

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE**

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**DRAFT REGULATION OF THE BOARD
OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

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Commission General Regulation 478

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

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 501.105, 501.119, 501.181, 502.130, 502.140, and 502.160.

A REGULATION relating to bighorn sheep and mountain goat tags and check requirements

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Section 1. NAC 502.345 is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 502.345 Bighorn sheep: Tags; presentation of skull and horns to representative of Department. (NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.130, 502.140, 502.160, 502.250)

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

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

Ê if, in the immediately preceding 10 years, he or she did not receive a tag or replacement tag to hunt for a ram from that subspecies of bighorn sheep.

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

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

Ê if, in the immediately preceding 2 years, he or she did not receive a tag or replacement tag to hunt for a ewe from that subspecies of bighorn sheep.

3. *Before receiving a bighorn sheep ewe tag, a person must complete an online course in bighorn sheep gender identification provided by the Department.*

~~{3.}~~ 4. A person who kills a bighorn sheep *ram*, regardless of subspecies ~~{or gender}~~, shall, within 5 days after killing it, personally present the skull and horns of the animal to a representative of the Department for inspection. ~~{For a ram, t}~~The inspector shall permanently attach a seal to one of the horns by plugging the seal into the horn or permanently brand an identification number on one of the horns. It is unlawful for any person to alter or remove the seal after the seal is permanently attached to a horn or to alter or remove the permanently

branded identification number. It is unlawful to possess or sell the horns of a ram without a seal having been so attached or number so branded.

~~[4.]~~ 5. As used in this section, “ewe” means any female bighorn sheep having a horn or horns of at least 5 inches in length each as measured on the outside curve of the horn from the skull to the tip.

Section 2. NAC 502.364 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided by a regulation of the Commission or title 45 of NRS, a person may apply for a mountain goat tag in any year if, in the immediately preceding 10 years, he or she did not receive a tag or replacement tag for a mountain goat.

2. *Before receiving a mountain goat tag, a person must complete an online course in mountain goat gender identification provided by the Department.*

3. 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.

NAC 502.405 Questionnaire with big game tag: Submission of information to Department; denial and reinstatement of certain privileges. (NRS 501.105, 501.119, 501.181, 502.160)

1. ~~[Unless otherwise provided by an annual regulation of the Commission,]~~ *Except as otherwise provided in this section,* the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of a big game tag or the information required by the questionnaire must be received by the Department not later than the deadline established in an annual regulation of the Commission.

2. A person who fails to return the questionnaire or the information required by the questionnaire on or before the deadline or who submits incomplete or false information on the questionnaire will be denied all big game tags for 1 year. A person who is ineligible for a big game tag pursuant to this subsection may have those privileges reinstated if the person:

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

(b) Submits to the Department the properly completed questionnaire issued as part of the big game tag or the information required by the questionnaire, all of which must be received on or before the deadline for the application for the main drawing.

3. *The provisions of this section do not apply to harvested big game animals presented to a Department representative for inspection as provided in NAC 502.345, 502.364, and 502.370.*

[Bd. of Fish & Game Comm’rs, No. 6 § 5, eff. 9-1-78; + No. 25 § 8 + No. 26 § 8, eff. 12-4-79] — (NAC A by Bd. of Wildlife Comm’rs, 12-3-80, eff. 12-5-80; 4-27-84, eff. 5-25-84; 2-18-88; R136-98, 11-13-98; R168-99, 1-19-2000; R106-02, 1-21-2003; R024-03, 10-30-2003; R156-05, 2-23-2006; R117-07, 12-4-2007; R140-16, 9-21-2017; R029-17, 12-19-2017)