MyWDFW: How to

What is MyWDFW?

MyWDFW is a mobile application for customers to manage their active license privileges, purchase license products, enter catches or harvests, and submit harvest reports. The app is available for both iOS and Android and is found in the Apple store or Play Store for download. Customers who choose to be mobile license holders will need an active cell phone number and mobile device.

Mobile or Paper License?

Both mobile and paper customer can use MyWDFW. Paper license holders will need to carry their license documents when they are participating in that activity. Paper license holders will be able to submit harvest reports from the app but will not be permitted to enter catches or harvests. Mobile license holders will be able to use the app to manage their active privileges, enter catches and harvests, and submit harvest reports.

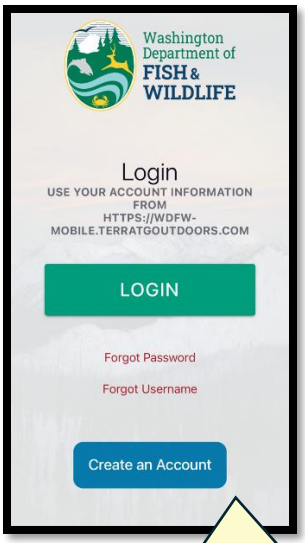
Mobile license holders may choose to use either MyWDFW or Fish Washington® to manage their active privileges, catches, or harvests. However, customers that participate in fishing as their primary activity may prefer Fish Washington® due to the layered GPS map and up-to-the-minute regulations updates for every lake, river, stream, or marine area.

Logging In

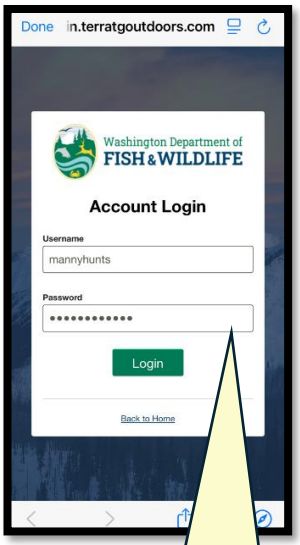
WDFW encourages customers who want to use MyWDFW to record fishing or hunting catches or harvests to log in prior to departure. In low-to-no service areas, app functionality to both log in and switch users is unavailable. Users need to have their own mobile device.

App users will enter their username and password from WILD to log in. The app will use multi-factor authentication (MFA) to verify the customer after they enter their WILD username and password to log in. Customers will choose if they would like to receive their verification code by email or text. The verification code is only good for 60 seconds, so customers should enter it promptly.

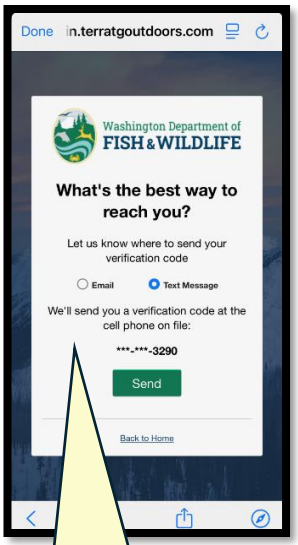
Customers logging in for the first time will be asked if they want to install game management unit (GMU) data. They may choose to do so at that time, but can also do so at anytime from the menu in the top right of the screen (see following page). When the GMU data is installed, hunters will be able to use their location to record harvests.



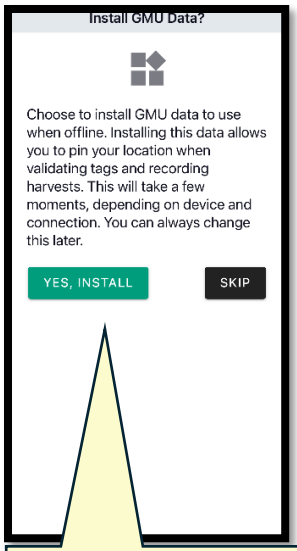
From the login screen you may login, request username or password reset, or create an account.



