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 and 501.181; §2, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.160 and 502.219; §§3 and 4, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.160 and 502.175.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; providing an exception to the prohibition on the submission of applications for hunting tags and bonus points under certain circumstances; prohibiting the award of bonus points for depredation hunts and management hunts; providing for the award of bonus points in the categories of ewes of certain bighorn sheep; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 502.105 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 502.105 "Type of hunt" means a hunt authorized by a regulation of the Commission, for which tags are awarded pursuant to application, that differs from another hunt in one or more of the following ways:
- 1. The species to be hunted for any species other than a species that is included in a category of a species pursuant to subsection 2;
- 2. The category of the species , *subspecies and gender* to be hunted as described in subsection 1 of NAC 502.4188;
 - 3. The weapons to be used;
 - 4. The residency of applicants; and
 - 5. The method of drawing applications for the award of tags.
 - **Sec. 2.** NAC 502.4179 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.4179 A person may not submit an application for a:

- 1. Tag and an application for a bonus point for the same category or species in the same drawing !! unless authorized by the Commission.
- 2. Bonus point in a subsequent drawing if a tag, other than a Dream Tag issued pursuant to NRS 502.219, or bonus point was obtained for that category of species in a previous drawing that year unless authorized by the Commission.
 - **Sec. 3.** NAC 502.4187 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.4187 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.416 to 502.4225, inclusive, an applicant to obtain a tag for a season who is unsuccessful, or an applicant for a bonus point who does not wish to obtain a tag and is applying for the sole purpose of earning a bonus point, must be awarded a bonus point for:
 - (a) The hunt number of the species for which the applicant applied if he or she applied for a:
 - (1) Tag to hunt wild turkey; *or*
 - (2) Depredation hunt tag; or
- (3) Bonus point for a tag described in subparagraph (1); (2); or
- (b) The category of the species for which he or she applied if he or she applied for a tag to hunt deer, elk, mountain goat, antelope, black bear or bighorn sheep, or for a bonus point for such a tag.
- Regardless of the number of applications to obtain a tag or bonus point for a season submitted by a person, the Department shall not award the person more than one bonus point per season for each species or category of a species for which the person applied.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, the bonus points awarded to a person accumulate until the person is successful in drawing a tag for a season for that species or

category of a species or the person fails to apply for a season for 2 consecutive calendar years during which that type of hunt for a season is open. If an applicant is successful in drawing a tag for a season for a species or category of a species or fails to apply for a season for 2 consecutive calendar years during which that type of hunt for a season is open, the applicant loses all of his or her bonus points for that species or category of a species.

- 3. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.4189, a person may not use any bonus points awarded to the person for being unsuccessful in a junior hunt to apply for a drawing for a tag for any other type of hunt after the person is no longer eligible to participate in a junior hunt.
- 4. If an applicant requests and receives a refund for the value of his or her hunting license, the Department shall not award the applicant a bonus point for any species or category of species applied for during the period that the applicant possessed the hunting license.
- 5. The Department shall not award bonus points for depredation hunts or management hunts.
- 6. As used in this section, "management hunt" means a hunt established to seek the harvest of additional wildlife to achieve particular objectives for population.
 - **Sec. 4.** NAC 502.4188 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 502.4188 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, any bonus points awarded by the Department pursuant to the bonus point program must be awarded in one of the following categories of species : , subspecies and gender:
 - (a) Antlered mule deer;
 - (b) Antlerless mule deer;
 - (c) Mule deer, either antlered or antlerless;
 - (d) Antlered Rocky Mountain elk;

- (e) Antlerless Rocky Mountain elk;
- (f) Rocky Mountain elk, either antlered or antlerless;
- (g) Spike Rocky Mountain elk;
- (h) Pronghorn antelope whose horns are longer than their ears;
- (i) Pronghorn antelope whose horns are shorter than their ears;
- (j) Rams, from one of the following subspecies:
 - (1) Nelson bighorn sheep;
 - (2) California bighorn sheep; or
 - (3) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep;
- (k) Ewes, from one of the following subspecies:
 - (1) Nelson bighorn sheep;
 - (2) California bighorn sheep; or
 - (3) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep;
- (1) Mountain goats; or
- $\{(1)\}$ (m) Black bears.
- 2. Bonus points awarded by the Department pursuant to the bonus point program for wild turkey [and depredation] hunts must be awarded by hunt number.