## PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

## **BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

## **LCB File No. R160-12**

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EXPLANATION - Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 502.160; §2, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.160 and 502.175.

A REGULATION relating to hunting; allowing for party applications for tags to hunt any antlerless elk or antelope with horns shorter than its ears; clarifying the circumstances under which a person may transfer bonus points; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

## **Section 1.** NAC 502.4185 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 502.4185 1. Residents and nonresidents may apply for tags as one party if they:
- (a) Submit individual applications to obtain tags;
- (b) Indicate the desire to hunt as a party on their applications; and
- (c) Select the corresponding valid hunter choice numbers for a species or category of species.
- 2. If the Department is required, pursuant to NAC 502.418, to reject an application submitted by one member of a party, the Department is not required to reject the applications of the remaining members unless the ground for rejecting the one application also applies to the other applications.
- 3. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if any member of a party specifies on his or her application a type of hunt different from that specified by any other member of that party, the applications of each member of that party will be considered solely with respect to the type of hunt and residency for which the Department will issue the most tags in the drawing for which

the application is submitted. If any member of a party specifies a junior hunt on his or her application, the applications of each member of that party will be considered solely with respect to the type of hunt, other than a junior hunt, for which the Department will issue the most tags in the drawing for which the application is submitted.

- 4. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.4195, the Department shall not exceed its quotas for the respective resident and nonresident units of a season when issuing tags to a party.
- 5. As used in this section, "party" means two or more persons applying together as a group to obtain tags for a season to hunt *any* deer [...], *antlerless elk or antelope with horns shorter* than its ears.
  - **Sec. 2.** NAC 502.4189 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.4189 1. Each applicant in a drawing for a tag for a season receives a number of additional draw numbers that is equal to the number of bonus points that he or she has accumulated squared, as expressed in the following equation:

 $n=b^2$ 

where "n" is the number of additional draw numbers and "b" is the number of bonus points. The number of additional draw numbers determines the number of draw numbers for the species or category of the species for which the application was submitted. The applicant's lowest randomly assigned draw number is the number used for the drawing.

2. Except as otherwise provided in [subsection 4,] subsections 3 and 4, bonus points accumulated by a person for a season cannot be transferred to any other person or any other season. [unless:]

- 3. An applicant may transfer bonus points if:
- (a) The applicant changes his or her state of residence;
- (b) The applicant requests in writing that the Department transfer those bonus points; and
- (c) The Department approves the request for the transfer.
- → Bonus points transferred pursuant to this subsection apply to the same type of hunt to which they applied before the transfer.
- [3.] 4. The number of bonus points applicable to applications submitted by a group pursuant to NAC 502.4185 for tags [to hunt deer] is the quotient of the total number of points held by the members of the group divided by the number of members in the group, rounded to the nearest whole number.
- [4.] 5. If a person has applied for a junior hunt for 5 years or becomes ineligible to participate in a junior hunt because of his or her age, each unused bonus point accumulated by that person for a junior hunt automatically transfers to the category for antlered mule deer. The provisions of this subsection do not apply to a bonus point accumulated by the person for a junior hunt in a year in which the person also accumulated a bonus point in the category for antlered mule deer.