

**REVISED 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: §§1-4, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.130, 502.140 and 502.160.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; revising the circumstances under which a resident of Nevada or a nonresident is eligible to apply for a tag to hunt antelope, bighorn sheep or mountain goat; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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 ~~[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.~~

~~—3.]~~ *a tag to hunt antelope.*

2. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 502.215 and NAC 502.321, any person who harvests an antelope ~~[in the general hunt or in the archery hunt for antelope]~~ *with horns longer than its ears using a tag specified in subsection 1* is not eligible to apply for another tag ~~[for the~~

~~general hunt or the archery hunt~~ *to hunt antelope with horns longer than its ears* during the next ~~[five]~~ *5* open seasons.

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]~~ *if, in the immediately preceding 10 open seasons for each subspecies of bighorn sheep:*

(a) *He* did not receive a tag or replacement tag for that subspecies ~~[in the previous 5 open seasons or kill]~~ *of bighorn sheep; or*

(b) *If he received a tag or replacement tag for that subspecies of bighorn sheep during that period, he did not harvest* a bighorn sheep of that subspecies ~~[in the previous 10 open seasons.]~~ *using that tag.*

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]~~ *must* 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~~ *is* 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 used in this section, “subspecies of bighorn sheep” means:

(a) Nelson bighorn sheep;

(b) California bighorn sheep; or

(c) Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

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 ~~[. 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.]~~ *if, in the immediately preceding 10 open seasons for mountain goats:*

(a) He did not receive a tag or replacement tag for a mountain goat; or

(b) If he received a tag or replacement tag for a mountain goat during that period, he did not harvest a mountain goat using that tag.

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.

Sec. 4. 1. The amendatory provisions of section 2 of this regulation do not apply to a person who, during the 5 open seasons for bighorn sheep immediately preceding the effective date of this regulation:

(a) Obtained a tag or replacement tag for one or more of the subspecies of bighorn sheep specified in that section; and

(b) Did not harvest a bighorn sheep using that tag.

2. A person specified in subsection 1 may, if he is otherwise eligible to apply for a tag to hunt a subspecies of bighorn sheep, apply for such a tag upon the expiration of 5 years after obtaining the tag or replacement tag specified in subsection 1.