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From what I can gather from the article, it seems the major rationale for this plan is the desire to sustain or increase federal matching funds from the USWS that are calculated based on annual license sales. If this is the case, I'm assuming that when the UFWS allocates these funds, it will amortize the "extended licenses" sales over the next three years and adjust their allocations accordingly(?) If, on the other hand, the three year license you buy is calculated as an increase of three licenses that very first year.....the PFBC will find itself in an ever rockier and less stable funding situation long term. I'm assuming the former scenario will be adopted rather than the latter.

While I sympathize with the dilemma faced by the PFBC due to declining license sales.....I'm inclined to see this proposal as more of a short term accounting gimmick that *might* stabilize federal matching funds in the short term but won't have much affect on the long term funding problem.