

**ADOPTED REGULATION OF THE  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**LCB File No. R117-07**

Effective December 4, 2007

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 and 502.130; §§3, 5, 6 and 8, NRS 501.105, 501.119, 501.181 and 502.160; §4, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.130, 502.140 and 502.160; §7, NRS 501.105, 501.119, 501.181, 502.148 and 502.160.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; setting forth the computation of days during which an animal or parts thereof must be presented to a representative of the Department of Wildlife; establishing certain requirements for the submission of turkey tag questionnaires; amending the deadline for the receipt of big game tag questionnaires; authorizing the reinstatement of certain privileges; requiring the Department to allow an applicant to correct a questionnaire under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** Chapter 502 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this regulation.

**Sec. 2.** *Whenever a person is required, pursuant to a regulation adopted by the Commission, to present an animal or parts thereof to a representative of the Department for inspection, sealing or branding within a specified period, the day of the act or event from which the specified period begins to run must not be included. The last day of the period so computed must be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday or a state holiday, in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday or a state holiday. Intermediate Saturdays, Sundays and state holidays must be excluded from the computation.*

**Sec. 3. 1.** *Unless otherwise provided by an annual regulation of the Commission, the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of a turkey tag must be received by the independent contractor designated by the Department not later than 5 p.m. on:*

*(a) May 31, or the next business day if May 31 falls on a weekend or state holiday, following the close of the season for the spring hunt for turkey; or*

*(b) November 30, or the next business day if November 30 falls on a weekend or state holiday, following the close of the season for the fall hunt for turkey.*

**2.** *The Department shall annually designate and publish the name and address of an independent contractor who will receive the questionnaire pursuant to subsection 1.*

**3.** *A person who fails to return the questionnaire or the information required by the questionnaire within the period specified or who submits incomplete or false information on the questionnaire will be denied all turkey tags for 1 year.*

**4.** *A person who has been denied a tag pursuant to subsection 3 may have those privileges reinstated if he:*

*(a) Pays to the Department an administrative fine of \$50; and*

*(b) Submits to the independent contractor designated by the Department the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of the turkey tag or the information required by the questionnaire.*

**5.** *A person who seeks to have privileges reinstated pursuant to the provisions of subsection 4 must perform the actions specified in that subsection not later than 5 p.m. on:*

*(a) June 30, or the next business day if June 30 falls on a weekend or state holiday, following the close of the spring hunt for turkey; or*

*(b) December 31, or the next business day if December 31 falls on a weekend or state holiday, following the close of the fall hunt for turkey.*

*6. The Department shall allow an applicant to correct a questionnaire if:*

*(a) The independent contractor receives the questionnaire and enters the information on the questionnaire into the computer;*

*(b) The questionnaire contains an error that causes the computer to send to the applicant a letter of rejection and blank correction document; and*

*(c) The independent contractor receives the completed correction document on or before the deadline set forth in the correction document.*

*7. If the independent contractor receives the completed correction document on or before the deadline set forth in the correction document, the independent contractor shall use the information contained in the correction document to update the applicant's file on the computer.*

*8. If the applicant submits a correction document that does not contain information sufficient to correct every error in the questionnaire or the correction document is not received by the independent contractor on or before the deadline set forth in the correction document, the questionnaire will be considered incomplete pursuant to subsection 3.*

**Sec. 4.** NAC 502.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.380 1. A permit is required to hunt swan. The fee for the permit is \$10. A person must apply for the permit on a form provided by the Department. The form must be completed in accordance with the instructions thereon. Award of the swan hunt permits by the Department will be based on a drawing held after the date specified on the form.

2. Each person, while hunting swan, shall carry on his person a:

(a) Hunting license issued by the Department, or a nonresident permit to hunt upland game and ~~[waterfowl;]~~ *migratory game birds*;

(b) Swan hunt permit issued by the Department;

(c) State duck stamp, or any other such documentation as the Department provides as proof that he has paid to the Department the fee for the state duck stamp; and

(d) Federal migratory bird hunting stamp, or any other such documentation as the Federal Government provides as proof that he has paid to the Federal Government the fee for the federal migratory bird hunting stamp.

3. When a hunter has killed a swan and taken it into his possession, he shall:

(a) Immediately punch and attach the swan hunt permit in the manner required by NAC 502.390 and 502.400; and

(b) Except as otherwise provided by an order or regulation of the Commission, not later than 5 days after he has killed and taken the swan into his possession, submit the head and neck of the swan to a representative of the Department for inspection at a location designated by the Department. The Department shall provide a list of the locations upon the issuance of the swan hunt permit.

