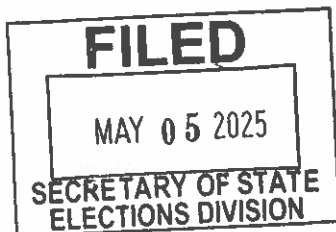


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FORM FOR FILING
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NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF
WILDLIFE
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE
COMMISSIONERS

LCB File No. T009-25
Commission General Regulation 524:
Bonus Points Associated with Junior Hunts

FOR EMERGENCY
REGULATIONS ONLY

EFFECTIVE DATE:
EXPIRATION DATE:

ATTACHED STATEMENT OF
EMERGENCY

Governor's Signature:

Classification: PROPOSED X ADOPTED BY AGENCY EMERGENCY

Brief description of action:

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners adopted:

Commission General Regulation 524, Bonus Points Associated with Junior Hunts, LCB File No. T009-25

The Commission held an adoption to consider a temporary regulation amending Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 502 that would simplify the issuance, use and administrative management of bonus points associated with junior hunt applications.

Authority citation other than 233B: NRS 501.105

Workshop Notice date: 01/08/2025

Workshop Hearing date: 01/25/2025

Adoption Notice date: 02/03/2025

Adoption Hearing date: 03/08/2025

Agency Adoption Date: 04/14/2025 (Temporary Regulation)

**STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS
AS REQUIRED BY NRS 233B.066**

**LCB FILE NO. T009-25
Commission General Regulation 524**

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 502.

1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation:

The regulation is necessary to provide additional convenience to the Department's customers, resolve uncertainty generated by existing regulatory language and existing or proposed hunt application structures, and add to customer retention by reducing the need to transfer and potentially loose bonus points issued in junior hunt applications. This regulation will improve customer service and satisfaction, particularly for junior hunters and their parents or guardians.

2. Description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

Public comment was solicited during both the regulation workshop of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners (NBWC) in January 2025 and the adoption hearing in March 2025. There was no public comment.

Meeting minutes from the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners' meetings include all public comment and can be found here when posted: <https://nvboardofwildlife.org/#meetings>

3. The number of persons who:

(a) Attended each hearing:

January 2025: 126 Attendees
March 2025: 36 Attendees

(b) Testified at each hearing:

January 2025: 1
March 2025: 0

(c) Submitted written comments:

January 2025: 0
March 2025: 0

4. **For each person identified in number 3 above, the following information if provided to the agency conducting the hearing:**

- (a) **Name:** Mike Reese
- (b) **Telephone number:**
- (c) **Business address:**
- (d) **Business telephone number:**
- (e) **Electronic mail address:** mikereese224@gmail.com
- (f) **Name of entity or organization represented:** Southern Coalition for Nevada's Wildlife

5. **A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:**

Comment was not solicited from small businesses. This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with individual customers of the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

6. **If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change:**

N/A

7. **The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the businesses which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:**

- (a) **Both adverse and beneficial effects on businesses; and**
It has been determined that there are neither significant adverse nor beneficial effects on businesses.
- (b) **Both immediate and long-term effects on businesses:**
It has been determined that there are neither immediate nor long-term effects on businesses.
- (a) **Both adverse and beneficial effects on the public; and**
It has been determined that there are no adverse effects on the public.
- (b) **Both immediate and long-term effects on the public:**
It has been determined that there are neither immediate nor long-term effects on the public.

8. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation:**

There will be no additional cost to the Department for the enforcement of this regulation.

9. **A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency:**

This regulation does not overlap or duplicate any local, state, or federal regulation.

- 10. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions:**

This regulation does not include provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity.

- 11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.**

The proposed regulation does not provide new or increased fees.

**STATE OF NEVADA
NEVADA BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE
SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT PURSUANT TO NRS233B**

Commission General Regulation 524 LCB File No. T009-25 Bonus Points Associated with Junior Hunt Applications

The purpose of this form is to provide a framework pursuant to NRS 233B.0608 to determine whether a small business impact statement is required for submittal of a proposed regulation before the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners. Note: Small business is defined as a “business conducted for profit which employs fewer than 150 full-time or part-time employees” (NRS233B.0382).

1. Describe the manner in which comment was solicited from affected small businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of the manner in which other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary:

ANSWER:

Comment was not solicited from small businesses. This regulation does not affect small businesses as the changes are associated with individual customers of the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

2. Describe the manner in which the analysis was conducted:

ANSWER:

Agency personnel concluded that there would be no small businesses impact and no need for a small business impact analysis.

3. Describe the estimated economic effect of the proposed regulation on the small businesses which it is to regulate, including, without limitation:

- a.) Both adverse and beneficial effects:

ANSWER:

There will be no adverse or beneficial effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

- b.) Both direct and indirect effects:

ANSWER:

There will be no adverse or beneficial effects from the proposed regulation on small business because it does not regulate the operation of any small business.

4. Describe the methods that the agency considered to reduce the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and a statement regarding whether the agency actually used any of those methods:

ANSWER:

There will be no impact from the proposed regulation on small businesses, therefore no methods were considered or taken by the agency.

5. Describe the estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

ANSWER:

The enforcement of the regulation falls within current operations of the Department; therefore, there will be no additional cost to the agency above the current legislatively approved budget. Since this regulation will simplify bonus point processes, it is anticipated to save costs for the Department.

6. If the proposed regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used:

ANSWER:

The proposed regulation does not provide new or increased fees.

