

**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, NRS 501.105, 501.181, 502.130 and 502.160; §2, NRS 501.105, 501.181 and 502.130.

A REGULATION relating to hunting; deleting provisions that require a hunter to possess a binocular or spotting scope with certain minimum power while hunting bighorn sheep; making it unlawful to alter or remove a seal attached to or an identification number branded on the horns of a bighorn sheep by the Department of Wildlife; deleting provisions that require a person to provide written notice to the Department after transferring ownership of the skull of a bighorn sheep which has been sealed or branded by the Department; revising the circumstances under which a person must carry a hunting license, state duck stamp and federal migratory bird hunting stamp on his or her person while hunting swan; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. 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, 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.~~

~~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 *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 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.}~~

Sec. 2. NAC 502.380 is hereby amended to read as follows:

502.380 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 or her person a:

(a) Hunting license issued by the Department, or a nonresident permit to hunt upland game and migratory game birds ~~{}~~, *unless the person is under the age of 12 years;*

(b) Swan hunt permit issued by the Department;

(c) State duck stamp, or any other such documentation as the Department provides as proof that the person has paid to the Department the fee for the state duck stamp ~~{}~~, *unless the person is under the age of 12 years or 65 years of age or older;* and

(d) Federal migratory bird hunting stamp, or any other such documentation as the Federal Government provides as proof that the person has paid to the Federal Government the fee for the federal migratory bird hunting stamp ~~{}~~, *unless the person is not subject to the payment of the fee.*

3. When a hunter has killed a swan and taken it into his or her possession, the hunter 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 the hunter has killed and taken the swan into his or her 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 or her to any other person.