

Support Material for CGR 393 Black Bear Hunt Regulations

BACKGROUND

- In June 2010 Game Division provided an informational report on Black Bear Management.
- At the August 2010 Commission meeting Carl Lackey, Department of Wildlife Biologist, provided a presentation on Black Bears. The Commission directed the Department to draft regulatory and season language for a bear hunt.
- At the September 2010 Commission meeting Carl Lackey, Department of Wildlife Biologist and Larry Gilbertson, Chief of Game Division presented a report on a recommended black bear season structure. The Department was directed to go forward with regulatory changes.

Statutory and Regulatory Authority

- NRS 502.250 provides the authority for other big game tags than deer, antelope, elk mountain goat and big horn sheep. This fee must not to exceed \$120 for a resident big game tag and \$1,200 for a nonresident big game tag.
- NAC 503.020 identifies Black Bear as a game mammal.
- No change was necessary in NAC 502.405 regarding tag questionnaires as the current regulation covers big game tags. The deadline for the black bear questionnaires will then be Jan 31 or the next business day if that falls on a weekend or holiday.

Language Explanations

Section 2 – This section provides new language regarding fees for a Black Bear tag waiting period eligibility and presentation of the skull and hide.

- Subsection 1 - provides language that residents and nonresidents have to be eligible to apply for a Black Bear tag. With the language written in this fashion it provides the public and the Commission the ability to provide the option of a resident and/or a nonresident hunt when establishing the hunt in seasons and bags.
- Subsection 2 - is the language regarding fees for Black Bear tags. NRS 502.250 provides the authority to establish a fee not to exceed \$120 and \$1,200 for residents and nonresidents respectively. At the direction of the Commission at the September meeting the Black Bear tag fee is presented at \$100 for a resident big game tag and \$200 for a nonresident big game tag.

Section 3 – This section provides for waiting periods.

- Subsection 1 – is the language presented regarding a waiting period if a black bear is not harvested. The hunter would be eligible to apply again the following year if they do not harvest a black bear.
- Subsection 2 – is the language presented regarding a waiting period if a Black Bear is harvested. 5 years.

Section 4 -

- Subsection 1 – is language for the timeframes to report the harvest and to present the harvested Black Bear to the department for inspection. The inspection will

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allow the Department to obtain a variety of biological measurements from the animal to be utilized in the Departments ongoing black bear management.

- Subsection 2 – Establishes language regarding killing a female accompanied by a cub and a definition of a cub.

Section 5 – This section provides for the Commission to establish the quota, seasons and management units or unit groups and stipulations on season closure. It establishes a toll free telephone number for the public to call to keep the public informed on the whether the season is open or closed. It also establishes the other methods of notification of hunters once the season is closed.

Section 6 – This section pertains to Black Bears that are accidentally trapped.

Section 8 – This section pertains to baiting and provides a definition of baiting.

Section 9 – Housekeeping - This section amends established language in subsection 1 to include black bear in the list of species that restricts a person in obtaining only one tag unless otherwise specified by the Commission.

Established language in this section also covers the bonus point and application fee for Black Bear hunt applications and no changes on this language are necessary.

Section 10 - Housekeeping - This section amends the established language in subsection 1.b to include black bear as one of the species for which an unsuccessful applicant can be awarded a bonus point.

Section 11 – Housekeeping -This section amends established language regarding the bonus point program species categories to include black bear as a species category.

Section 12 – Housekeeping – This section amends established language regarding the use of dogs to include black bear.

Section 13 – Housekeeping – This section amends established language regarding the sale of bear gallbladders. The language lists two gallbladders in possession. This is to take into account that there could be a hunter that could take a black bear in California and Nevada.

Section 14 – Housekeeping - the language change takes place in the first paragraph and amends the established language to include black bear in the species listed. There are no changes requested to unit boundaries.-

Programming Note

A bear hunt as presented, could be established without programming changes to the Application Hunt System. The establishment of a new hunt, tag fees and waiting periods are table driven. If these parameters are established in regulation they would be updated in the tables accordingly.