7. If the proposed regulation includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, an explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary:

ANSWER:


This regulation does not include provisions that duplicate or are more stringent than federal, state, or local standards.

8. The reasons for the conclusions of the agency regarding the impact of a regulation on small businesses:

ANSWER:

The agency concluded that this regulation does not impact small businesses because the changes are associated with individual customers of the Nevada Department of Wildlife and do not include any added fees, costs, or requirements of those customers.

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.



Alan Jenne, Director
Nevada Department of Wildlife

**STATE OF NEVADA
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS

The Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners adopted Commission General Regulation 524, Bonus Points Associated with Junior Hunts, LCB File No. T009-25, which pertains to Chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code on March 8, 2025.

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 524**

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

AUTHORITY: NRS 501.105, NRS 501.181, NRS 502.103, NRS 502.160, NRS 502.175, NRS 502.250

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; revising provisions relating to the award, use, and tracking of customer bonus points associated with hunt applications.

Section 1. NAC 502.4187 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.417 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 the category of the species, *subspecies, and gender* for which he or she applied if he or she applied for a tag to hunt deer, elk, mountain goat, antelope, black bear, moose, wild turkey or bighorn sheep, or for a bonus point for such a tag.
2. 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 per hunting license for each *category of the species, subspecies, and gender* [or category of a species] for which the person applied.
3. [Except as otherwise provided in subsection 5, t] The bonus points awarded to a person for a species or category of species accumulate until the person loses his or her bonus points pursuant to this subsection. A person loses all of his or her bonus points for a [-species or] category of a species, *subspecies, and gender*:
 - (a) If the person is successful in drawing a tag for a season for that species or category of

a species, *subspecies*, or *gender*; or

(b) If the person does not apply for a tag or a bonus point ~~for a season~~ for *two (2)* consecutive calendar years during which ~~[that type of]~~ *a hunting* ~~[for a]~~ season is open *for that category of species, subspecies, and gender*.

4. Upon written request, the Department shall reinstate each bonus point a person lost pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 3 if:

(a) During the entirety of the respective *two (2)* consecutive calendar years, the person was mobilized, deployed, training or stationed outside of the United States as an active member of the Armed Forces of the United States, as verified by a copy of his or her orders or other proof satisfactory to the Department; and

(b) The request is submitted to the Department not later than *one (1)* year after the date the person returns to the United States.

~~[5. 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.]~~

5. ~~[6.]~~ 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, *subspecies*, and *gender* applied for during the period that the applicant possessed the hunting license.

6. ~~[7.]~~ If an applicant is successful in obtaining a tag for a ~~[species or]~~ category of a species, *subspecies*, and *gender* but transfers the tag to another person pursuant to section 1 of LCB File No. R022-19, the applicant and the new recipient of the tag lose all bonus points for that ~~[species or]~~ category of species, *subspecies*, and *gender*.

7. ~~[8.]~~ The Department shall not award bonus points for depredation hunts or management

hunts.

8.[9.] As used in this section, “management hunt” means a hunt established to seek the harvest of additional wildlife within a population.

Sec. 2. NAC 502.4188 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.4188 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:

1. Antlered mule deer;
2. Antlerless mule deer;
3. Mule deer, either antlered or antlerless;
4. Antlered Rocky Mountain elk;
5. Antlerless Rocky Mountain elk;
6. Rocky Mountain elk, either antlered or antlerless;
7. Spike Rocky Mountain elk;
8. Pronghorn antelope whose horns are longer than their ears;
9. Pronghorn antelope whose horns are shorter than their ears;
10. Rams, from one of the following subspecies:
 - (a) Nelson bighorn sheep;
 - (b) California bighorn sheep; or
 - (c) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep;
11. Ewes, from one of the following subspecies:
 - (a) Nelson bighorn sheep;
 - (b) California bighorn sheep; or
 - (c) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep;
12. Mountain goats;

13. Black bears;
14. Antlered moose;
15. Antlerless moose;
16. Moose, either antlered or antlerless; or
17. Wild turkey.

Sec. 7. 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 5, bonus points accumulated by a person for a ~~[species or]~~ category of species, *subspecies, and gender* cannot be transferred to any other person or any other ~~[species or]~~ category of species, *subspecies, and gender*.

3. Any bonus points accumulated by an applicant automatically transfer with the applicant if the applicant changes his or her state of residence. Bonus points transferred pursuant to this subsection apply to the same ~~species or~~ category of species, *subspecies, and gender* to which they applied before the transfer.

4. The number of bonus points applicable to applications submitted by a group pursuant to NAC 502.4185 for tags 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.

5. *Bonus points associated with a junior hunt are not distinct from and automatically transfer to those associated with a general hunt. If the junior hunt for which the application was made allows for the harvest of an antlered or antlerless mule deer, the bonus point will be issued in the category of antlered mule deer.* [~~If a person becomes ineligible to apply for a junior hunt for deer pursuant to NAC 502.333 or becomes ineligible to participate in a junior hunt for deer because of his or her age, each unused bonus point accumulated by that person for a junior hunt for deer 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 for deer in a year in which the person also accumulated a bonus point in the category for antlered mule deer.~~

6. ~~If a person becomes ineligible to apply for a junior hunt for wild turkey pursuant to NAC 502.333 or becomes ineligible to participate in a junior hunt for wild turkey because of his or her age, each unused bonus point accumulated by person for a junior hunt for wild turkey automatically transfers to the category for wild turkey.]~~