4. A person shall not use or possess a swan hunt permit issued to any other person, or transfer or give a swan hunt permit issued to him to any other person.

**Sec. 5.** NAC 502.405 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.405 1. Unless otherwise provided by an annual regulation of the Commission, the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of a *big game* tag or the information required by the questionnaire must be received by the independent contractor designated by the Department not later than 5 p.m. on ~~[the 15th weekday]~~ *January 31, or the next business day if January 31*

*falls on a weekend or state holiday*, following the close of the season ~~to~~ *for* which the tag ~~applies.~~ *was issued.*

2. The Department shall annually designate and publish the name and address of an independent contractor who will receive the questionnaire or the information required by the questionnaire pursuant to subsection 1.

3. A person who fails to return the questionnaire or the information required by the questionnaire within the period specified or who submits incomplete or false information on the questionnaire will be denied all big game tags for 1 year. A person who has been denied a *big game* tag pursuant to this subsection may have those privileges reinstated if he:

*(a) Using a postal service:*

~~(a)~~ *(1) Pays to the Department an administrative fine of \$50; and*

~~(b)~~ *(2) Submits to the independent contractor designated by the Department the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of the *big game* tag or the information required by the questionnaire ~~H~~, all of which must be received by the third Friday in March; or*

*(b) Together with an application that is submitted electronically for a big game tag in the main draw:*

*(1) Pays to the Department an administrative fine of \$50; and*

*(2) Submits to the independent contractor designated by the Department the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of the big game tag or the information required by the questionnaire on or before the deadline for the application for the main draw.*

4. The Department shall allow an applicant to correct a questionnaire if:

(a) The independent contractor receives the questionnaire and enters the information on the questionnaire into the computer;

(b) The questionnaire contains an error that causes the computer to send to the applicant a letter of rejection and blank correction document; and

(c) The independent contractor receives the completed correction document on or before the deadline set forth in the correction document.

5. If the independent contractor receives the completed correction document on or before the deadline set forth in the correction document, the independent contractor shall use the information contained in the correction document to update the applicant's file on the computer.

6. If the applicant submits a correction document that does not contain information sufficient to correct every error in the questionnaire or the correction document is not received by the independent contractor on or before the deadline set forth in the correction document, the questionnaire will be considered incomplete pursuant to subsection 3.

**Sec. 6.** NAC 502.418 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.418 1. The Department shall reject an application to obtain a tag or bonus point if any of the following occurs:

(a) The applicant fails to specify his name, date of birth, city or state on the application, unless that information exists in the computer file of the Department, in which case the application must not be rejected if the applicant has specified his name and client number.

(b) The applicant fails to specify or incorrectly specifies on the application the number of his hunting license and the year the license was issued, unless that information exists in the computer file of the Department, in which case the application must not be rejected for that reason.

(c) The applicant fails to specify his social security number on his application for a hunting license if:

(1) The application for a hunting license is included with his application for a tag or bonus point; and

(2) The Social Security Administration has issued a social security number to the applicant.

(d) An applicant who is at least 12 years of age but not more than 17 years of age fails to obtain the signature of his parent or legal guardian on his application for a hunting license.

(e) The applicant fails to specify on the application the species or the category of the species for which the application was submitted and, if the application is for a tag, a valid hunter choice number for that type of hunt. If the applicant specifies valid and invalid numbers, the Department shall accept the application for the valid numbers only.

(f) The applicant fails to complete the application in a legible manner.

(g) The applicant fails to sign the application.

(h) The applicant fails to submit the fees required pursuant to NAC 502.4175 or his bank fails to honor his check or draft for those fees.

(i) The applicant fails to comply with the provisions of NAC 502.405, unless *, on or before the deadline set forth in that section for the year in which the application is submitted,* he pays the applicable administrative fine ~~[not later than the third Friday in March of the year in which the application is submitted.]~~ *and submits the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of the tag or the information required by the questionnaire.*

(j) The applicant submits more than one application to hunt for the same species of wildlife during the same year, unless such an application is specifically authorized by the Commission. If such an application is not specifically authorized by the Commission, all applications submitted by the applicant to hunt for the same species must be rejected.

(k) The application is received after the deadline set by the Commission.

(l) The applicant fails to comply with the provisions of NRS 502.330.

(m) The applicant provides false information on the application.