Customers will use their username and password from the WILD system.



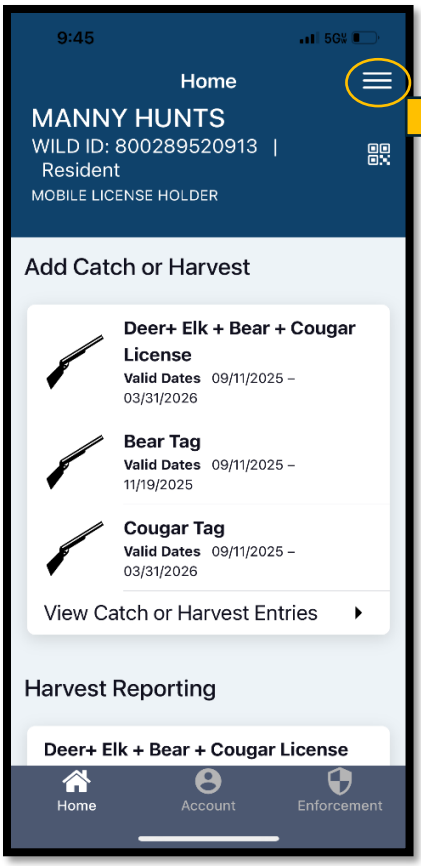
A verification code will be sent to either email or text. The verification code is only valid for 60 seconds.

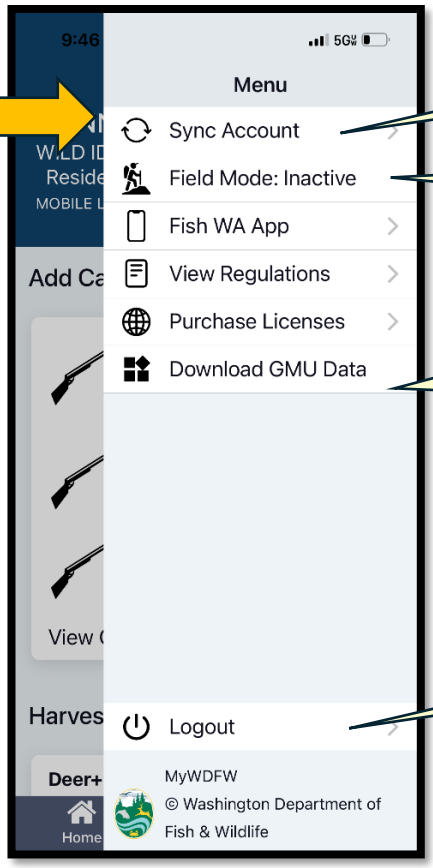


Customers may choose to install GMU data at this time, or may do so at a later time from the "hamburger" menu

Home Page

After logging in, the app will navigate customers to its home page. App users can find their users name, WILD ID, residency status, and license holder type at the top of the page. App users will find a menu icon in the upper right corner.





When coming from a low to no service area, customers may manually "sync" their catches to their account.

Field Mode is active when customers do not have service. Field mode will store their catches until they reach service.

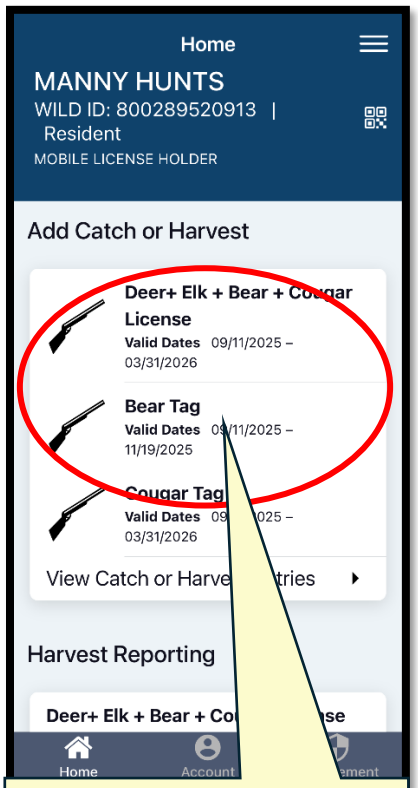
Customers can download GMU data from here if they declined to do it at first log in.

