PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

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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 503.040; §2, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 502.160; and §3, NRS 501.105 and 501.181.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; setting forth the manner in which a game tag may be used as a transportation permit; requiring certain signatures and information to be included on a tag or permit; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

- **Section 1.** Chapter 502 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:
- 1. A person to whom a game tag has been lawfully issued may use his or her game tag as a transportation permit in the manner described in this section if:
- (a) Pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NAC 502.385, the game tag includes the signature of the holder of the game tag and the date on which and time at which the holder signed the game tag;
 - (b) The game tag has been validated pursuant to NAC 502.390; and
- (c) The game tag has been attached to the carcass, hide or pelt of the animal pursuant to NAC 502.400.
- 2. The holder of the game tag, the person who will transport the carcass, hide or pelt of the animal and a witness each shall, at the time the carcass, hide or pelt is transferred from the holder of the game tag to the person who will transport the carcass, hide or pelt:

- (a) Sign the portion of the game tag designated as the tag holder copy of the transportation permit and the portion of the game tag designated as the transporter copy of the transportation permit; and
 - (b) Include on each portion of the game tag described in paragraph (a):
- (1) The date and time that the carcass, hide or pelt of the animal is transferred from the holder of the game tag to the person who will transport the carcass, hide or pelt of the animal; and
- (2) Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, his or her driver's license number or the number of any other identification card issued by a governmental agency to the person.
- 3. If the holder of the game tag, the person who will transport the carcass, hide or pelt of the animal or the witness does not have a driver's license or any other identification card issued by a governmental agency, he or she shall include on each portion of the game tag described in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 his or her date of birth.
- 4. In addition to the requirements of subsections 2 and 3, the holder of the game tag shall include on each portion of the game tag described in paragraph (a) of subsection 2 the destination of the carcass, hide or pelt being transported.
- 5. A person who provides a signature pursuant to this section shall be deemed to have attested, under penalty of perjury, to the transfer of the carcass, hide or pelt of the animal from the holder of the game tag to the person who will transport the carcass, hide or pelt.
- 6. A person shall not remove the portion of the game tag that has been attached pursuant to NAC 502.400 to the carcass, hide or pelt of an animal being transported before the carcass, hide or pelt has reached its destination.

- 7. The holder of the game tag shall retain the portion of the game tag designated as the tag holder copy of the transportation permit and the person who transports the carcass, hide or pelt shall retain the portion of the game tag designated as the transporter copy of the transportation permit for at least 1 year after the date that the carcass, hide or pelt of the animal is transferred from the holder of the game tag to the person who transports the carcass, hide or pelt.
- 8. If the carcass, hide or pelt of an animal is transferred from the holder of a game tag to a person who will transport the carcass, hide or pelt, that portion of the cape or scalp of the animal which includes the ears to the base of the muzzle and any antlers or horns must be kept with the carcass, hide or pelt until the carcass, hide or pelt is frozen, smoked, dried, consumed or accepted by a commercial processing plant for processing.
 - **Sec. 2.** NAC 502.385 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 - 502.385 1. The tag or permit must [be]:
- (a) Include, in the space provided on the tag or permit, the signature of the owner and the date on which and time at which the owner signed the tag or permit; and
- (b) Be carried by the owner at all times while the owner is hunting or trapping or while he or she is fishing for wildlife for which a tag or permit is required.
 - 2. It is unlawful for any person [to]:
 - (a) To use or possess a tag or permit issued to any other person for to;
 - (b) To transfer or give a tag or permit issued to him or her to any other person [-
 - 2. It is unlawful for a person to ;
 - (c) To use any tag or permit in a management area or unit for which it is not intended; or to
 - (d) To use a tag or permit at any time other than at the time intended.

- 3. After it has been issued, a tag or permit may not be exchanged or a refund made except in accordance with the policies and regulations of the Commission.
 - **Sec. 3.** NAC 502.403 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.403 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person to whom a game tag has been lawfully issued may [, in lieu of obtaining a transportation permit as described in NRS 503.040,] use that portion of his or her game tag designated as the taxidermy record stub in the following manner:
- (a) The person may ship by commercial carrier any nonedible game parts taken from the animal lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag to a commercial or noncommercial taxidermist licensed and located in this State. If such parts are placed for shipment, the taxidermy record stub must accompany the shipment.
- (b) If the person reaches his or her place of residence with an animal which has been lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag or delivers the animal to a commercial processor for processing, the person may authorize another person to transport any nonedible game parts taken from the animal to a commercial or noncommercial taxidermist licensed and located in this State. The person shall, at the time of making the authorization, print in ink on the taxidermy record stub both the name of the authorized transporter and the date of the authorization. The taxidermy record stub must accompany the transportation of the parts.
- (c) The person who is specified on the tag may deliver any nonedible game parts taken from the animal lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag to a commercial or noncommercial taxidermist licensed in any state.

- 2. Whenever antlers are shipped, transported or delivered in the manner provided in subsection 1, the holder of the game tag shall indicate in ink on the taxidermy record stub the number of both the left and right antler points.
- 3. If a person who holds a game tag delivers any nonedible game parts of a game animal which he or she has lawfully harvested under the authority of the tag to a taxidermist before the carcass of the animal is delivered for processing to a commercial processing plant or before the carcass of the animal is taken to or left at the holder's place of residence, the holder shall obtain from the taxidermist, and the taxidermist shall provide to the holder, an itemized receipt which includes the following printed information:
 - (a) The date on which the nonedible game parts were received;
 - (b) The species of game from which the nonedible game parts were taken;
 - (c) A brief description of each of the nonedible game parts received; and
 - (d) The number of antler points, both left and right, if any, of the animal.
- Both the holder of the tag and the taxidermist shall sign the receipt. The holder of the tag shall retain possession of the receipt until he or she acquires physical possession of the nonedible game parts specified in the receipt from the taxidermist to whom the parts were delivered.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a taxidermy record stub may not be used or possessed by any person other than the person to whom the game tag to which the stub is attached was issued.
- 5. A taxidermy record stub is valid only for the type of hunt, season and animal specified on the tag and may only be used as authorized in this section.
- 6. Nonedible game parts taken from a harvested game animal which is required to be presented to a representative of the Department for inspection and branding or sealing may not

be shipped, transported or delivered pursuant to the provisions of this section until the animal has been properly inspected and branded or sealed by the Department.

- 7. The provisions of NAC 503.173 do not apply to a person who ships, transports or delivers nonedible game parts in compliance with the provisions of this section.
- 8. As used in this section, "nonedible game parts" means the hide, head, skull, antlers, horns, paws, hooves or claws of any game animal. The term does not include the carcass of the animal.