

**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 and 2, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 502.160; §§3 and 4, NRS 501.105, 501.119, 501.181 and 502.160.

A REGULATION relating to wildlife; requiring a person whose application for a tag to hunt certain animals is successfully drawn to complete an online course in gender identification of the animal; providing an exception to the requirement that a person who presents certain animals that have been killed or harvested for inspection to the Department of Wildlife submit a completed questionnaire; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Under existing law, tags are required to hunt certain animals, including bighorn sheep and mountain goats, and the Board of Wildlife Commissioners may adopt regulations governing the manner of applying for and receiving such tags. (NRS 502.130, 502.160) **Sections 1 and 2** of this regulation require a person whose application for a tag to hunt for a female bighorn sheep or a mountain goat has been successfully drawn to complete an online course in the gender identification of bighorn sheep or mountain goats, as applicable, before the tag will be issued by the Department of Wildlife.

Existing regulations require a person who successfully kills or harvests a bighorn sheep, mountain goat or mountain lion to present certain parts of the animal to the Department for inspection within a certain period of time after killing or harvesting the animal. (NAC 502.345, 502.364, 502.370) **Section 1** revises the requirement to present the skull and horns of a bighorn sheep of either gender to the Department for inspection to require only the skull and horns of a bighorn sheep ram be presented to the Department.

Existing law authorizes the Department to obtain information from hunters relative to their activities in the form of a questionnaire. (NRS 501.119) **Section 3** of this regulation provides that a person who presents a bighorn sheep ram, mountain goat or mountain lion to the Department for inspection is not required to submit the questionnaire that is issued with a big game tag or the information required by the questionnaire to the Department. **Section 4** makes conforming changes.

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

502.345 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,

↪ 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,

↪ 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. *A person whose application for a tag to hunt for a ewe is successfully drawn must complete an online course provided by the Department in the gender identification of bighorn sheep before the Department may issue the tag.*

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}~~ *ram* to a representative of the Department for inspection. ~~{For a ram, the}~~ *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.

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

502.364 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. *A person whose application for a mountain goat tag is successfully drawn must complete an online course provided by the Department in the gender identification of mountain goats before the Department may issue the tag.*

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.

Sec. 3. NAC 502.405 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.405 1. ~~Unless otherwise provided by an annual regulation of the Commission,~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3,* 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†~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, 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. A person who presents the skull and horns of a ram bighorn sheep, the skull, hide and any edible portion of a mountain goat, or its carcass, or the skull and hide of a mountain lion to a representative of the Department for inspection pursuant to NAC 502.345, 502.364 or 502.370, as applicable, is not required to submit the completed questionnaire issued as part of the big game tag or the information required by the questionnaire to the Department.

Sec. 4. NAC 502.42694 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.42694 1. Except as otherwise provided in NAC 502.42695, and notwithstanding the provisions of NAC 502.341, 502.345, 502.361, 502.364 and 502.373, a private entity conducting a Dream Tag raffle may issue a Dream Tag at any time to a person who wins the tag in the raffle.

2. ~~†Each†~~ *Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3 of NAC 502.405, each* recipient of a Dream Tag shall submit the questionnaire issued as part of the Dream Tag pursuant to NAC 502.405.