Manual log out

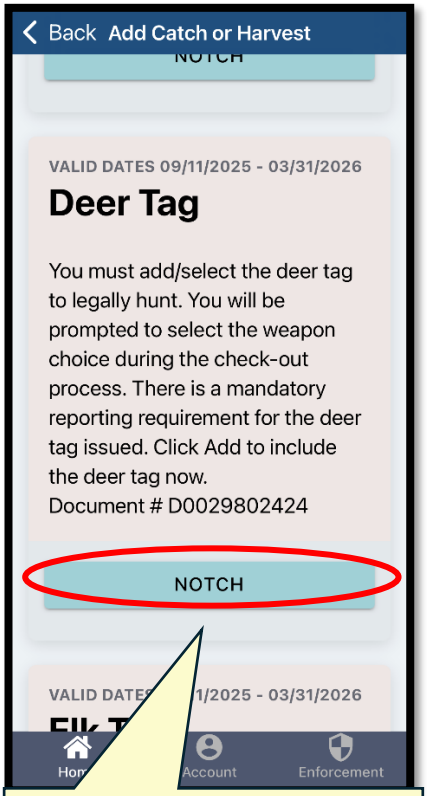
Entering a Catch or Harvest

One of the most useful features for fishers and hunters, is the “Add a Catch or Harvest” function. This allows mobile license holders to notch a tag electronically or record a catch at the time of harvest. Active catch record cards, tags, and harvest cards will be at the top, and active license privileges will be towards the bottom.

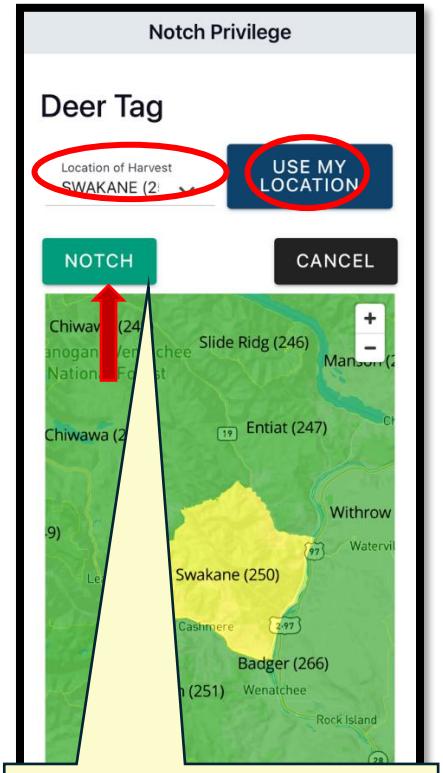
To enter a catch or harvest, a customer will tap on the box below “Add a Catch or Harvest”. Then they will locate the tag, harvest card, or catch record card they would like to report on.



Users will click on the box below the text “Add Catch or Harvest. Big game tags, CRCs, and harvest cards will be located here.

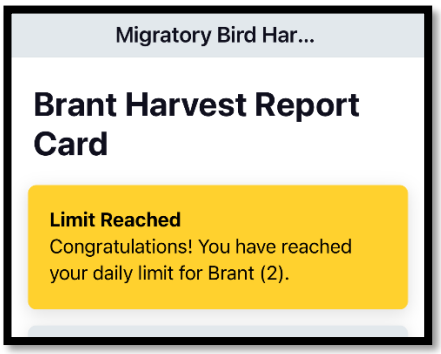


Customers will locate the tag, harvest card, or CRC they would like to report on. They will select “Notch” for tags.