(n) The applicant is otherwise ineligible to apply for the tag or bonus point.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.419, 502.4195 and 502.4197, if an application is rejected by the Department pursuant to this section:

(a) The application must not be included in the procedure for awarding tags;

(b) The applicant must not be awarded a bonus point for the bonus point program for the species or the category of the species for which the application was submitted; and

(c) The nonrefundable application fee for acting upon each application for a tag or bonus point and, if the application is for a tag, the fee required pursuant to NRS 502.253 for the support of programs to control predators and protect wildlife habitat must be retained by the Department.

3. If the Department rejects an application pursuant to paragraph (h) of subsection 1 because the applicant failed to submit the fees required pursuant to NAC 502.4175 or the applicant's bank failed to honor his check or draft for the fees specified in that paragraph, the applicant is ineligible to receive or exercise any privilege conferred upon him pursuant to title 45 of NRS until the Department receives:

(a) The nonrefundable application fee for acting upon the application;

(b) The fee required pursuant to NRS 502.253 for the support of programs to control predators and protect wildlife habitat; and

(c) The fee for the returned check or draft specified in NAC 502.119, if the bank failed to honor his check or draft for the fees.



4. The Department shall indicate that the applicant owes a fee in the file of the applicant maintained by the Department until the applicant pays all fees owed to the Department.

**Sec. 7.** NAC 502.4235 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.4235 1. The Department shall reject an application for a restricted nonresident deer tag if:

(a) The applicant fails to specify his name, date of birth, city or state on the application, unless that information exists in the computer file of the Department, in which case the application must not be rejected if the applicant has specified his name and client number.

(b) The applicant fails to specify or he incorrectly specifies on the application the number of his hunting license and the year the license was issued, unless that information exists in the computer file of the Department, in which case the application must not be rejected for that reason.

(c) The applicant fails to specify his social security number on his application for a hunting license if:

(1) The application for a hunting license is included with his application for a tag; and

(2) The Social Security Administration has issued a social security number to the applicant.

(d) An applicant who is at least 12 years of age but not more than 17 years of age fails to obtain the signature of his parent or legal guardian on his application for a hunting license.

(e) The applicant fails to specify a valid hunter choice number on the application. If the applicant specifies valid and invalid numbers, the Department shall accept the application for the valid numbers only.

(f) The applicant fails to complete the application in a legible manner.

- (g) The applicant or the master guide fails to sign the application.
- (h) The applicant fails to submit the fees required pursuant to NAC 502.4231 or his bank fails to honor his check or draft for those fees.
- (i) The applicant fails to complete and return the questionnaire required pursuant to NAC 502.4239, unless , *on or before the deadline set forth in that section for the year in which the application is submitted*, he pays the applicable administrative fine ~~[not later than the third Friday in March of the year in which the application is submitted.]~~ *and submits the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of the tag or the information required by the questionnaire.*
- (j) The applicant submits more than one application to hunt for the same species of wildlife during the same year, unless such an application is specifically authorized by the Commission. If such an application to hunt is not authorized, all applications to hunt for the same species that are submitted by the applicant will be rejected.
- (k) The applicant fails to comply with the provisions of NRS 502.330.
- (l) The master guide named in the application:
  - (1) Is not licensed for each wildlife management area or unit named in the application;
  - (2) Fails to specify or incorrectly specifies on his application the number of his current master guide license; or
  - (3) If applicable, does not possess a valid special use permit required by the federal land management agency having jurisdiction within the wildlife management area or unit for which the applicant is applying.
- (m) The applicant or master guide provides any false information on the application.
- (n) The applicant and the master guide named in the application are the same person.

(o) The applicant holds a license as a subguide issued by the Department which authorizes the applicant to guide for deer in the wildlife management area or unit for which he is applying for a restricted nonresident deer tag.

(p) The applicant is otherwise ineligible to apply for the tag.

2. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.42375 and 502.42377, if an application is rejected by the Department pursuant to this section, the application must not be included in the procedure for awarding tags.

3. If the Department rejects an application pursuant to paragraph (h) of subsection 1 because the applicant's bank failed to honor his check or draft for the fees specified in that paragraph, the applicant is ineligible to receive or exercise any privilege conferred upon him pursuant to title 45 of NRS until the Department receives:

(a) The nonrefundable application fee for acting upon the application;

(b) The fee required pursuant to NRS 502.253 for the support of programs to control predators and protect wildlife habitat; and

(c) The fee for the returned check or draft specified in NAC 502.119. The Department shall, until the fee is paid, indicate that the applicant owes the fee in the file of the applicant maintained by the Department.

