PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

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COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 467

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets formitted material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 501.105, 501.181

A REGULATION relating to hunting; authorizing the Department of Wildlife to issue an special assistance permit to a person with a permanent disability; identifying the circumstances under which a person may qualify for this special assistance permit; identify the purpose of the special assistance permit and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. "Special Assistance Permit" means a permit issued to a person with a permanent physical disability who;

- (a) Is a paraplegic, has had one or both legs amputated, or has suffered a paralysis of one or both legs which severely impedes the person's walking; and
- (b) Has obtained a valid tag issued by the Department for hunting a big game mammal. "Designated Licensed Assistant" means a licensed hunter identified on the Special Assistance Permit to assist a permanently disabled person while hunting big game during the period of time the tag is valid.

Section 2. Any person having a permanent physical disability as designated by subsection 9 of NRS 501.181 will be eligible to obtain a Special Assistance Permit from the Department at no charge.

Section 3. 1. The Special Assistance Permit shall allow the tag holder to designate another licensed hunter to assist in;

- a) Taking of a big game mammal lawfully wounded by the tag holder,
- b) The validation of the tag holder's tag pursuant to NAC 502.390,

- c) Retrieving the big game mammal wounded or killed by the tag holder with a Special Assistance Permit and
- d) The designated licensed assistant must have a good faith belief that the tag holder has wounded a big game mammal prior to discharging his firearm in an attempt to assist the tag holder in the taking of the wounded big game mammal.
- 2. The designated licensed assistant shall be required to hold a current Nevada hunting license, and shall remain subject to all other laws of the State of Nevada, and regulations of the Department for the activity being engaged in.

Section 4. The tag holder with a valid Special Assistant Permit in his or her possession shall accompany the designated licensed assistant into the field and may shoot from a motor vehicle so long as that motor vehicle is not in motion. The tag holder shall be in close proximity whenever possible to the designated licensed assistant. The designated licensed assistant shall not possess a loaded shotgun or rifle in, or shoot from, a motor vehicle when assisting.

Section 5. The person designated by the tag holder shall not be a person whose fishing, hunting, trapping, or guiding license privileges are currently suspended, restricted, or revoked.

Section 6. Falsely obtaining or using a permit authorized by this regulation invalidates any permissions granted by said permit.

Section 7. The Special Assistance Permit application must include:

- 1. The permittee's legal name, physical and mailing address, street address, city, county, state, zip code and telephone number;
- 2. Social Security Number and Sportsman ID
- 3. The class and number of the hunting license issued to the permittee in this State; and

- 4. The legal name, sportsman ID and hunting license number of the designated licensed assistant to accompany the permittee.
- 5. The designated licensed assistant's physical address, city, county, state, zip code and telephone number;
- 6. A statement, signed by the permittee, acknowledging the permittee's eligibility pursuant to NRS 501.181.
- 7. A statement, signed by the designated licensed assistance acknowledging their eligibility in assisting the permittee

Section 8. A big game tag holder applying for a Special Assistance Permit shall complete separate applications for each designated license assistant for each big game tag.

Section 7. NAC 502.390 is hereby amended to read as follows;

NAC 502.390 *Except as provided in Section 2 of this regulation w*[W]hen a person reaches any wildlife which the person has killed, he or she must validate his or her tag or permit immediately by clearly punching out the spaces necessary to properly identify the physical description of the animal, including its sex and antler points, where appropriate, and the day and month of the kill.

Section 8. NAC 502.400 is hereby amended to read as follows;

NAC 502.400 1. Except as otherwise provided *Section 2 and* [in] subsection 2 *of Section 8 of this regulation*, the owner of a tag or permit must firmly attach it to the carcass of an animal killed by the owner, at or before the time he or she first reaches his or her means of transportation or camp. The tag or permit must remain with the major portion of the meat until it is consumed.

2. If the animal killed is a mountain lion or fur-bearing mammal for which a tag or permit is required, the owner of the tag or permit must firmly attach it to the hide or pelt of the animal. The tag or permit must remain attached to the hide while it is transported and until it is processed.