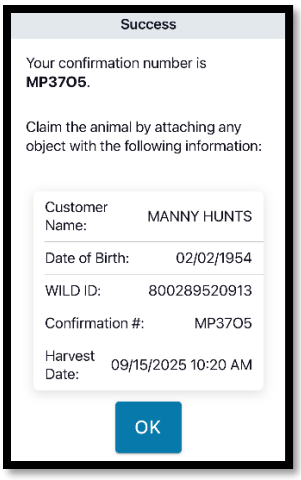
Hunters will be able to either select “Use My Location” or the drop down menu to select the GMU of their harvest. Once the GMU is selected, the customer will select “Notch”.

The MyWDFW application will not permit any harvests or catches to be entered that would put the customer over the limit. Customers that attempt to add harvests or catches over the legal limit will receive the following message:

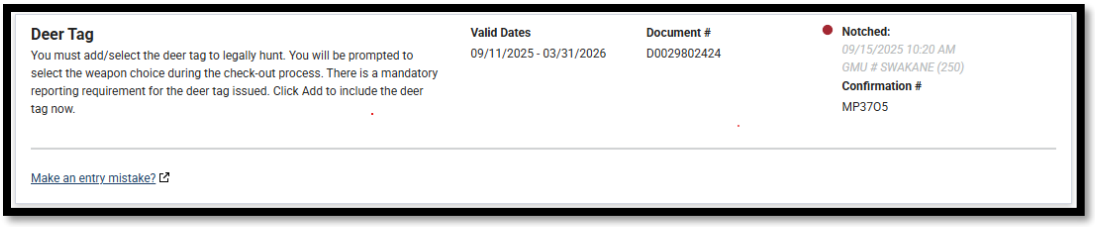




This messaging appears when a customer has reached their legal limit and prevents any further entries for that species

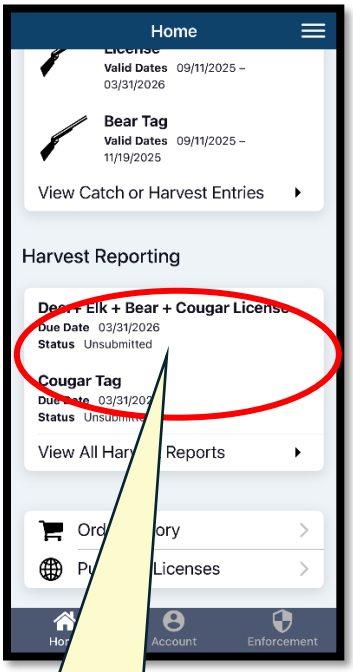


The customer will receive the confirmation number on their mobile device, along with the additional information that will need to be attached to the harvest. Since mobile customers will not have a paper tag to attach, they will need to utilize paper, duct tape, flagging tape, or other means to secure the information to the animal.

