

LCB File No. R066-08

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 358

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

AUTHORITY: (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.130, 502.140, 502.160)

A REGULATION relating to wildlife to amend eligibility guidelines regarding application and harvest establish waiting periods for big game tags.

Section 1. NAC 502.341 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.341 1. Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to apply once in any year for *antelope* ~~[one of the following tags:~~

~~—(a) A tag for the general hunt for antelope if he did not receive a tag or replacement tag for the general hunt for antelope during the 5 previous years.~~

~~—(b) A tag for the archery hunt for antelope.~~

~~—2. Any person who obtains a tag or replacement tag for the general hunt for antelope during a season is not eligible to apply for another tag for the general hunt for antelope during the next five open seasons.]~~

2. ~~[3.]~~ Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.215 and NAC 502.321, any person who harvests an antelope in the *horns longer than ears* general hunt, *muzzleloader hunt* or in the *longbow* ~~[archery]~~ hunt for antelope is not eligible to apply for another *antelope* tag *in the horns longer than ears* ~~[for the]~~ general hunt, *muzzleloader hunt* or the *longbow* ~~[archery]~~ hunt during the next five open seasons.

3. As of the effective date of this regulation any person who obtained a tag or replacement tag for the horns longer than ears general hunt for antelope during the previous 5 open seasons and did not harvest an antelope is eligible to apply once in any year for antelope.

Sec. 2 NAC 502.345 is hereby amended to read as follows

502.345 1. Unless his privilege is limited or revoked pursuant to law, any resident of Nevada or nonresident is eligible to apply for a tag for one or more of the following subspecies of bighorn sheep:

- (a) Nelson bighorn sheep;
- (b) California bighorn sheep; or
- (c) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep,

if he did not receive a tag or replacement tag for that subspecies in the previous ~~10~~ **10** open seasons or kill a bighorn sheep of that subspecies in the previous 10 open seasons.

2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 or 4, if an applicant, upon a drawing, becomes eligible for a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area, he or his guide or subguide who is licensed by this State must attend an indoctrination course relating to bighorn sheep. The tag will be issued upon the completion of the course.

3. An applicant, upon a drawing, who becomes eligible for a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area, is not required to attend an indoctrination course if:

- (a) Upon a drawing conducted in 1990, or later, he was eligible to draw a tag for a bighorn sheep in any management area; and
- (b) He attended and completed an indoctrination course relating to bighorn sheep after the date that he became eligible for the tag.

4. A master guide or subguide licensed by the Department who attends and completes an indoctrination course relating to bighorn sheep in 1998, or later, will not be required to attend another such indoctrination course.

5. Any person electing to have a licensed guide or subguide attend the indoctrination course may hunt only under the direct supervision of the guide or subguide who attended the course.

6. Each hunter shall possess a binocular with a minimum power of 5 magnifications or a spotting scope with a minimum power of 15 magnifications while hunting bighorn sheep.

7. A person who kills a bighorn sheep regardless of subspecies shall, within 5 days after killing it, personally present the skull and horns of the animal to a representative of the Department for inspection. The inspector shall permanently attach a seal to or permanently brand an identification number on one of the horns. It is unlawful for any person to possess or sell the horns without a seal having been so attached or number so branded.

8. Any person who transfers ownership of a skull of a bighorn sheep to which a seal has been attached or an identification number has been branded pursuant to this section shall give written notice of the transfer to the Department within 10 days after the transfer.

9. As of the effective date of this regulation any person who obtained a tag or replacement tag for one or more of the subspecies of bighorn sheep in the previous 5 open seasons and did not harvest a bighorn sheep is eligible to apply after 5 open seasons from the year the tag was issued.

Sec. 3 NAC 502.364 is hereby amended to read as follows

502.364 1. Before a person may hunt a mountain goat, he must obtain a tag from the Department. Except as otherwise provided by a regulation of the Commission or title 45 of NRS, a person may apply once for a mountain goat tag in any year *if he did not receive a tag or*

replacement tag for mountain goat in the previous 10 open seasons or kill a mountain goat in the previous 10 open seasons.

~~[Except as otherwise provided by NRS 502.215 and NAC 502.321, a person who obtains a mountain goat tag or replacement tag for a mountain goat may not apply for another mountain goat tag during his lifetime.]~~

2. A person who harvests a mountain goat shall, within 5 days after harvesting it, personally present the skull, hide and any edible portion of the animal, or its carcass, to a representative of the Department for inspection.