the Governor of Wyoming for their consideration and action.

**Adopted by the Lincoln County Republican Party Convention, March 7, 2026.**