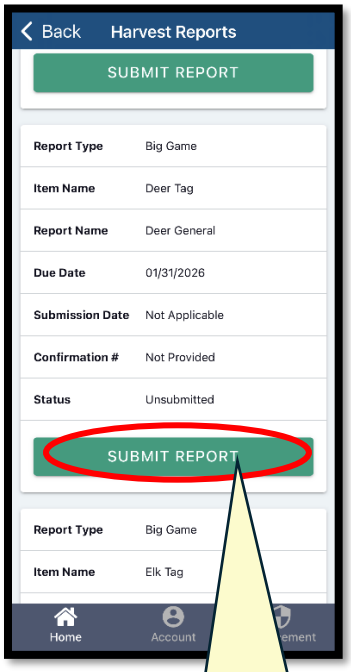


Harvest Reporting

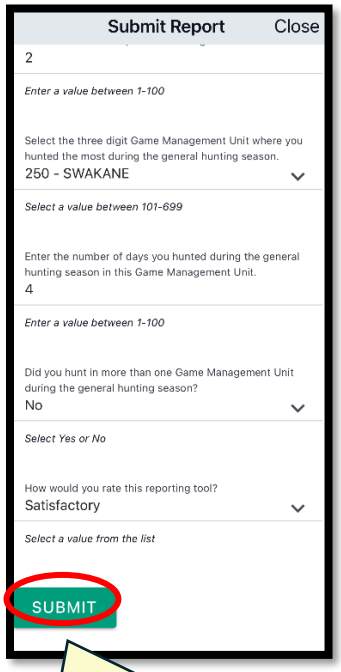
After a customer has notched their tag or if they have finished hunting for the season, they will need to submit their end of season harvest report. Users will submit their harvest report by clicking the box below "Harvest Reporting". They will look for the harvest they would like to report and they will select "Submit Report".



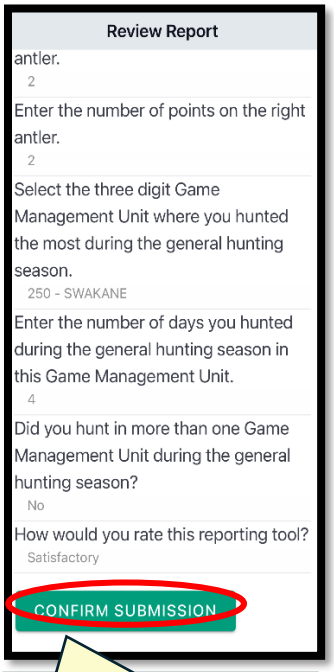
Click on the box below the text "Harvest Reporting".



Scroll to the tag, or harvest card you would like to submit a harvest report for.



Answer the questions on the report and hit submit.

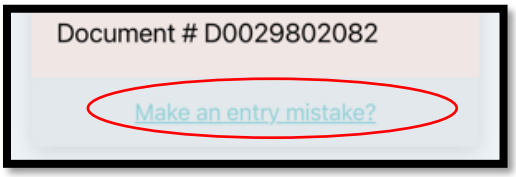


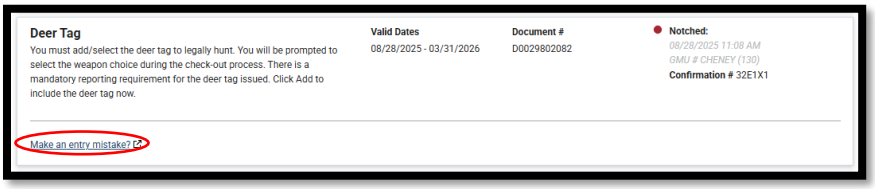
Review answers given and hit "Confirm Submission".

Customers will need to submit their harvest reports for big game and migratory bird before the harvest submission deadline to avoid the administrative penalty. Mobile customers that record their fish and crab harvests through the app will not need to submit their CRCs. The data will be automatically uploaded at the end of the season.

Make a Mistake?

App users who make harvest entry mistakes can have the entry corrected by going to “Add a Harvest or Catch” in the mobile application, locate the card or tag, and select “Make an entry mistake?”. Customers may also do it online in their WILD profile. Clicking on the link will direct them to a form to request an edit.

