

PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS

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COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 402

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.130, 502.140, 502.160.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; establishes provisions pertaining to big horn sheep miscellaneous requirements and swan permits.

Section 1. *Chapter 502 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto sections 2 through 3, inclusive of this regulation, to read as follows.*

Sec. 2. NAC 502.345 Bighorn sheep: Tags; miscellaneous requirements.

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, in the immediately preceding 10 years, he did not receive a tag or replacement tag for that subspecies of bighorn sheep.

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 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, is not 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.]~~

6. ~~[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 *or plug* to or

permanently brand an identification number on one of the horns. It is unlawful for any person to *remove or alter the seal or plug once permanently attached or alter or remove the permanently branded identification number. It is unlawful to* possess or sell the horns without a seal *or plug* 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.}~~

Sec. 3. NAC 502.380 Swans: Permits; miscellaneous requirements; prohibited acts.

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 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 *if the person is subject to the federal migratory bird hunting stamp fee*, 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.

(e) The provisions of subsection 2 (a) does not apply to a person who is under the age of 12 years.

(f) The provisions of subsection 2 (c) does not apply to a person who is under the age of 12 years or 65 years of age or older.

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.