**Sec. 8.** NAC 502.4239 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.4239 1. Unless otherwise provided by an annual regulation of the Commission, the questionnaire issued as part of a restricted nonresident deer tag must be properly completed and received by the independent contractor designated by the Department not later than 5 p.m. on ~~the 15th weekday~~ *January 31, or the next business day if January 31 falls on a weekend or state holiday*, following the close of the season for which the tag was issued.

2. The Department shall annually designate and publish the name and address of an independent contractor who will receive the questionnaire pursuant to subsection 1.

3. A person who fails to return the questionnaire within the time specified or who submits incomplete or false information on the questionnaire will be denied all big game tags for 1 year. A person who has been denied a *big game* tag pursuant to this subsection may have those privileges reinstated if he ~~pays~~:

*(a) Using a postal service:*

*(1) Pays to the Department an administrative fine of \$50 ~~+~~; and*

*(2) Submits to the independent contractor designated by the Department the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of the restricted nonresident deer tag or the information required by the questionnaire, all of which must be received by the third Friday in March;*

*(b) Together with an application that is submitted electronically for a restricted nonresident deer tag:*

*(1) Pays to the Department an administrative fine of \$50; and*

*(2) Submits to the independent contractor designated by the Department the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of the restricted nonresident deer tag or the information required by the questionnaire on or before the deadline for the application for the restricted nonresident deer hunt drawing; or*

*(c) Together with an application that is submitted electronically for a big game tag in the main drawing:*

*(1) Pays to the Department an administrative fine of \$50; and*

*(2) Submits to the independent contractor designated by the Department the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of the big game tag or the information required by the questionnaire on or before the deadline for the application for the main draw.*

*4. The Department shall allow an applicant to correct a questionnaire if:*

*(a) The independent contractor receives the questionnaire and enters the information on the questionnaire into the computer;*

*(b) The questionnaire contains an error that causes the computer to send to the applicant a letter of rejection and blank correction document; and*

*(c) The independent contractor receives the completed correction document on or before the deadline set forth in the correction document.*

*5. If the independent contractor receives the completed correction document on or before the deadline set forth in the correction document, the independent contractor shall use the information contained in the correction document to update the applicant's file on the computer.*

*6. If the applicant submits a correction document that does not contain information sufficient to correct every error in the questionnaire or the correction document is not received by the independent contractor on or before the deadline set forth in the correction document, the questionnaire will be considered incomplete pursuant to subsection 3.*

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REGULATION  
LCB File No. R117-07**

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners adopted regulations assigned LCB File No. R117-07 which pertain to chapter 502 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

**INFORMATIONAL STATEMENT**

**1. Description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.** The proposed regulation was noticed and posted on an agenda according to the Open Meeting Law; distributed to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, 17 county advisory boards to manage wildlife, and other interested persons; presented at a public workshop and at the board of Wildlife Commissioners' public meeting. A summary is available by contacting the Department of Wildlife.

**2. The number of persons who:**

(a) **Attended each hearing:** 37

(b) **Testified at each hearing:** 0

(c) **Submitted to the agency written statements:** 0

**3. 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:** This regulation does not affect businesses. The proposed regulation was noticed and posted on an agenda according to the Open Meeting Law; distributed to the Board of Wildlife Commissioners, 17 county advisory boards to manage wildlife, and other interested persons; presented at a public workshop and at the board of Wildlife Commissioners' public meeting. A summary is available by contacting the Department of Wildlife.

**4. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change:** The regulation was agreeable to all parties.

**5. The estimated economic effect of the regulations on the businesses they are to regulate and on the public.**

(a) **Estimated economic effect on the businesses which they are to regulate.**

(1) **Adverse – N/A**

(2) **Beneficial – N/A**

(3) **Immediate – N/A**

(4) **Long term – N/A**

(b) **Estimated economic effect on the public which they are to regulate.**

(1) **Adverse – Turkey hunters may have to pay the administrative fee.**

(2) **Beneficial – With the extended deadline possibly fewer big game hunters will have to pay the fee.**

**(3) Immediate – N/A**

**(4) Long term – With the extended deadline possibly fewer big game hunters will have to pay the fee.**

**6. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation: None**

**7. 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: N/A**

**If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency:**

**8. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions: N/A**

**9. 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: N/A**