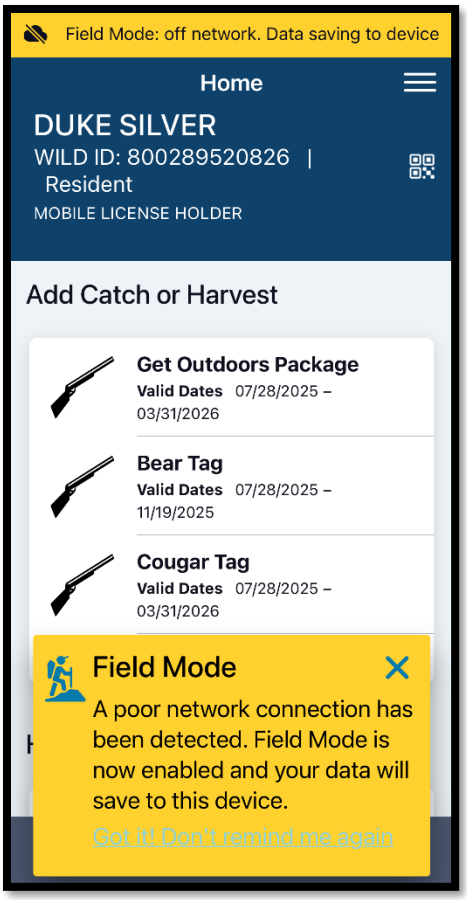




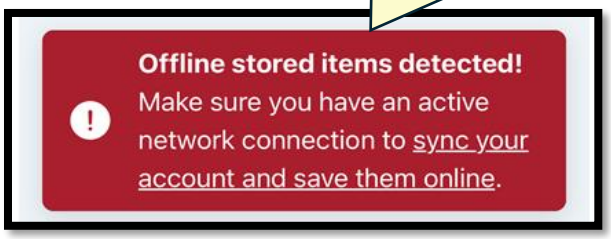
Offline Entries/Field Mode

Customers may find that their favorite fishing or hunting spot doesn’t have reliable cell service. Customers who log in to MyWDFW prior to trip departure can still enter a harvest or catch offline through “Field Mode”. Field mode will automatically activate when there is not adequate cell service. Field mode is what makes offline catch recording possible.

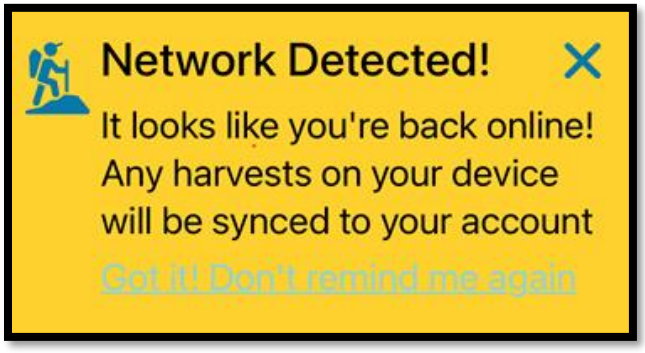
Customers will receive the “Field Mode” message when they enter a low to no service area.



When a catch is entered, the customer will see “Offline stored items detected!”. This means the catch/harvest has been successfully stored.



The “Network Detected!” message is received when the customer is back online. Catches and harvests will be synced to the account.



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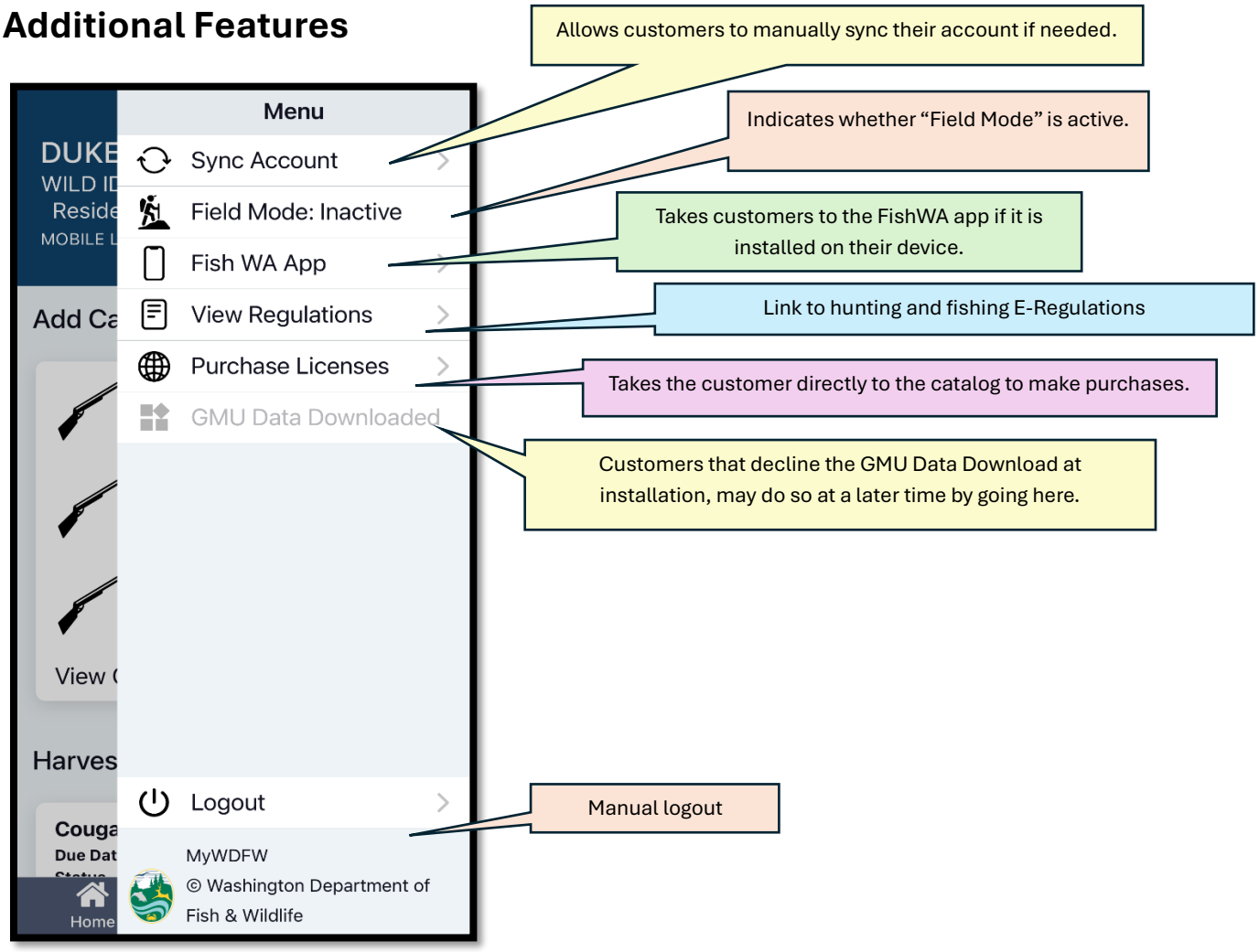
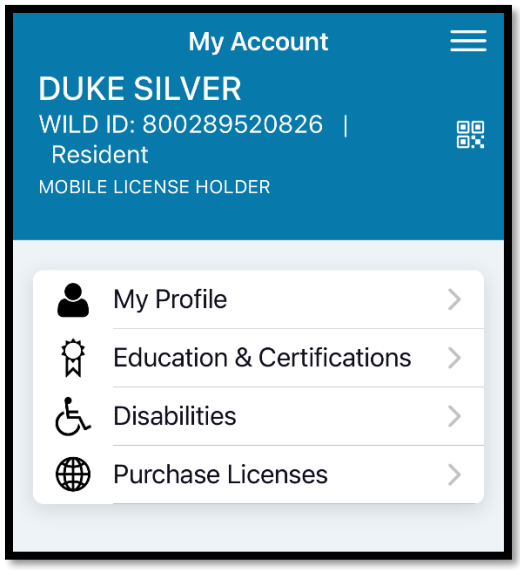


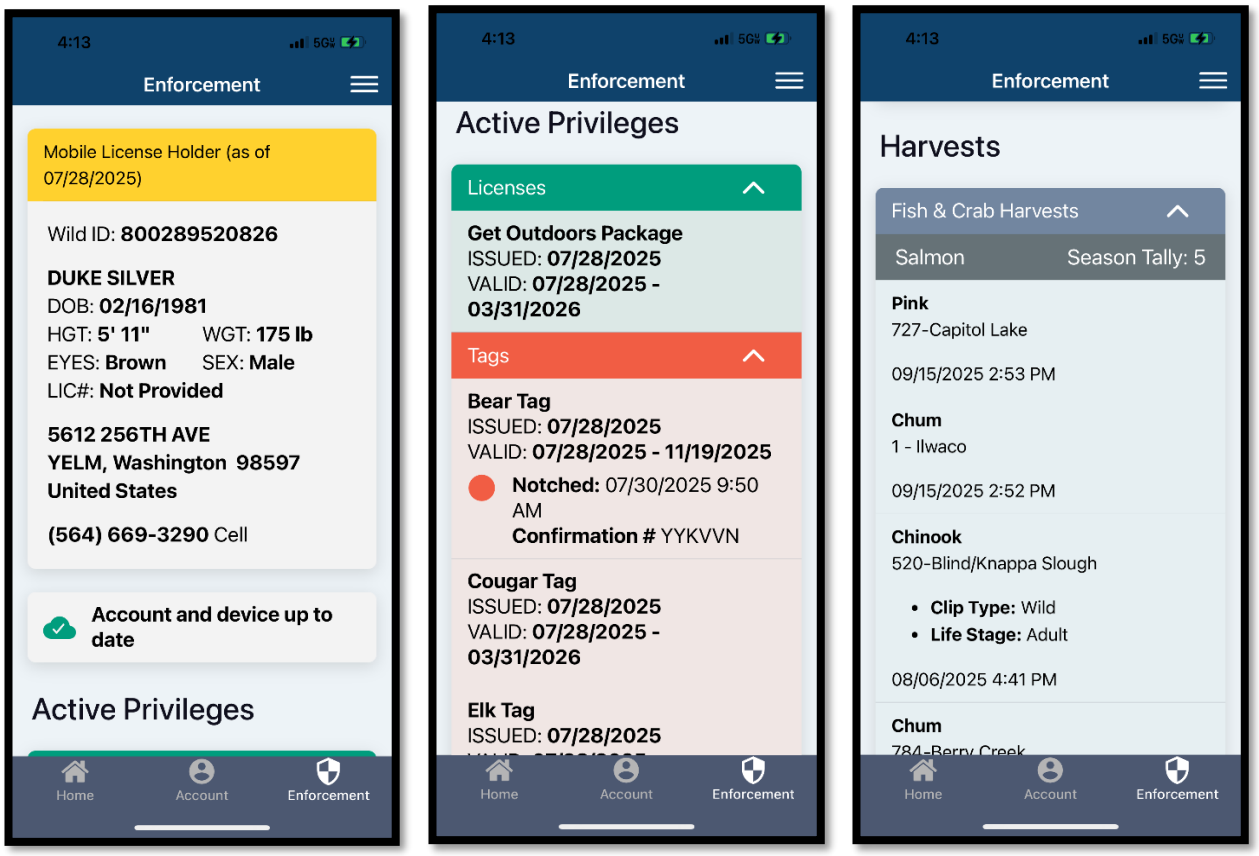
Home Page Options

At the bottom of the home page, you have “Account” and “Enforcement”. Under “Account”, customers will find their profile information, education and certificates, disabilities, and a link to the purchase catalog.



Enforcement View

MyWDFW has a feature called “Enforcement View”. This is an easy way for WDFW officers to quickly view the customer’s profile information (ie: height, weight, eyecolor, address), active license privileges, date they became a MLH, season and daily tallies, notched tags, and the 10 most recent catches or harvests. If a WDFW officer approaches you, you can expect them to invite you to display the app’s Enforcement View.



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